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## Important Changes to your Child Care

Dear Parent:

The Department of Human Services/Division of Family Development is moving in the fall to a new, Electronic Child Care System known as *e-Child Care*. E-Child Care will provide real-time tracking and verification of child care attendance.

This new technology will require you to use a swipe card to check your child in and out of care, if your child attends a center. If you already have a Families First card, it will be linked to e-Child Care. If you do not, a card will be mailed to you.

If your child receives services from a home-based provider, you will call into an automated phone system.

Your child care provider will get formal training on e-Child Care and will then provide you with instructional materials and teach you how to use it. But we want you to know that whether you swipe or call, both systems are easy to use and will have minimal impact on how long it takes to drop off or pick up your child.

All parents in New Jersey who receive a child care subsidy will use the e-Child Care system. It will put you, the parent, in charge of reporting your child's attendance.

If you have any questions, visit our website -  
[www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/programs/child](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/programs/child) for periodic updates.

Sincerely,

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