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Dear Child Care Program Administrator:

This is an exciting time for the early care and education community as we work together to improve the quality of child care for the children in Ocean County. There are important changes that pertain to a child care provider's eligibility to receive subsidy payments.

These changes come from the federal Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Reauthorization Act of 2014 which increases the health and safety requirements for all child care and early learning programs that accept child care subsidies. These changes include such provisions as ensuring that all providers are meeting all of the building codes, expanding who must get a criminal background check and requiring staff to take numerous trainings.

**The State of New Jersey has issued requirements for all child care programs that receive child care subsidy funds.**

Enclosed is the "Important Information About Changes to Child Care Provider Eligibility Requirements" which has been issued by the New Jersey Department of Human Services/Division of Family Development to provide information and a synopsis of the requirements that must be met to remain eligible to receive child care subsidy payments.

CHSofNJ is dedicated to providing you with the information and trainings that will assist you in this process and will help you maintain your eligibility for child care subsidy payments. This office will continue to notify all child care programs about pertinent information needed as it develops. All material will be emailed, mailed and posted on our agency's website.

CHSofNJ's training staff will be delivering the required trainings onsite and we are supplying you with information about accessing this training online. All trainings, in person or online, are available at no cost. Please understand that all staff must register and take the training. Group training is not acceptable.

Please see the FAQ document for information about accessing the training online under the provider tab.

Please contact our office with any additional questions or concerns. Karen Fisher, ext. 131 or Deb Pavan, ext. 105 can assist.

CHSofNJ looks forward to working with all of our early care and education community as we strengthen and advance the quality of child care in Ocean County.

Sincerely,

Maureen Lawrence  
Director, Ocean Child Care Resource & Referral Agency

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