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To: Amanda Dorris, Bureau of Certification Services

From: Jocelyn Kreig, Director, Sunshine & Rainbows Day Care Center

Dear Amanda,

I am writing today in support of the proposed regulatory changes to:

Sections 3270.38- 3270.47, child care centers,

Section 3280.36-3280.45, Group child care homes and

Sections 3290.33- 3290.41, family child care homes in the PA Bulletin.

I fully support the proposed changes to the stated regulation above and it is my belief that these changes will only strengthen and improve the quality of care for PA's children. Currently the required number of continuing education for staff is 6 hours per year for childcare centers. Those centers who participate in quality initiatives such as Keystone STARS are already meeting or exceeding the proposed level of 24 hours after five years. Currently Pennsylvania's DPW regulation of requiring 6 hours per year is one of the lowest in the entire country. As a leader in the early care and education field for the nation Pennsylvania needs to bring its minimum standards for this component of the regulations up o date.

The newly proposed regulations will help childcare facilities in Pennsylvania to insure that the staff they employ will be able to offer the children and families they serve a higher quality of care and education. Having staff who are educated in the field of early childhood development, education, health and safety, diversity and special needs provides the support necessary for young children to grow and develop in an acceptable manner. The various avenues to obtain this continuing education will allow everyone the same opportunity to complete the new requirements.

The current infrastructure that Pennsylvania has in place for continuing education for staff will support achieving this new regulation without any difficulty and the cost will be manageable by centers, families and group homes alike.

I am in full support of these new proposed regulations as I feel they will continue to support the goal of Pennsylvania's early care and education community in providing children and families the best opportunity to have a successful future.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my comments.

Sincerely

Jocelyn Kreig

Director

Dorris, Amanda K. (PW) 2854

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From: Jocelyn Kreig [jlk78@usa.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2010 12:11 PM
To: Dorris, Amanda K. (PW)
Subject: Comments in Support of Proposed Regulation changes for Required Continuing education for childcare
Attachments: Regulation Support letter.docx

Amanda , Please find attached a letter of support for the proposed regulation changes. It is in a word doc. if you have any difficulty opening it ,please let me know.

Thanks

Jocelyn Kreig

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