

## Upcoming CCDBG Focus Groups in August 2015

The Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) is the major source of Federal funds for the Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE). DCDEE uses these funds to provide child care assistance for families and to fund initiatives to improve and support the quality of child care in North Carolina.

The CCDBG Reauthorization Act of 2014 included new requirements for states receiving these funds. Areas of focus include health and safety standards in child care, consumer and provider education, activities to improve the quality of child care, and policies in the subsidized child care program. States must develop a three-year plan on how child care funds will be spent, and how states will implement the new requirements.

While North Carolina already meets many of the new requirements, DCDEE seeks feedback from the public to help us prepare our upcoming three-year plan. Once the plan is developed, a public hearing and comment period will be scheduled for further public input.

To assist in gathering preliminary information, DCDEE has scheduled eight (8) focus groups in August across the state at the locations shown below. Participants are invited to share their feedback on the following topics at the times below. You do not need to register to attend, and there is no cost to attend.

9:00-11:00 – Subsidized Child Care

12:00-2:00 – Program Standards and Quality Improvement

2:30-4:30 – Consumer Education

DATE	CITY	LOCATION
August 5	Durham	Child Care Services Association 1201 South Briggs Avenue, Suite 200 Durham, North Carolina 27703
August 6	Charlotte	Carole Hoefener Center 610 East 7 <sup>th</sup> Street Charlotte, NC 28202
August 12	Asheville	Buncombe County Smart Start 2229 Riverside Dr Asheville, NC 28804
August 13	Wilmington	University of Mount Olive 1838 Sir Tyler Drive Wilmington, NC 28405
August 14	Hickory	The Children's Resource Center of Catawba County 738 4 <sup>th</sup> Street SW Hickory, NC 28602
August 20	Greenville	Pitt County Agricultural Extension Auditorium 403 Government Circle, Suite 2 Greenville, NC 27834
August 21	Fayetteville	Partnership for Children of Cumberland County, Inc. 351 Wagoner Drive, Suite 200 Fayetteville, NC 28303
August 27	Greensboro	Guilford Child Development Center 1200 Arlington Street, Greensboro, NC 27406