Commenting on Proposed Amended Child Care Regulations
September 29, 2016

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KDHE is Considering Adoption of Proposed Amended Regulations

- These changes are necessary to comply with new federal health and safety requirements of the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF).

- The proposed changes were developed in cooperation with the Kansas Department for Children and Families.
Proposed Amended Child Care Regulations

Licensed Day Care Homes and Group Day Care Homes
- K.A.R. 28-4-114a
- K.A.R. 28-4-118

Preschools and Child Care Centers
- K.A.R. 28-4-428
- K.A.R. 28-4-428a

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KDHE is Requesting Input from All Interested Parties

- To receive written and verbal comments on the amended regulations a Notice of Hearing was published in the *Kansas Register* on September 29, 2016.

- The public hearing will be December 20, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, Marvin Auditorium, Topeka

- Written comments may be submitted prior to 5:00 p.m. the day of the hearing or presented in writing or verbally at the public hearing.
The Child Care Licensing Website

http://www.kdheks.gov/bcclr/index.html

All documents pertaining to the proposed amended regulations are available on the website.

- The Notice of Hearing
- Complete copies of the proposed amended regulations
- The Economic Impact Statement

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Your Opinion Matters

Comments from all interested parties will help to ensure that regulations achieve a balance between the health and safety needs of children and the economic realities faced by families and child care providers.

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• The Notice of Hearing signals the start of the public comment period.

• The comment period ends at 5:00 p.m. the day of the hearing.

• Written comments accepted.

• Do not need to be present at the hearing to comment.

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Tips for Reviewing the Proposed Amended Regulations

- Plain type is existing wording that is not changing.
- Strike type is existing wording being removed.
- Underline type is new wording being added.
Tips for Commenting

• Include the entire regulation number. For example, K.A.R. 28-4-428(c)(3).

• Comments may address:
  • What you like about a regulation
  • What you would like changed
    • Be specific
    • Provide an alternative

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Submit Your Comments

• Submit your comments to:
  Dorothy Tenney
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• Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. December 20, 2016.

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Following the Public Hearing

• KDHE will consider every comment received. It is likely that post hearing changes will be made based on the feedback received.

• Each change must be reviewed by the Department of Administration and the Office of the Attorney General.

• The regulations are adopted by the Secretary of KDHE and they are filed with the Secretary of State.

• The regulations take effect 15 days after publication in the Kansas Register unless a later date is specified.
Visit the Child Care Licensing Program Website

- Information about proposed amended regulations
- Information about current initiatives
- Apply or renew a license
- Facility inspection results
- Copies of current regulations & forms
- Local county contacts
- Provider & Parent Resources
- Newsletter
- Emergency Preparedness Planning Resources & Guides

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