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Policies and Procedures Manual

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

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MANUAL PURPOSE

The purpose of this manual is to:

- Increase the availability, affordability, and quality of child care services;
- Provide low income families with the financial resources to locate and afford quality child care for their children;
- Enhance the quality and increase the supply of child care for all families, including those who receive no direct assistance under the CCDF;
- Promote parental choice to empower working parents to make their own decisions on the child care that best suits their family's needs;
- Strengthen the role of the family;
- Improve the quality of and coordination among child care programs and early childhood development programs; and
- Increase the availability of early childhood development with program that focus on before and after-school-age care.

SECTION 2 BACKGROUND

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 passed by Congress established the Child Care and Development Block Grant program. The program was a part of the legislation which was intended to provide child care for low income working families in need of child care and at risk of becoming eligible for Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) now known as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

The Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families is responsible for addressing the child care needs of low income working families. One of the programs which address those needs is the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program. The Final Rule published Tuesday, August 4, 1992 in the federal register volume 57, Part II Department of Health and Human Services "Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990" (the act). The purpose of the Block Grant is to increase the availability, affordability, and quality of child care.

The current CCBGG program evolved from changes implemented by PRWORA 1996, which incorporate the CCDBG and Title IV child care programs into the Child Care and Development Fund. ACF published the final rule in 1998 (Vol. 63, No. 142/Friday, July 24, 1998).

The Virgin Islands Government, Department of Human Services applied for the funding and received the grant effective October 1, 1991. The program was placed under the Division of Volunteers and Special Programs and staff was hired and commenced operations on August 17, 1992. Subsequently, the Office of Child Care & Regulatory Services was given the responsibility to oversee the eligibility determination and processing of payments.

Initially, the fiscal operation was paid through the Lutheran Social Services of the U.S. Virgin Islands from 1992 - 2004. Subsequently, the fiscal operation was transferred through the agencies (DHS), business office on St. Thomas effective October 2004. Finally, the program's payment process transitioned via the Virgin Islands Government Financial System referred to as Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system through the Department of Finance, effective July 2011 to current.

Effective December 2013, the Child Care Subsidy Program changed its program name to Subsidy, Resource and Referral Program, which overall goal is to promote quality child care in the territory by effective outreach, to provide valuable information and referral to our families and providers.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Outline policies, procedures, and guidelines in an effort to provide eligibility services to prospective and continuing participants, in a consistent and efficient manner.

3:1 GOAL

To enable eligible (low income, TANF, teen parent, children in protective custody) families receive child care of their choice from available licensed or registered providers who are in compliance with the Virgin Islands Department of Human Services, Office of Child Care & Regulatory Services Rules & Regulations.

3:2 OBJECTIVES

- 1. To recruit families by educating and advertising within the Virgin Islands.
- 2. To ensure that the type of care (center-based) meets licensing or (home-based) basic health and safety requirements.
- 3. To provide parents with consumer education information to assist parent in making informed child care choices on how to select child care and provide a list of licensed providers.
- 4. To assist parents obtain child care while they are trying to achieve independence from public assistance.
- 5. To provide technical assistance and training for providers who are licensed or registered.
- 6. To assist licensed or registered providers with program improvement efforts, on issues such as health, safety, licensing and established registration standards.
- 7. To establish a voucher program to assist eligible families pay for the cost of child care.

RESTRICTION OF FUNDS

The Child Care funds cannot be used by clients or providers for the following:

- Children residing outside of the V.I. Territory.
- Co-payments
- Tuition payment for students ages 5 years through 13 years enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade.
- Field trips
- School insurance
- Late fees payment
- Medical evaluations
- Outstanding payment
- Registration fee
- School Supplies
- T-shirts or uniforms
- Unlicensed facilities or unregistered at-home provider.

OFFICE OF CHILD CARE & REGULATORY SERVICES

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR OCCRS



ACRONYMS

ACF	Administration for Children and Families	
AFDC	Aid to Families with Dependent Children	
CCDF	Child Care and Development Fund	
CYF	Children, Youth & Families	
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services	
DHS	Department of Human Services	
ERP	Enterprise Resource Planning	
FFN	Family, Friends & Neighbors	
JOBS	Job Opportunity and Basic Skills	
QRIS	Quality Rating Improvement Systems	
MIS	Management Information Systems	
OIES	Office of Intake & Emergency Services	
OCCRS	Office of Child Care & Regulatory Services	
TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families	
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	
SRR	Subsidy, Resource & Referral Program	

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PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

The revised three year plan was developed based on the Federal Guidelines and narrative format under the Department of Health and Human Services (the Child Care and Development Block Grant Plan and the Federal Register dated August 4, 1992, part II, Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families 45 C.F.R. Parts 98 & 99 Child Care and Development Block Grants Final Rule. Based on the goals and objectives established for the program year, a calendar of events is prepared, a yearly projection for travel, staff vacations, and training opportunities are also documented. Subsequent year's application includes a budget based on the assigned level of funding, and a letter of commitment.

Accountability for program implementation is maintained through the following methods:

- 1. Formal and informal weekly meetings with the supervisor of the unit are utilized as a means to keep management abreast of issues related to the program.
- 2. By the 25th of every month, a monthly report of all activities is submitted to the supervisor. This report is based on the staff monthly report and the program previous months activities, which requires the number of families and children served by category and the total amount of children, providers and dollar amount served by category.
- 3. Fiscal ledger books are maintained by account code. Each account has the budgeted amount, the expenditure, and the current balance listed by the account assigned to Child Care accounts in the department's business office.
- 4. Quarterly financial reports provide a means to monitor the fiscal aspect of the program.

Communication is important to the Programs operation.

An opportunity for communication is provided to clients on a regular basis when they pickup vouchers, during scheduled recertification or contact with workers via phone, walk-in visits, mail or e-mail.

Providers are provided with opportunity for communication on a regular basis when submitting vouchers, picking up checks, or contact with workers via phone, walk-in visits, mail or e-mail.

