

March 17, 2026

Dear Child Care Providers & Families:

We would like to invite you to a special joint advisory meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> that will include both the Child Care Payment Program Advisory Council to the Mississippi Department of Human Services and the Child Care Licensure Advisory Council to the Mississippi State Department of Health. During the meeting we will hold a discussion with both councils regarding the launch of a project to rewrite the Mississippi Regulations Governing Licensure of Child Care Facilities. The goal of this project will be to create a more streamlined, plain language set of regulations for child care programs in Mississippi.

For this project to be successful, we feel that it must be carried out in conjunction with strong input from both advisory councils, as well as child care providers and families across the state. This will be a large-scale, long-term project, but it will be time well spent to establish regulations that ensure our children are in safe and healthy environments in a format that is easy to understand and follow for our child care partners.

During this meeting we will lay out the prospective framework for the project, and we will be seeking input from both councils on that framework. There will also be a public comment period where we will receive public feedback.

To register for the meeting, please click the link below. We look forward to seeing you all on April 8th.

Virtual Registration Link

<https://mdhs.zoom.us/meeting/register/EU15qshzQSCW2Z9PsXQ7dA>

Best regards,

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