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Dear CCDF Program,

We are writing to you today to share additional information about the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) rule changes that went into effect October 1, 2018. In the original letter sent to you by the Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning (OECOSL) on July 17, 2018 you were given information around the Consumer Education piece of the federal rule. We wanted to take this opportunity to expand on this information since we have received some questions about the "Critical Health and Safety" information shared on our website at <https://www.in.gov/fssa/childcarefinder/>.

The federal rule requires States to prominently display specific health and safety violations. If you have not already seen the changes on our website, there is a red banner that states "**Critical Health and Safety Violations. Please view the inspections tab for further violations.**" This identifies a health and safety noncompliance that may pose a serious health and safety risk during an inspection conducted by OECOSL. Families should review all violations before selecting a child care provider to be informed and ask questions to their current provider.

The objective is to provide as much information as possible so that families may make an informed decision when choosing who will care for their children. We also encourage families to ask providers questions before enrolling a child, to make sure that they are satisfied that the provider has corrected the violations.

Over the next year we will be evaluating this new enhancement to our website. If you have any concerns during that time please notify your consultant so that we can gather any feedback to take into consideration for future changes.

OECOSL would like to thank you for serving our Hoosier families. If you have any questions about the CCDF changes please contact Brighter Futures Call Center at 1-800-299-1627.

Sincerely,

Nicole Norvell, Director
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