Written communication provided by the program, consists of announcements of training opportunities, program quarterly newsletters, summer program survey, annual program evaluations, handbooks for parents and providers, notification of changes or concerns, and operations manual for each district; which is provided to the public, program clients and providers, as well as staff.

PROGRAM MONITORING

- 1. A current inventory is maintained of available supplies on-hand and equipment purchased within a specific period of time.
- 2. Staff meetings are held bi-weekly on each district to discuss accomplishments and/or issues and update staff of future goals.
- 3. Four unit staff meetings are held annually to discuss achievements, issues and current and future goals for the unit.
- 4. Program evaluations are solicited from parents and providers such as market rates in the form of a written or verbal questioner or survey.
- 5. Region II provides oversight of the program by approving plans, reviewing reports, and evaluating compliances, by phone, e-mail or written correspondence.
- 6. Verification is conducted during initial eligibility determination based on information obtained from applicants or clients; however, periodic reviews are conducted, and any discrepancies identified are referred to the program's supervisor for further evaluation and/or investigation.
- 7. The fiscal ledgers are completed and justified quarterly, and two-yearly evaluations of records are conducted.
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- 8. The staff monthly reports are reviewed and coordinated monthly with the program goals and objectives.
- 9. Federal report such as the 800 report is accumulated and compiled by fiscal year, from information entered into the Child Care System, to be reported at the end of the calendar year.

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

Each staff receives a job description, a copy of the personnel policies, and a copy of their job expectations at their initial employment with the program and when changes are made accordingly.

Initially, staff is oriented to the program and given a copy of the plan and Federal Guidelines. The new staff persons is placed on a six month probationary status and evaluated at three month intervals until the completion of their probations. During this time, staff completes their own self-evaluation, training needs are identified, and as training opportunities become available, staff is requested to participate. Two record reviews, containing individual functional, operational and behavioral performances are completed annually along with a formal yearly performance evaluation.

Coordination with all staff persons is essential for smooth operation. Each staff is to attend bi-weekly staff meetings and report on their accomplishments, goals, and issues related to the program. Minutes are maintained of all meetings. At the end of each month, staff completes a monthly report indicating their month's activities. Finally, any training staff attends is summarized and shared with all staff.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The Program Director is responsible for overseeing the day to day operation of the Subsidy, Resource & Referral program. The Program Director reports directly to the Administrator.

11:1 **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 1. Develop policies and procedures for implementing the program.
- 2. Monitor the compliance with federal and local regulations.
- 3. Monitor the financial expenditures against the budget.
- 4. Prepare the CCDF State Plan including a narrative and budget.
- 5. Submit an itemized list of expenditures for the program, to the Administrator.
- 6. Supervise four staff persons for two districts.
- 7. Determine supplies needed and maintain an inventory of supplies and equipment.

11:2 STAFF

Each district is assigned two staff. The positions include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Child Care Specialist Responsibility is determining and recertifying the eligibility status of the applicants and clients, as well as maintaining waiting list (See: Section 12)
- 2. Processing Coordinator Responsibility is initiating, coordinating and documenting provider's information, as well as preparing, issuing and processing of vouchers. (See: Section 14).

CHILD CARE SPECIALIST

The Child Care Specialist is responsible for maintaining an accurate and current individual case file for each family determined eligible. The case file is the permanent record that contains the application and materials supporting the application, the eligibility decision, and all documentation and verification supporting eligibility factors.

12:1 AVAILABLE SLOT

A specific number of available slots are determined by the Program Director to be filled according to the availability of funds when slots become available due to the number of children no longer in need of child care assistance.

The Child Care Specialist decides whether the available funds are sufficient to fill the priority needs of an infant, preschool, afterschool, special needs or summer camp child(ren). When funds become available the Child Care Specialist verifies the applicant information on file and sends an appointment letter to the applicant, by certified mail.

12:2 ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS

Applicants or clients are determined eligible by family size, gross income, and the amount received from child support, if applicable using the income eligibility guidelines established by the Department. An applicant or client can also be attending school, completing training, and/or volunteering for 30 hours per week.

12:3 DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS

All applicants or client needing child care assistance are required to provide documents to process and complete an application.

12:3-A INCOME

All employed applicants or clients are given an income verification form, requiring that their employer complete and sign the form. Documentation of income can be established by use of income verification, and two consecutive weekly, bi-weekly or monthly recent pay stubs.

Other acceptable sources of income verification that can be used, but not limited to:

- Job Letter
- Business Record

- W-2 current tax year
- Other current and reliable documentations

However, if applicant or client is being paid in cash, an original notarized job letter is required from the employer.

Income Sources – Included, but not limited to:

- Wages (gross)
- Child support
- Military income
- Self-employment (tax documents)
- Social Security benefits (household)
- Spouse income (if living in household or married)
- Stipends
- TANF allotment
- Unemployment benefits

Income Sources – Excluded, but not limited to:

- Any member residing in the household under 18 years
- Food Stamps
- Foster Care allotment
- Grant or loans
- Housing assistance
- MAP allotment
- Savings
- Tax refunds
- Teen summer employment (counted if applicant or client)
- WIC allotment

12:3-B SCHOOL, TRAINING/VOLUNTEER

Applicants or clients attending school or training programs are required to provide an original letter signed and dated by the administrator or registrar, documenting the days the student attends, the hours the student attends and expected graduation date. A copy of their class scheduled is also acceptable.

The program does not accept on-line or correspondence course as an eligibility factor.

