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Topic: Student Child Care Program

Subject: Process for the Student Child Care Program

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |

Message:

As you may know, the April re-balance action taken by the Oregon Legislature included a restoration of funding for the Student Child Care program. We established a waiting list for this program on the DHS website last January, and invited students to place their names on the list by registering on-line. However, we held off inviting students to apply for child care assistance because funding appeared unlikely at that time.

On Monday, May 3rd, we mailed applications to the first 306 students who registered on the waiting list when it opened in January. They will have until May 24th to return the completed application to the DHS Building in Salem. We anticipate some students will not return the application and others will not be eligible for the program. For those who are found eligible, child care assistance will begin effective May 1st.

The entire eligibility process will be handled by Central Office staff. If the student is receiving Food Stamps or Medical, these cases will continue to be carried in branches and a separate case opened for the Student Program. Students receiving TANF will be advised they need to choose either TANF or the Student Program.

The Student Child Care Program has enough funding to serve approximately 230 student families a month during the remainder of the current biennium. If fewer than 230 students from the first group of students sent applications are eligible, applications will be sent to the next group of students on the waiting list.

Currently, the program is funded only through June, 2005. Continued funding will likely be considered in the upcoming legislative session. In the meantime, we will continue to maintain the waiting list and students are encouraged to register on the list. The waiting list and information about the program can be accessed at www.dhs.state.or.us. From the main menu click on "Children and Teens", then "Child Care" then "Student Child Care". Questions or suggestions about the program can be directed to childcare.info@state.or.us

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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