



Child Care Licensing Transfer Update

Valued Providers and Community Partners:

As you are aware, the Child Care Licensing Team officially transitioned out of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) and into the Department of Human Services (DHS) on **October 28, 2019**. This change is another effort to strengthen child care services for Rhode Islanders and better support the workforce.

Key leadership within the Child Care Licensing Team will remain with the team during this transfer. Nicole Chiello will remain with the team and assume the role of Administrator of Child Care Licensing & Regulation at DHS.

We are excited to have Nicole continue with the Child Care Licensing Team. Nicole is a familiar face and source of stability for child care providers and community partners in Rhode Island. Nicole brings to this role an extensive background as a licensed child care provider, experience in the DCYF Licensing Team, and her foundational belief in licensing regulations' purpose to protect the health and safety of children in licensed care.

"I truly believe that continued compliance and a solid understanding of regulations is the first, and most beneficial, step on the stairs to high-quality." – Nicole Chiello

To learn more about Nicole, please refer to her bio below.

In other announcements, the next **All Provider meeting**, focusing on the Child Care Licensing transfer, is scheduled for **Monday, December 2, 2019 from 9:30-11:00 AM**. Additional details regarding the location and registration process will be shared in the coming weeks.

Please reach out to DHS.ChildCareLicensing@dhs.ri.gov with any questions or concerns.

Thank you

Nicole Chiello will assume position of Administrator of Child Care Licensing & Regulation at DHS beginning October 28, 2019.

"I love what I am doing, and am grateful to be able to continue it on a larger scale as the Administrator of Child Care Licensing & Regulation for DHS. I am so excited to move this licensing team over to DHS and work with families, providers, and my Early Childhood colleagues to both support and strengthen the field for the state of Rhode Island."
– Nicole Chiello



Professional Experience

- Administrator of Child Care Licensing and Regulation (DHS), *beginning October 28, 2019*
- Deputy Chief of Child Care Licensing, Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF)

"I took the position as Deputy Chief of Child Care Licensing for the Department of Children, Youth and Families in April of this year – I wanted to take a step forward in my career and impact the Early Childhood field on a large scale in the state I was born and bred. I want to work with families and providers to ensure they feel confident in the "whys" behind the regulations and support their steps to high-quality"- Nicole Chiello

- The Children's Workshop
 - Served as Vice President & Regional Director of Operations for ten schools in Massachusetts
 - Former Licensed Center Director

"I have been in the field since 2004 – I spent much of my early time teaching in classrooms from Infants through School Age. I spent the longevity of my career at The Children's Workshop, where I directed for a number of years and most recently, was Vice President & Regional Director of Operations for the ten schools in Massachusetts prior to my time at DCYF." -Nicole Chiello

Engagement in the Early Childhood Field

- Featured presenter for the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) in Washington D.C., presented on transforming managers to leaders
- Presented at both local and national conferences (Rhode Island Association for the Education of Young Children "RIAEYC", NAEYC, McCormick Institute)

"I am also passionate about mentoring and training the workforce in Early Childhood. I enjoy taking concepts I care about, such as managing challenging behaviors in the classroom, moving up the career ladder and the importance of professional development and growing as a professional in the field." -Nicole Chiello

Education

- Rhode Island College: Master of Education in Early Childhood Education
- University of Rhode Island: Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and Bachelor of Arts in Psychology