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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Monday, December 28, 2009
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 329
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

The purpose of this informational briefing is review the possible reduction to services in the preschool care and licensed family care arenas, pursuant to the proposed rule changes to the Department of Human Services' (DHS) Child Care Subsidy Program.

A public hearing was held on November 23, 2009, where DHS first proposed a reduction in child-care subsidies for families with preschoolers. On December 4, 2009, at the request of the DHS Director, a Joint Informational Briefing was held to review the proposed rule changes.

This briefing will allow the service providers to provide a proper assessment of consequences from the proposed reduction in subsidy for preschool care and licensed family care programs. The stakeholders, legislators, administration, and public will be informed of the approximate number of preschool closures due to the reduction of child-care subsidies. Moreover, stakeholders will provide recommendations for solutions to avert preschool closures.

The following organizations and/or individuals have been invited to participate:

The State Department of Human Services

Administrators and representatives of Hawaii's Preschools

Parents, Guardians, and Families affected by proposed reduction of preschool subsidies

Other related stakeholders

To ensure that all testifiers have adequate time to speak, please limit answers and comments to 10 minutes per State Department and Administration and 5 minutes for an individual or group.

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