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Kim Hall, Director
Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
30 East Broad Street, 32nd Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Director Hall:

The Office of Child Care has completed its review of your waiver request Ohio's Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for 2019 - 2021, submitted April 27, 2020.

This letter is to inform you that the following waivers to your CCDF Plan were approved.

- Your request to waive the requirement at 45 CFR §98.41(a)(1)(i, ii, iv, v, vii, viii, x) for health and safety requirements for child care programs impacted by COVID-19 has been approved effective March 18, 2020 through the duration of the state-declared emergency period, not to exceed one year initially. Please submit a Plan amendment via the ACF-118 to reflect the changes to your Section 5.2.2 Health and safety requirements for CCDF providers, policy specific for providers covered under this waiver request within 60 days of this approval.
- Your request to waive the requirement at 45 CFR §98.42(b)(2)(i)(B) for annual inspection of child care programs impacted by COVID-19 has been approved effective March 18, 2020 through the duration of the state-declared emergency period, not to exceed one year initially. Please submit a Plan amendment via the ACF-118 to reflect the changes to your Section 5.3, Monitoring and Enforcement Policies and Practices for CCDF Providers policy specific for providers covered under this waiver request within 60 days of this approval.
- Your request to waive the requirement at 45 CFR §98.43(b)(1), 45 CFR §98.43(b)(3)(i), and 98.43(d)(4) for fingerprint and prospective hire requirements for child care programs impacted by COVID-19 has been approved effective March 18, 2020 through the duration of the state-declared emergency period, not to exceed one year initially. Please submit a Plan amendment via the ACF-118 to reflect the changes to your Section 5.4, Criminal Background Checks policy specific for providers covered under this waiver request within 60 days of this approval.

- Your request to waive the requirement at 45 CFR §98.44(b) for Training and Professional Development of child care programs impacted by COVID-19 has been approved effective March 18, 2020 through the duration of the state-declared emergency period, not to exceed one year initially. Please submit a Plan amendment via the ACF-118 to reflect the changes to your sections, 5.2.3 Health and safety training, 5.2.4 Ongoing Training Requirements policy specific for providers covered under this waiver request within 60 days of this approval.

For any amendment to your CCDF Plan, you may want to consider a temporary, or sun-setting, amendment or an amendment that is specific to the disaster, so you will not have to submit a later amendment changing it back once the emergency has ended. For changes that do not require a waiver, you may implement them immediately. CCDF Lead Agencies must submit a Plan amendment within 60 days after making a substantial change to their Plan.

We look forward to our continued partnership in the administration of your Child Care and Development Fund program. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please feel free to contact Gena L Miller, Child Care Program Manager in our Chicago Regional Office at 312-353-3270 or gena.miller@acf.hhs.gov

Sincerely,



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Office of Child Care

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