Applicants or clients, who are working under 30 hours per week or attending school parttime, which does not provide sufficient hours to qualify for the program may volunteer their services by selecting a reputable tax-paying establishment to make up the qualifying hours with one of the following, but not limited to:

- Agency (governmental or private)
- Hospital
- School

Applicants or clients, who are not working or attending school full time, can combine activities interchangeably, such as:

- School and training/volunteer
- Work and school
- Work and training/volunteer
- Work (2 part-time jobs)

12:3-C VITAL DOCUMENTS

A birth certificate or passport is required for each adult whose income will be used to determine eligibility and for each child in the home under the age of 18; however, if a birth certificate or passport is not available, the following documents are acceptable:

- Baptismal Certificate
- Marriage Certificate
- Court documents
- Immigration documents

Social security cards for each adult and child(ren) in the household can be accepted, copied are maintain in the file if provided; however child care services cannot be denied if social security cards are not provided or refuse.

Immunization record or exemption letter is required for each child in need of child care assistance.

Photo identification is required to validate the applicant identity, and the following documents are acceptable:

- Passport
- School picture I.D.
- Valid driver license
- Voter registration card
- Military documents
- Employee I.D. card

12:3-D SPECIAL NEEDS

Applicant or clients with special needs children between the ages of birth to 19 years are required to provide documentation by a physician or a health care professional, such as

physician's assistance, documenting the child special need, whether physically or mentally incapacitated.

12:3-E FOSTER, PROTECTIVE & INTAKE SERVICES

Foster parents require a referral documenting the need for child care services.

Foster parents are not required to provide proof of employment as; their income is not a factor in determining the child eligibility.

Protective services parents require a referral from the CYF or OIES division or a court order documenting that the child is under protective order and that it is necessary for the child to be placed in a child care facility.

Protective services parents' income, employment or educational program must be recorded. If unavailable, document that attempts were made to obtain information. Each case will be reviewed to determine eligibility and co-payment.

Adoption of child(ren) by a foster parent without subsidy, are subjected to the same income and support requirement as a regular client; however, if the adopted parent is receiving a subsidy, they are not required to provide income or child support.

Children under protective services must reside with a parent of loco parentis and not in a congregate setting. In addition, a child age can be exempt only by a court order within the V.I. code.

12:3-F CHILD SUPPORT

Child support income is required for SR&R eligible children and is calculated for determining income. The following factors are used as support by supporting parents:

- Paternity and Child Support documents
- Purchased items are valued in dollar amount, a notarized letter is required
- Social Security benefits
- Voluntary support, a notarized letter is required

Additionally, proof is required for the non-supporting parent, including, but not limited to:

- Death certificate
- Disability letter
- Incarceration document
- Military letter
- School/training letter
- Court orders

12:4 APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1. The applicant or client eligibility is determined, by the income, child support, family size, and age of the child.
- 2. The applicant or client selects the provider of their choice, if one has not been selected.

If the applicant or client request provider assistance, a list of providers is provided, and the applicant may choose a licensed facility, or an informal provider, who is a relative or non-relative.

- 3. The applicant or client is provided with information on the program, informed of their responsibility to the agency and their child care provider.
- 4. In order to proceed, necessary information is entered into the Child Care System, which compiles the information, calculates the co-payment (if any), and provide a computer-generated case number.
- 5. The system generated application is then printed and reviewed by the applicant or client. The application, Parent Agency agreement, and Consent forms are signed and copied. The originals are kept on file and the client receives a copy.
- 6. The file is then given to the Processing Coordinator for voucher(s) to be printed.

12:5 CHANGING PROVIDER

- The client is required to notify the current provider and Child Care representative that the child will no longer be attending, prior to the change.
- The client is given a Change of Provider form to be completed by both the parent and the current provider; however, if any discrepancies, such as outstanding payments are identified, voucher for the new provider may be delayed, until the outstanding balance is paid in full.
- Once the change is submitted, verified and approved, the change is recorded in the case file and the Child Care System and the Processing Coordinator is notified.

12:6 DETERMINING SUBSIDY AMOUNT

The criteria for determining the amount of the child care subsidy are based on the following, but not limited to:

- The child age
- The co-payment amount
- The provider fee
- The total countable income
- The hours of care

12:7 INELIGIBILITY

- All applicants who are found to be ineligible receive a written notification, either in person or by mail.
- Any client who have received child care services, that is found ineligible due to false information, is require to repay the Department according to the terms and agreement provided by the Department.

12:8 RECERTIFICATION

Recertification is conducted every six months, within the same month the child care services ends. A new application, Parent-agency agreement, and updated documents are required and must be verified. If a client fails to keep the schedule appointment a new appointment is provided. Recertification must be completed prior to the client receiving the child care assistance for the next six months (or less). Additionally, a client must be notified of their continue eligibility or ineligibility in writing, by hand or by mail.

12:9 REPORTS

Monthly reports are submitted to the Program Director by the 25th day and consist of the following:

- Total number of closed families and children
- Total number of families and children enrolled in the program
- Total number of new families and children enrolled

Periodically, the Program Director will request reports pertaining, but not limited to:

- Children turning 5 or aging out of the program
- Information for federal reports
- Total children on the program
- Waiting list totals
- Statistical or historical information

CASE FILE MANAGEMENT

13:1 GENERAL CASE FILE INFORMATION

The Child Care Specialist is responsible for maintaining an accurate and current individual automated and paper case file for each family determined eligible. The case file is the permanent record and contains the application and materials supporting the application, the eligibility decision, and all documentation and verification supporting eligibility factors. The case file includes notes and changes in case status as in the Child Care System and each file information is verified and updated every six months.

Items entered into the case file must be clear and complete enough so that any person who views the file will be able to easily reconstruct what action occurred, why it occurred, who took the action and when it occurred.

The individual family case record shall be initiated after the content verification and shall be completed once eligibility is determined.

If the case is determined ineligible or if the application is withdrawn; the forms completed to that point in the application process will be stapled together and placed in a file for ineligible/withdrawn applications that is separate and apart from the case files for eligible or closed cases.

All client's case file must be labeled with the name and the case number assigned by the Child Care System.

