



2016-2018 CCDF State Plan

February 2016 Update to the Best Beginnings Advisory Council

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CCDF State Plan Timeline

- ▶ **February 5-February 19, 2016: Public Comment Period**
- ▶ **February 12, 2016: State Plan Public Hearing**
 - ▶ Sanders Auditorium, 111 N. Sanders, Helena, MT at 1:00PM. Details have been posted on the DPHHS public calendar:
<https://app.mt.gov/cal/html/event?eventCollectionCode=dphhs>
- ▶ **March 1, 2016: Final 2016-2018 State Plan and attachments due**



2016-2018 CCDF State Plan Public Comment Period

- ▶ Public comments can be given via email or in writing beginning February 5th. Comments will be accepted until midnight on February 19, 2016.
- ▶ Comments can be emailed to sadams2@mt.gov. Please include the following in your email:
 - ▶ Name
 - ▶ City
 - ▶ Organization
 - ▶ General topic of concern
 - ▶ Suggested alternatives or solutions
 - ▶ Any other questions, concerns, comments you may have
- ▶ Comments can be mailed to the Early Childhood Services Bureau, attention Sarah Adams, PO Box 202925, Helena, MT 59620-2925
- ▶ Comments can be submitted via email or mail using the [Public Comment Form](#)
- ▶ Please note that because the State Plan is in working draft form, some changes will be made to the plan before the scheduled public hearing.



Implementation Plans

1. Consumer Education: Collecting and Disseminating Information to the Public
 2. Coordination with Other Partners to Increase Access to Developmental Screenings
 3. Website for Consumer Education
 4. Graduated Phase-Out of Assistance
 5. Improving Access for Homeless Children and Families
 6. Market Rate Survey: Setting Sufficient Payment Rates
 7. Priority for Children and Families From Areas With High Concentrations of Poverty and Unemployment That Do Not Have High-Quality Programs
 8. Group Sizes for Child Care Providers
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Implementation Plans

9. Health and Safety Training Requirements
 10. Pre-service or Orientation Training Requirements
 11. Monitoring and Enforcement Policies and Practices
 12. Inspections for Licensed CCDF Providers
 13. Inspections for Licensed-Exempt Providers
 14. Ratio of Licensing Inspectors
 15. Criminal Background Checks
 16. Professional Development System/Framework
 17. Training and Technical Assistance to Providers on Identifying and Serving Homeless Children and Their Families
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State Plan Resources Website

- ▶ [Child Care and Development Block Grant \(CCDBG\) Act of 2014](#)
- ▶ <http://dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/ChildCare/CCDBGActof2014>

