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TO: Qualified Child Care Providers

FROM: **Paula Haywood and Sharlene Shelton-Area Managers for the HSPHD Regional Site Management**

SUBJECT: **Request for Qualifications for Regional Hub Drop-in Child Care**

The Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department (HSPHD) is regionalizing its service locations in Hennepin County. At the heart of this initiative is the construction of regional hubs in the each of six County regions: Northwest Suburban, North Minneapolis, Central & Northeast Minneapolis, South Minneapolis, South Suburban, and West Suburban. Regionalization has two broad objectives:

1. Improving client access to services.
2. Improving client services through engagement with local organizations and developing a continuum of service using community and County resources.

On January 17, 2012, HSPDH will publish a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) with a goal of developing a list of qualified Child Care providers who will be selected to contract with HSPHD to provide Drop in Child Care in our Regional Hubs.

Each regional hub will have a center to provide drop-in child care for the children of clients with business at the hub. Child care centers will be newly created specially designed spaces approximately 1,000 square feet in size. Proposers may propose to operate between one and six of the child care centers described in this RFQ document. HSPHD requests that proposers specify which regional hub child care center site, or sites, they want to operate. The six regional hubs are scheduled to be opened between the summer of 2012 and 2014.

Regional hub locations:

- South Minneapolis, Sabathani Community Center, 310 East 38 Street, Minneapolis
- Northwest Suburban, 7051 Brooklyn Boulevard, Brooklyn Center
- North Minneapolis, West Broadway
- South Suburban, Bloomington
- Northeast & Central Minneapolis, Health Services Building, 525 Portland Ave S, Minneapolis
- West Suburban, undetermined location

Interested providers may access the necessary information about the Regional Child Care Request for Qualifications at <http://www.hennepin.us/HSPHDRFP>.

There will be a Pre Proposal Conference on at **1:00 pm January 30, 2012 in Room 172 Hennepin County Library/Service Center at 12601 Ridgedale Drive, Minnetonka MN. The due date for proposals to be submitted is February 20th at 2:00 pm.**

If you have additional questions about the RFP, please contact Paul Lennander via email at paul.lennander@co.hennepin.mn.us

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Drop-in Child Care Request for Qualifications.