13:2 CASE FILE ACCESS

The client, upon written request may have access to records and files regarding his or her participant. The record will be made available for inspection during normal working hours, and the Child Care Specialist or Child Care staff is required to be present during the inspection.

Documents contained in the client file may not be removed by the parent/custodian; however, a requested document will be copied and provided to the parent/custodian. An unauthorized representative may not have access to the files without a notarized statement signed by the parent/custodian.

Information concerning pending investigations or criminal prosecutions will be withheld. The Child Care Specialist will withhold confidential information such as names of individuals who have disclosed information pertaining to the household without the client knowledge.

13:3 CASE FILE CONTENTS

A client file consist of all of the following pertinent information includes, but not limited to:

- Application signed
- Child support documents
- Consent for the Release of Information signed
- Copies of birth certificates and social security cards for all children to include client on the program (if provided)
- Correspondences
- Eligibility Determination
- Immunization card or Exemption letter
- Income Verification and check stubs
- Narrative documenting all contact
- Parent/Agency agreement -signed
- Picture Identification
- Proxy Form

13:4 CASE FILE EXCHANGE

The process required for exchanging a client file in the event the client wishes to relocate to attend school, perform military duties, or handle medical emergencies, while the child continues to receive child care services are as follows:

A Case Exchange form must be completed within the eligibility period and the authorized person's information will be used to determine eligibility. The authorized person is required to submit the following to process the case file exchange:

- A power of attorney or legal court document
- Birth certificate
- Income verification and two last check stubs
- Photo I.D.
- School letter from education/training program (if applicable)
- Social security card (if provided)

A new file will be created in the authorized person's name.

If the authorized person in not in a activity or meets the established requirements, the child care services will be provided for the grace period, then the case will be closed.

13:5 CASE FILE ORDER

All documentation, are to be filed in a 6-part case file folder and labeled in the following order:

13:5-A Left Side of Section 1

- 1. Eligibility Determination
- 2. Narrative

13:5-B Right Side of Section 1

- 1. Application (computer generated)
- 2. Parent/Agency Agreement for Receipt of Child Care Subsidy
- 3. Income Verification
- 4. Education/Training Verification
- 5. 2 Last Check Stubs
- 6. Referral (color coded based on nature of service)

13:5-C Left Side of Section 2

- 1. Copies of Birth Certificates for the Household
- 2. Copy of Picture ID
- 3. Copy of Immunization Record
- 4. Copy of Social Security Cards for the Household (if provided)
- 5. Proof of Application from the Social Security Administration (if provided)

13:5-D Right side of Section 2

- 1. Child Support Information
- 2. Notarized Letter of Support
- 3. Social Security Benefit Documents
- 4. All Absentee Client Documents (decease, incarcerated, military, school, etc.)

13:5-E Left Side of Section 3

- 1. Consent for the Release of Information
- 2. Proxy Form

13:5-F Right Side of Section 3

- 1. Miscellaneous Correspondence
- 2. Inactive Documents
- 3. Check List

Exception: Jobs and Summer Only cases are filed in a regular case file.

13:6 CASE FILE RETENTION

All closed cases over 24 months old should be placed in storage, with the exception of fraud referrals, cases with administration hearings, and families with active overpayment recoveries, should be maintained on-site for the duration of the recovery period.

Closed cases over 10 years old must be destroyed, except for cases with improper payments that have not been repaid and cases under investigation.

13:7 CASE FILE TRANSFERS

The process required for a client relocating to another island and is in need of continued child care services:

- 1. The client is required to notify the Child Care Specialist in their district, by completing a transfer form;
- 2. The client is required to notify the current child care provider in her/his district of the last day the child will receiving the subsidized care;
- 3. The Child Care Specialist is required to enter a notation in the narrative, place the transfer form in the case file, transfer the entire case file to the island of choice, and note the transfer on the monthly report;
- 4. The client will continue to receive subsidy for two months, until new eligibility information is received by the Child Care Specialist in the island of choice;
- 5. For fiscal year report, the district providing services for the greater amount of months will count the client, (client cannot be counted twice territorially).

13:8 CASE FILE TRANSITION

A Jobs client can continue to receive child care assistance, providing their assignment with the Jobs program is completed and they become gainfully employed or attend a school or training program.

The client is required to provide all documentation requested to continue receiving assistance. Once eligibility is met the client will continue to receive child care assistance without interruption based on their current activity.

WAITING LIST

14:1 GENERAL WAITING LIST INFORMATION

Each Child Care office will establish and maintain a Waiting List to plan for possible shortfalls in funding for subsidized child care and to help ensure that child care is provided to families with priority needs as identified in the state plan.

The Waiting List shall prioritize families interested in receiving subsidized Child Care who meet preliminary eligibility requirements. The Waiting List is organized by head of household with a separate entry for each child for whom child care is being requested.

An active waiting list is maintained and any person(s) who contact the SR&R program after the waiting list is established will be recorded in chronological order, according to the program's established priority needs.

Upon the availability of funds, the prioritized waiting list is activated, and applicants are contacted via certified mail.

14:2 CREATION OF WAITING LIST

A waiting list is created when families request subsidized child care assistance and funds are unavailable. The Child Care Specialist collects the basic information regarding their income and service need on the Subsidy, Resource & Referral - Preliminary Application. Based on the information provided, a preliminary determination is made regarding their eligibility.

An eligibility determination would not be possible to establish for someone completing a preliminary application that is seeking employment, is not attending school, or have not given birth. However, a pre-application will be accepted after their situation changes.

It is important to note that each child care request must be entered individually. There must be a separate entry for each child for who care is being requested even though they are all members of the same household.

Each child in a household may have a different service need which has to be considered in establishing their individual service priority. For example, not all children in a household may be in need of child care for protective service reasons; only the child in a protective service situation will have top priority.

Another reason each child must be entered individually rather than as part of a household unit is that activation from the Waiting List is based on the service needs of an individual child in relation to the type of child care available. An after school child care slot may be suited for one child in the household but not for another child who is younger and needs full-time care. Each child would have to be activated individually as a suitable slot becomes available.

