



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

MANDATORY Meeting for Child Care Subsidy Vendors LAST OPPORTUNITY!

1. **Mandatory meetings – UPDATE**. VDSS scheduled meetings throughout the state to inform our subsidy vendors of new requirements and to answer questions in preparation for upcoming changes. **Thirty-eight meetings were facilitated from July 2016 through October 2016.** However, some vendors were “no shows” and did not attend a session; some vendors waited too long to register and could not get into a session; and some vendors are NEW to the program.

2. **Why must vendors attend?** The Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014 reauthorized the funding for federal child care assistance through the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF). These funds are used to authorize child care subsidy services for families at each local department of social services across the state and to make payments to approved child care providers for services rendered. The new law requires specific changes to the way the Department of Social Services administers the Child Care Subsidy Program with the goal of promoting families’ economic self-sufficiency, providing affordable child care, and improving the quality of child care programs. The law has also updated the requirements for **ALL PROVIDERS** who received child care subsidy payments. There are new health and safety requirements as well as updated training requirements for our vendors. The implementation date for some of these new requirements is **November 2016**.

3. **FINAL opportunity.** All subsidy vendors are required to attend one of these meetings; and, only those vendors who attend one of the mandatory meetings will receive a NEW Vendor Agreement in November 2016. Therefore, **we are offering one FINAL opportunity to attend a 2016 VDSS Subsidy Vendor Information Session if you have not already done so.** The information will be provided via **WEBINARS on October 25th** and again on **October 27, 2016**. The information will be offered three times both days – once in the morning, once in the afternoon and once in the evening. You only need to register for ONE session. If you attended a ‘face-to-face’ session you do NOT need to attend a webinar session.

REMEMBER: Each Vendor ID# must be represented and a person can only represent one Vendor ID#

You must pre-register in *Eventbrite* to reserve a space in a WEBINAR. To participate in the WEBINAR you must have a computer with internet access to view the presentation & a telephone to hear the information being discussed.

The **ONLY** method of registration is via the internet.

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/2016-vdss-subsidy-vendor-information-sessions-webinar-tickets-28400262951>

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