

**Remarks for Joint IA Senate and House Human Resources Committee**

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**Overview of ACF Region VII programs:**

- Child Support Enforcement
- Head Start/Early Head Start
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Child Welfare
- Child Care
- Developmental Disabilities (Liaison)
- Runaway and Homeless Youth

**ACF Program Updates:**

- **TANF** – with the Deficit Reduction Act last year and TANF Reauthorization, States have been working on revised Work Verification Plans. IA submitted the revised plan 2/28/07 and it is under review in the Regional Office. The Staff will be in contact with the State Agency about that plan.
- **Head Start** Reauthorization is currently being discussed in Congress. There are some changes being proposed. We encourage you to follow this as progresses.

- **The CCDF State Plan** for 2008-2009 is due this year. The State DHS staff is working on the plan now.
  - CCDF plans include a description of the Program in the state and plan for use of the funds received. The description includes information on:
    - Administration of the program.
    - Child Care Services
    - Consultation and Coordination activities – The States are required to consult with certain entities in the development of the Plan including Local government and Tribes. They are required to coordinate with other early childhood programs and with other State programs, such as TANF and Public Health.
    - Services to Parents including the application process and insurance on accessibility to child care choices.
    - Quality and Availability of child care improvement efforts in the state. This would include a description of the Training Program for Infant/Toddler providers, TEACH program and the Quality Ratings System, among others. According to information from the State Administrator, the QRS has had better than anticipated participation in the first year.
    - Health and Safety requirements for providers.

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