

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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What's Inside:
**An addition to
DSS recognized
accrediting
organizations**

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: CHILDREN'S DIVISION AND CONTRACTED STAFF
FROM: TIM DECKER, DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: AdvancED – NEW DSS RECOGNIZED ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION

DISCUSSION:

The purpose this memo is to inform staff of the acceptance of Advanced Education, Inc. (AdvancED) as an accrediting organization recognized by the Department of Social Services (DSS), Early Childhood and Prevention Services Section. AdvancED is a non-profit accreditation and school improvement organization that conducts rigorous, onsite reviews of early learning schools.

Effective April 1, 2018, child care providers who are contracted or registered with DSS and have obtained accreditation through AdvancED are eligible to apply for the accreditation rate differential offered by DSS. Additionally, effective April 1, 2018, eligible child care providers who are caring for at least fifty percent (50%) subsidy eligible children and who are accredited or working towards accreditation with AdvancED, may apply for the disproportionate share 2 rate differential offered by DSS.

NECESSARY ACTION

1. Review this memorandum with all Children's Division staff.
2. Review revised Child Care Subsidy Manual chapters as indicated below.
3. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:

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CHILD CARE SUBSIDY MANUAL REVISIONS N/A
FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS Child Care Provider Accreditation Rate Differential Agreement (CD-149)
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES DSS Recognized Accrediting Organizations
RELATED STATUTE N/A