

Public Comments -Supplement to the 2017 Child Care Market Analysis Report (completed in April 2018)

Prepared by the Kansas Department for Children and Families (July 2018)

The following are public comments that were received and DCF's responses:

1. **Comment:** "4.2.2 Support the inclusion of all child care centers in the 2018 market rate survey, including those who do not participate in the child care subsidy program." (comment received 7 times)

Response: The sample of child care providers surveyed for the current market analysis was drawn from a list that included all licensed child care providers regardless of their participation in the DCF subsidy program.
2. **Comment:** "include participation in QRIS or national accreditation in future market rate surveys to provide a more balanced analysis of not only the cost of child care, but the cost of quality" (comment received 7 times)

Response: Questions were included in the current market analysis regarding providers participation in national accreditation. Future analyses will also include questions about providers' costs for accreditation. DCF is in the pilot stage of our QRIS "Links to Quality" and plans to include in future market analyses questions about QRIS participation.
3. **Comment:** A total of 23 sources commented regarding the need for an increase in the child care assistance rates paid.

Response: The 2017 child care market analysis report is currently under review by the agency.