14:3 PRELIMINARY ELIGIBILITY

Families interested in receiving subsidized Child Care must meet preliminary eligibility requirements relative to income and service need, in order to be placed on the Waiting List. The eligibility is considered to be preliminary as it reflects the families' circumstances at the time of the request and must be reevaluated at the time a child care slot, suitable for the child becomes available.

A family is determined preliminarily eligible, if their annual gross income (earnings and child support) is below the maximum annual income for their particular family size per the following eligibility table:

Family Size	Maximum Annual Inc. – 85%	Maximum Monthly Inc. – 85%
2	\$30,354.35	\$2,529.52
3	\$33,023.35	\$2,751.94
4	\$35,692.35	\$2,974.36
5	\$38,361.35	\$3,196.77
6	\$41,030.35	\$3,419.19
7	\$43,699.35	\$3,641.61
8	\$46,368.35	\$3,864.02
9	\$49,037.35	\$4,086.44

Eligibility Table (Effective October 2011)

A potential applicant can contact the office to determine if they are eligible to receive services based on income; but they must complete a pre-application form prior to receiving child care services unless the case is referred as a priority case from an interagency division.

The basis of need for the child care services must be considered by the Child Care Specialist as following:

- Intake (protective services) Intervention (foster care)
- TANF/JOBS
- Special Needs
- Teen
- Very Low Income
- Students
- Head Start
- Regular
- Summer

If the applicant's basis of need is any of the above and their annual gross income is below the maximum limit for the particular family size, the family meets the preliminary eligibility requirements and they can be placed on the waiting list. The specific position on the Waiting List is dependent, on the service need.

14:4 **PRIORITIZATION OF SERVICE NEED**

As part of its planning process, the Subsidy, Resource & Referral program establishes a set of service priorities based on the client circumstances. The basis of need service priorities as incorporated into the Child Care System are as follows:

- 1. Protective Services
- 2. Teen Parent
- 3. TANF/JOBS
- 4. Special Needs
- 5. Very Low Income
- 6. Intake/Intervention
- 7. Other
 - Foster Care
 - Regular
 - Head Start
 - Summer
 - Student

The highest service need is Protective Services and any child whose request for care is based on this need is not only automatically eligible, (once funds are available) they have the highest priority of any case. They are placed first on the Waiting list above any other case except for another protective situation that may be awaiting a child care slot.

Basis of service needs 2 through 6 have their own priority but these priorities are not absolute; the priority assigned to these cases means that they have a higher priority than those below them and consequently get placed higher on the waiting list.

A priority 7 case still qualifies the family for child care but there need is superseded by all but other 7's.

14:5 WAITING LIST MAINTENANCE

To ensure that the Waiting List is accurate the Child Care Specialist must contact by phone any applicant who has been on the Waiting List for more than 90 days to inquire if the individual still has a service need and if their income continues to be below the maximum income level for the particular household size.

The Child Care Specialist shall record the date of contact and note the continuing financial eligibility and service need. Applicants who fail to respond to this inquiry

regarding their need for assistance or whose income and child support would appear to make them ineligible, must be purged from the Waiting List.

Eligibility will be determined based on the current applicant's circumstances, in the event the priority needs of the applicant changes.

14:6 WAITING LIST PROCESS

All families requesting subsidized child care must be entered on the Waiting List as a child is selected for an available child care slot based on their priority need. All child case is "activated" from the Waiting List through the Child Care System, and a family cannot become an active child care case without first going on the Waiting List. Once a pre-applicant is on the Waiting List, it can be made an active child care case through the activation process in the Child Care System.

PROCESSING COORDINATOR

The Processing Coordinator initiates, coordinates and compiles provider's documents, as well as prints and distributes vouchers to families determined eligible by the Child Care Specialist and process vouchers for monthly payments to child care providers.

15:1 LICENSE PROVIDER

A license provider, who expresses their interest in participating in the Subsidy, Resource & Referral program, will be provided with information about the program and provided with a letter listing the required documents. Document requirements are as follows:

- Provider Agreement Authorization for Payment (3 original copies) One copy will be provided to Provider, Subsidy & Property & Procurement
- Current license
- Fee Schedule
- Operational Schedule or School Calendar
- Resolution (include board members, if necessary)
- W-9
- ACH/Electronic Payment Vendor Request Form (Direct Deposit)
- Any other requested documents.

When the documents are returned, the documents are evaluated, and submitted for approvals. Upon final approval or denial, a letter will be sent to the provider indicating their participation status.

If the provider is pending documents or if documents are incomplete, the provider will be notified by mail or in hand.

In the event the provider fails to provide the requested documents after 30 days, the following course of action will occur:

- Send a certified letter requesting the pending document. Failure to provide the requested document,
- Another certified letter will be sent regarding the participation status.

15:2 INFORMAL PROVIDER

An informal provider, who expresses an interested in the program, must complete a home inspection. The following criteria are necessary prior to receiving services:

- Must **not** be residing in the same household of the client or child;
- Must be 18 or older;
- Must complete a home inspection;
- Must be approved, prior to approval of payment for providing child care services.

In addition, the following steps are required for inspection:

- Complete an Informal Provider Request for Inspection form.
- Pass a health & safety inspection, which is conducted by licensing unit. If there are any concerns, technical assistance will be provided.
- Complete a NCIC, and any other necessary requirements, once inspection is approved.
- Upon home approval, the informal provider will complete the following:
 - Provider Agreement Authorization for Payment form 3 original copies
 - Fee Schedule
 - Operational Schedule
 - Affidavit
 - W-9
 - ACH/Electronic Payment Vendor Request Form (Direct Deposit)
 - Any other requested documents.
- Provider Agreement Authorization for Payment forms and requires documents are submitted for approval and signature.
- Payment becomes effective upon document approval and signature, and no back payment will be provided prior to final approvals.
- The process could be completed with 6 weeks: 2 weeks for inspection, 2 weeks for provider to comply with submitting requirements and 2 weeks for final approvals, providing there are no unforeseen issues.

15:3 PROVIDER DOCUMENTS

Upon approval of provider's documents, the specific document will be submitted to the designated person:

- Provider Agreement form is submitted to licensing unit to enter or update information in the Child Care Database System.
- Direct Deposit form and a copy of a blank check or a bank statement are submitted to business office.
- W-9 submitted to Property & Procurement for a vendor number with a justification letter and a copy of the license.
- Originals and copies of documents are filed in individual provider file.

15:4 VOUCHER PREPARATION

Once the client and provider information is entered into the Child Care Database System, the voucher can be printed. Preparation of voucher begins with the computer generated information requested on the voucher:

- Head of Household registration number (the client case no.)
- Provider name
- Date of Issuance
- Computer generated voucher number
- Child name
- Child social security number
- Voucher valued amount
- Date of service to be provided
- Provider Signature Line
- Provider Mailing Address
- Provider Social Security number or EIN number
- Head of Household signature

The child age determines the amount paid to the provider, thus it is important for the Processing Coordinator to be aware of the children in the program, particularly when the child ages from an infant to preschool, and from a preschool to afterschool and when the child make his/her 13th birthday.

After the voucher is prepared, it is logged in the voucher log, under the following heading:

- Date of issuance
- Child name
- Voucher number(s)
- Voucher valued amount
- Client Signature

15:5 VOUCHER DISTRIBUTION

Voucher distribution is provided within a two-week period in the month. Each client is given an appointment date during the distribution period.

All clients or their proxy are required to sign the voucher log indicating receipt of the voucher.

An attendance certificate is also provided to the clients or providers, which indicates the enrolled child attendance for the month.

The attendance certificate is required to provide the following:

- Child's birth date
- Child's name
- Provider's name
- Provider's signature
- Provider's social security number or EIN number

The provider signature on the attendance certificate indicates that the child (ren) listed did in fact receive services.

15:6 VOUCHER BASED ON ATTENDANCE

Vouchers are created and paid for a child in accordance to blocked hours based on attendance as follows:

Infant & Preschool

- 1 week (40 hrs.)
- 2 weeks (80 hrs.)
- 3 weeks (120 hrs.) or
- 4weeks (160 hrs.)

Afterschool

- 1 week (20 hrs.)
- 2 weeks (40 hrs.)
- 3 weeks (60 hrs.) or
- 4 weeks (80 hrs.)

15:7 VOUCHER ADJUSTMENTS

The following circumstances may cause a voucher to be adjusted or prorated:

- Child did not attend for more than one consecutive week. (Exempt if the child is sick, have a medical or family emergency).
- Child started attending the facility for a specific period of time. (Ex: one week in the month).
- Closure of facility in excess of 3 consecutive days, excluding major federal holidays such as: Easter, Carnival, Christmas, and any other instances exceeding 3 consecutive days in a given week.

15:8 VOUCHER VOIDING

Voucher are voided by the Program Director or designee and recreated by the Processing Coordinator for the following reasons:

- Case close
- Change of provider
- Child did not attend
- Child relocated
- Facility close
- Incorrect amount
- No longer in need of assistance
- Parent already paid out-of-pocket
- Over Payment
- Under payment

15:9 VOUCHER REPLACEMENT

A client or provider can request an Affidavit of Lost Voucher form to replace a lost or misplaced voucher, in the event a voucher is lost, stolen or destroyed. Once the form is completed, the Processing Coordinator verifies if the voucher was return for processing or was paid.

If the voucher was not returned, the voucher would be reprinted and marked "REPRINT" and reissued to the client, providing the voucher has not been auto voided or the period of service has not passed 90 days.

15:10 VOUCHER APPOINTMENT CARD REPLACEMENT

A client can request a Voucher Appointment Card Replacement form, in the event a client loses his/her appointment card.

If a client does not bring the appointment card for pickup, a replacement card will be provided, or a business card (if applicable) may be used as an option to record the next appointment date, however, if the appointment card is full, a new card will be issued.

15:11 VOUCHER PROCESSING

The voucher, which contains five carbonless copies, is signed by the parent and the provider.

- The white copy is given to the parent, by the provider;
- The green is kept by the provider;

The provider then returns the remaining copies for payment with a copy of the attendance certificate and invoice.

• The yellow copy is submitted to the St. Thomas fiscal office (Business office) for payment;
• The pink and goldenrod copies are held in a provider file, maintained by the Processing Coordinator.

Voucher processing is conducted between the last days of the month until the 5th day of the following month. In order to ensure prompt payment, providers are instructed to return all vouchers, attendance certificates and invoices, no later than the 5th day of the month following the month of service. Any voucher received after the 5th day will result in a delayed payment and will be processed the following month.

15:12 PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS

The following documents are required for processing voucher for payment:

15:12-A ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE(S):

The attendance certificate must list the provider, the period of services, the name of the children, the child (ren) date of birth, provider signature and tax identification number or social security number.

15:12-B INVOICE(S):

The invoice must include name of the provider, mailing address, phone number, an unduplicated invoice number, and the name of the child (ren) services were provided for during the month(s), the total amount of children, total dollar amount, and provider signature. If more than one month of vouchers is listed, the child(ren) must be identified by name, month and amount.

15:12-C VOUCHER(S):

The vouchers must be signed and dated by both client and provider, and must not exceed the 90 days of the valued period.

Processing vouchers for payments is conducted by the Processing Coordinator by means of the Government ERP system. The ERP system files are generated to a purchase order, and the following steps are conducted:

- Enter a requisition from invoices into ERP system
- Await approvals, prior to receiving a purchase order,
- Conversion is done by ERP system to generate a purchase order,
- Receive report,
- Submit hard copies invoice, yellow copy of voucher and purchase order, to fiscal office for payment,
- Print checks, done by the Department of Finance.
- Distribute check to provider by mail, in person, by authorized representative, or by direct deposit.

The Processing Coordinator enters information in the Child Care System, indicating when and if the voucher was received. The information is generated for monthly reporting purposes.

15:13 PROVIDER FILES

Files are maintained on all providers and all pertinent information and require documents are contained in the file as following:

- Attendance Certificate (original)
- Completed inspection and police report (informal provider)
- Correspondences
- Direct Deposit Form (copy)
- Fee Schedules
- Fingerprint (informal provider)
- Invoice
- License (current)
- Narrative
- Provider Agreement Authorization of Payment
- Resolution
- Vouchers (pink & goldenrod copies)
- W-9
- All documents relative to the provider

15:14 RECONCILIATION

At the end of each month, the Processing Coordinator generates a list of child care providers paid for the month from ERP system. Reconciliation is conducted to ensure that providers have been paid.

15:15 REPORTS

A monthly report is prepared by the Processing Coordinator indicating the following:

- The total number of vouchers paid
- The total value (amount of) vouchers paid
- List of providers paid

Occasionally, the Program Director will request information pertaining to:

- Children
- Payments
- Providers
- Any other related reports

SECTION 16

GENERAL INFORMATION

16:1 AGE DISALLOWANCE/DISCOUNTINUANCE

- After a child turns 5 years, between **September 1 December 31**, his/her preschool fees will be discontinued effective Jan 1, of the following year however if after school fees are needed it will be provided.
- After a child turns 5 years, between **January 1**, to **June 30**, his/her preschool fees will be discontinued effective July 1, of the same year however, if afterschool fees are needed it will be provided.
- After a child turns 13 years, the child will no longer receive afterschool assistance, (except special needs or court order).
- After a child turns 19 years (special needs or court ordered) he/ she will no longer receive child care assistance.

Children that make their 13th or 19th birthday will be allowed to receive voucher for the month; however, beginning the following month after their birthday the voucher will be discontinued.

16:2 APPEAL

When an adverse action is taken, the client has 10 days from the action to request a written appeal. The client may appeal the following decision:

- Family size
- Income
- Subsidy amount
- Termination of child care services

A provider or an unauthorized representative may not request an appeal on behalf of the client, and a client may not request an appeal for the following actions:

- Action taken as a result of unavailability of funds
- Deletion from the waiting list after applicant expresses, they no longer interested or in need of assistance
- Placement on waiting list
- Position on waiting list

The right to appeal may be channeled through the chain of command if client is not satisfied with the decision.

The chain of command for appealing a case is followed consecutively as followed:

- Supervisor
- Director
- Administrator
- Assistant Commissioner
- Commissioner

16:3 APPOINTMENTS

All applicants and clients requiring assistance are given an initial appointment to either complete a case and/or pickup their vouchers, however when a client fails to keep their appointment, they may contact the office to be rescheduled for a 2nd appointment. If they fail to keep their 2nd appointment the following course of action will occur:

Applicant:Applicant(s) will be removed from the waiting list.Client:A certified letter will be sent to the client with a final (3rd)
appointment and, if the client does not keep that appointment, no
additional vouchers will be provided, and the case will be closed.
Vouchers that are not picked up within 90 days will be
automatically voided.

16:4 COMBINATIONS OF CARE AND FEES

Clients are allowed to combine care providing the combination amount does not exceed the monthly maximum.

Preschool and aftercare	providing the combined amount does not exceed the maximum of \$300 monthly.
Preschool and summer	providing the combined amount does not exceed the summer maximum of \$310 monthly.
After school and summer	providing the combined amount does not exceed the maximum of \$310 monthly.
Special needs and aftercare	-
Special needs and summer	providing the combined amount does not exceed the maximum of \$375 monthly.

A client is not allowed to receive summer camp rates for preschool or afterschool child(ren) in the care of an informal provider.

A client will not be reimbursed for paying their child care services out-of-pocket, nor is allowed to receive child care services within the same month the payment was made; unless the entire balance for the month was not paid.

Child care assistance is not allowed or will not be provided for a child, while the child is being assisted by another entity such as, but not limited to:

- AmeriCorps
- Early Head Start
- Head Start
- Labor
- Any other organization or establishment that provides grants or child care assistance.

16:5 COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

A client may make a written complaint by completing a Complaint Form when a situation in the facility warrants an investigation to include, but not limited to:

- A provider is not meeting licensing regulation
- Suspicion of abuse and neglect
- Program violation

A provider may make a written complaint by completing a Complaint Form when a situation may warrant an investigation of, but not limited to:

- A client is not meeting her/his child care requirements
- Abuse and neglect
- Program violation
- 1. Complaints must be logged in numerical sequence. The information relative to date, nature of complaint and source (if disclosed or anonymous) is to be recorded by the individual taking the complaint.
- 2. Supervisors will be responsible for assigning investigations.
- 3. Child Care Complaint Report form must be fully completed.
 - One copy will be placed in the appropriate provider record
 - One copy will be place in the Complaint File, a separate record of completed reports

4. Findings and recommendations are transmitted to the Supervisor for disposition.

16:6 COMPLEXITIES

Temporary delays occur due to various reasons, examples follows:

- Age and capacity requirements
- Case not registered in database
- Database inoperable (system malfunction)

- Expired provider agreement
- Facility is temporarily or permanently closed (client may choose another provider)
- Failure to keep appointments (new appointment provided)
- Failure to report changes
- Incomplete case files (pending documents or signature)
- Informal provider has not completed inspection
- Not a proxy (completed proxy form must be in case file) or co-applicant
- Pending documents
- Program violations
- Provider is unlicensed or the license has expired
- Provider has not been selected
- Provider is not listed on licensing listing (regular or summer)
- Provider is not registered with the program
- Proxy did not provide a valid I.D.
- Unavailability of funds

16:7 CONSUMER EDUCATION & INFORMATION

Consumer education and information is provided to clients, providers and the general public by the following mediums:

- Advertisements
- Client handbooks
- Conferences
- Newsletters
- Program brochures
- Provider handbooks
- PSA
- Technical assistance
- Training workshops

16:8 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Any internal or external conflicting or unethical behavior, practices or influences that will compromise and become detrimental to the integrity of the program will not be permitted, such as, but not limited to:

Exhibiting preferential treatment Exhibiting favoritism Expediting or circumventing the normal business practice

to family, friend or co-workers when seeking or receiving child care services, and any other compromising integrity characteristics, actions or activity that would appear compromising in nature and be demonstrated as unfair and unethical business practices on behalf of the program.

