2019–2021 Federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan

Public Hearing and Comment Notice

The Minnesota Department of Human Services invites your input and feedback on the proposed 2019–2021 Child Care and Development Fund Plan. The Child Care Development Fund Plan describes how state and federal funds will be used to improve the quality of child care and development, and help low-income families access care for their children. Due to the 2014 reauthorization of the Child Care and Development Block Grant, there are significant changes to the plan. There are several ways to learn more about Minnesota’s proposed Child Care Development Fund Plan and provide feedback.

On April 23 and 25, 2018, the Minnesota Department of Human Services is holding public hearings on the Child Care Development Fund Plan. This event will take place in Saint Paul, Minnesota and is open to the public. The department has worked to ensure the widest accessibility possible for all Minnesotans to view the public hearing in person, via live broadcast or video recording.

The livestream of the Child Care Development Fund Plan public hearing is accessible from almost any device with an internet connection (at home, work or library). For those unable to view the hearing live, the recording of the hearings will be available by April 26, 2018. It will remain available online for 60 consecutive days (see links below).

The department will accept feedback on the proposed Child Care Development Fund Plan any time during the comment period.

Public Hearing Location

Date and time:  Monday April 23, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to noon  
Wednesday April 25, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Location:  Minnesota Department of Human Services, 444 Lafayette Road North, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55164  
• Monday April 23, 2018 on the 5th floor in rooms 5139 and 5138  
• Wednesday April 25, 2018 on the 5th floor in rooms 5137 and 5139  
• County video-conferencing sites

Online:  Link to test video-streaming technology on your computer (click "Watch us Live"):  
• http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/

Link to live video-streaming access during the hearing:  
• April 23 and April 25 live links: https://go.usa.gov/xnMXr or https://go.usa.gov/xnMXg or http://156.98.61.3/tcs/?id=93a4a6d6-e0ae-4ed9-8bc5-ee56d4451320

Link to the archive of the hearing (available after April 26):  
• April 23 recorded links: https://go.usa.gov/xnM9h or https://go.usa.gov/xnMXc  
• April 25 recorded links: https://go.usa.gov/xntgu or https://go.usa.gov/xntgh

R.S.V.P:  If you plan to attend in-person, please email dhs.CCDFreform@state.mn.us by Thursday, April 19, 2018. Attendees must register prior to the hearings to gain access within the building.

Proposed 2019–21 CCDF Plan and Comment Period

We will post the proposed 2019–21 Child Care Development Fund Plan on the Department of Human Services website by April 12, 2018. We will continue to accept feedback on the proposed Child Care Development Fund Plan until June 8, 2018. Comments and questions about the proposed plan may be emailed to dhs.CCDFreform@state.mn.us or mailed to Child Development Services, Minnesota Department of Human Services, PO Box 64962, Saint Paul, MN 55164-0962.

Department of Human Services website link

Here is a link to the Child Care page on the DHS website: https://go.usa.gov/xnMXj
Scroll down to find “Child Care and Development Fund Plan 2019-2021.”
Directions

Department of Human Services
Lafayette Building
444 Lafayette Road North
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55164

From Minneapolis and areas west of St. Paul:

Take 94 east to the Seventh Street exit (you will see the exits in this order: Fifth, 10th, then Seventh). Take a left onto Seventh Street and go to the first stoplight (this is Lafayette Road). Turn left onto Lafayette. DHS’ 444 Lafayette Building is one-half block up and the first office building on the right.

From Minneapolis International Airport or Bloomington:

Take Highway 494 to 35E north to 94 east. Take the Seventh Street exit. Turn left onto Seventh Street, then left onto Lafayette Road. DHS is one-half block up and the first office building on the right.

From areas east of St. Paul:

Take 94 west to the Mounds exit. Take Mounds Avenue to East Seventh Street. Turn left onto Seventh Street (you’ll be heading west). At the second stoplight, which is Lafayette, turn right. DHS’ 444 Lafayette Building is one-half block up and the first office building on the right.

From areas north of St. Paul:

Take 694 east to 35E south. Take the University Avenue Exit (107C) and turn left on University. Take University to Lafayette Road and turn right. DHS’ 444 Lafayette Building is two blocks down on the left.

From areas south of St. Paul:

Take 35W (or 35E) north to 94 east to the Seventh Street exit. Take a left onto Seventh Street and go to the first stoplight (this is Lafayette Road). Turn left onto Lafayette. DHS is one-half block up and the first office building on the right.

– Or –

Take 35E north to 494 east to Highway 52 north. This turns into Lafayette Road when you cross the river and get to Seventh Street. Cross over Seventh Street and DHS’ 444 Lafayette Building is the first office building on the right.

Rochester:

Take Highway 52 north to St. Paul. This turns into Lafayette Road when you cross the river and get to Seventh Street. Cross over Seventh Street and DHS’ 444 Lafayette Building is the first office building on the right.