

# Public is invited to comment on how Child Care and Development Fund dollars will be spent

**RALEIGH** – Members of the public are invited to comment on the services that will be provided through the federal Child Care and Development Fund grant during the upcoming 2010-2011 period.

The purpose of the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) is to increase the availability, affordability, and quality of child care services throughout North Carolina. Through this grant states are given flexibility to develop child care programs and policies that meet the needs of children and parents within their state. CCDF funds are used to support North Carolina's regulatory and licensing system, which insures the health and safety of all children in child care. A minimum of 4% of funds are used to support quality initiatives which impact all families whose children are in child care. These funds are also integral to North Carolina's efforts to support income eligible parents who are trying to achieve economic independence by working or attending school. The NC Subsidized Child Care Program provides funding to support the child care needs of nearly 160,000 children each year. This year's total CCDF grant amount is estimated to be approximately \$190 million.

All interested persons may review North Carolina's proposed 2010-2011 CCDF Grant which is available at the following locations:

1. The N.C. Division of Child Development, 319 Chapanoke Road, Suite 120, Raleigh, NC 27603, or
2. On the Division's website at [www.ncchildare.net](http://www.ncchildare.net), by clicking on the "What's New" link and locating the *2010-2011 CCDF Plan* link.

A public hearing will be held on June 2, 2009 from 4:30-6:00 PM in Room 300 at the Division's headquarters, 319 Chapanoke Road, Suite 120, Raleigh, NC, 27603. Written comments may be submitted through the Division's website (at the location identified in item 2 above) or through the US Mail, and should be addressed to:

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The final date for submitting comments is June 2, 2009. Please contact Mary Staak at 662-4543 to obtain answers to any questions regarding this public hearing notice.