Child Care Specialist may not determine eligibility or recertify cases for family members (parents, children or other immediate relative) needing child care services. Those cases will be referred to and determined by either the Child Care Specialist located on the opposite island or be completed by the supervisor. If either person is unavailable the case will be completed and submitted to the supervisor for evaluation, review and signature.

16:9 CO-PAYMENTS & OUTSTANDING BALANCES

Clients are responsible for paying their co-payments and tuition balances (if applicable) to the provider. If a client fails to pay their co-payment or outstanding tuition balances after 60 days, from a previous or current provider, no future voucher will be issued until the outstanding balances are paid in full. A receipt or written document from the previous or current provider will be accepted as proof that the outstanding balance has been paid in full.

16:10 DISCOUNTS

If a provider allows discount fees for multiple child(ren) residing in the same household, the case file and voucher(s) will reflect lower fees for the child or children receiving services.

16:11 FAILURE TO REPORT CHANGES

Failure to report changes may result in a program violation which may case:

- Case closure
- Delay of services
- Program violation
- Reduction of subsidy amount
- Other program violations (see Program Integrity)

16:12 GRACE PERIODS

A grace period consists of 2 months of consecutive allowance of continued child care services, due to client temporary disruption or interruption of existing activities to include:

- Client completed course study
- Displaced worker (company closure)
- Economic slowdown or reduction in work hours (under 30 hrs.)
- Maternity and Military Leave
- School close for summer vacation

- Terminated worker
- Seasonal workers

The grace period allows for the client to seek another activity within a 2 months period while the child is being cared for. If another activity is not secured within the grace period, the case will be closed. However, if a client voluntarily stops attending school or work, the 2 months grace period will not be granted.

16:13 INACTIVE CASES

A case that remains incomplete, pending, and not recertified for more than 60 days consecutively is subject to close. However, if written documentation regarding medical or other emergency is provided, the case will remain open for an additional 30 days, prior to closing.

Case that are inactive for the summer months, June, July and August can remain inactive until the beginning of the new school year; however when the school year begins and the case remains inactive for the month, the case will be automatically closed.

16:14 LIST GENERATIONS

During the FY, Child Care Specialist must compile and maintain an unduplicated list of participants that receive child care services.

- Clients
- Children (age category)
- Providers
- Waiting list

16:15 MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE FEES

Fees cannot exceed the maximum allow as established by the Department. The following fees are provided under the established amount based on age:

Infants (birth -2)	\$300.00 per month
Preschool (2-4)	\$300.00 per month
School Age/After school (5-12)	\$150.00 per month
Special Needs (birth – 19)	\$375.00 per month
Summer Camp (3-13)	\$310.00 per month

16:16 PROVIDER CARE TYPES

The following care types are generally used and recognized for ACF's reporting purposes.

- **Child's Home** Care provided by a caregiver in the child's own home.
- **Family Home** Care provided in the family home of the provider (i.e., care provided by an individual by an individual in their own private residence). Generally, family home care is provided only to a limited number of children at any one time.
- **Group Home** Care provider in the family home of the provider with the assistance of at least one additional hired staff member. Group homes can provide services to a larger number of children at any one time.
- **Center-Based** Care provided in a center-based setting, including programs in school or churches.
- **Relative Care** Care provided by a grandparent, great-grandparent, aunt or uncle, or sibling (living outside of the child's home) of the child by cared for.

In addition, for ACF 800 reporting purposes the following are two type of child care setting:

Legally operating, unregulated provider is a provider that, if not participating in the Subsidy, Resource & Referral program, would not be subjected to any state or local child care regulations.

Licensed or regulated provider are legally regulated or licensed by State designated licensing agent.

16:17 PROVIDER CHOICES

- **Day Care** A facility which provides care for 3 or more children that is not related to each other from birth to 14 years of age for any part of a 24-hour day.
- **Preschool** A facility which provides care for more than 12 children between the ages of 2 and 14 years of age for less than 24 hours a day, whether under some other descriptive name such as "nursery", "preschool", "pre-kindergarten", "after-school center", "drop-in center", or "child development center", whether or not the facility is operated for profit.
- **Group Home** A facility which provides care for 7 to 12 children under 14 years of age for less than 24 hours a day whether or not the facility is operated for profit.

- **Family Home** A facility which provides care for not less than 3 and no more than 6 children under 14 years of age for less than 24 hours a day whether or not the facility is operated for profit.
- After School A programs held outside of a regular school day for children ages 5 to 14 years that are developmentally appropriate that include but are not limited to:
 - Academic enrichment
 - Personal growth
 - Cultural activities
 - Recreational activities
 - Sports and fitness activities

Informal Care A residential structure or the child's residence where child care services is being provided by a relative or friend for children between birth to 12 years.

Summer Camps A license recreational, educational, and cultural program conducted in the summer, for three or less months.

16:18 PROVIDER COMBINATIONS

Clients are allowed to receive combined services from multiple providers; as long as the providers has not delivered services within the same period of time and the combined totals do not exceed the monthly maximum.

- Center base center base setting (interchangeably)
- Center base informal setting (interchangeably)
- