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John Bel Edwards, Governor
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December 8, 2017

The Honorable John A. Alario
President of the Senate
P. O. Box 94183
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Dear Senator Alario:

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The department provided written clarification to the public comment submission and deems changes to the rule do not have to be made based on the comment. Therefore, no changes have been made to the proposed rule. At this time the department intends to submit the Final Rule to the Office of State Register for publication in the January issue of the *Louisiana Register*. This Rule is effective February 1, 2018.

Please contact me at (225) 342-4044 if the department may be of any assistance to you concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sammy Guillory".

Sammy Guillory
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The Honorable Fred H. Mills, Jr., Chairman
Senate Committee on Health and Welfare
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The Honorable Taylor Barras
Speaker of the House
P. O. Box 94062
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Dear Representative Barras:

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The Honorable Frank A. Hoffmann, Chairman
House Committee on Health and Welfare
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Dear Representative Hoffmann:

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PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING OFFICER: Doris McWhite Weston
 LOCATION: Planning and Policy Circulation Section
Department of Children and Family Services
Iberville Building
Room 1-127
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 DATE: November 28, 2017
 TIME: 11:00 AM

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
PLANNING AND POLICY CIRCULATION SECTION

FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION PROGRAM

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PUBLIC HEARING

APPEAL #266433

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2017 AT 11:00 A.M.

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

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HEARING OFFICER





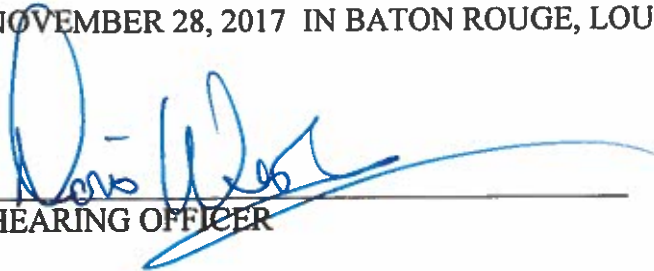
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December 5, 2017

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Claire Davenport
Planning and Policy Circulation Section

FROM: Doris McWhite Weston *DMW*
Manager, DCFS Appeals Unit

RE: Public Hearing 266433
Family Violence Prevention and Intervention Program

I conducted a Public Hearing in Room 1-127 of the Iberville Building on the date referenced above at approximately 11:10 a.m.

Present were Claire Davenport of DCFS Program and Policy Unit Section, Julie Starns, James Vidacovich, Amy Dupuy of DCFS Economic Stability Section; Mariah Wineski and Sheri Eastridge of LCADV.

Hearing Summary

Julie Starns represented the Agency and stated: In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, the Department of Children and Family Services proposes to adopt Louisiana Administrative Code Title 67, Part III, Subpart 19, Chapter 69, Family Violence Prevention and Intervention Program, which is necessary to govern the development of community-based shelters and support services for victims of family violence, domestic violence and dating violence. Subchapter A is being adopted to govern the administration of the program and eligibility of program providers. Subchapter B is being adopted to provide standards to program providers in developing quality services and implementation of best practices.

Ms. Mariah Wineski, a member of the public gave a verbal comment and stated: I am the Executive Director of Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence. We showed up today in case a community advocate group showed up and we could support them. I am not sure if now is the time to address questions/clarifications or later down the road...

James Vidacovich stated: I think clarification is going to be come later on...There was a written comment from Ms. Rebecca Rainey, from Metro Centers for Community Advocacy in Jefferson, Louisiana. It was dated November 21, 2017. (copy submitted into the record)



PH 266433

The hearing adjourned at 11:13 a.m. Two members of the public were present. One verbal comment made with one verbal Agency response.

Respectfully Submitted.



PUBLIC HEARING

**Family Violence Prevention and Intervention Program
(LAC 67:III.Chapter 69)**

Julie Starns, DCFS representative:

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November 21, 2017

Mr. Sammy Guillory
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Family Support
Department of Children and Family Services
P.O. Box 94065
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Dear Mr. Guillory,

I have reviewed the Notice of Intent to adopt LAC 67:III, Chapter 69 published in Vol. 43, No. 10 of the *Louisiana Register*. I am submitting the following public comments:

§6943(C)(9) Standard 15.10:

Standard 15.10 states that access to child care options must be provided to residential families, and lists situations in which childcare "may" be provided. We seek clarification as to whether family violence programs must provide access to child care in all situations listed in Standard 15.10(a)-15.10(f), and whether that child care must be provided by the program or if it can be provided by off-site community child care facilities. If the program must provide the childcare directly, Standards 15.10(c) and (e) conflict with existing policies that prohibit children from being on site at the program without a parent present.

Thank you,

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December 7, 2017

Rebecca Rainey, LCSW
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Re: Public Hearing Comments (Family Violence Prevention and Intervention Program – Notice of Intent)

Dear Ms. Rainey:

This is in response to your email dated, November 21, 2017, submitted to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) regarding the department's proposed rule published in the October 20, 2017 *Louisiana Register*.

In reference to your comment submitted through email regarding §6943(C)(9) Standard 15.10, the intent of Standard 15.10 is that programs must provide options to residential families for child care. Options include referrals to child care programs and facilities. Child care may, but does not have to be provided by the facility.

Please feel free to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,



Marketa Garner Walters
Secretary

C: Terri Ricks
Sammy Guillory
Kim Matherne
Kim Glapion-Bertrand

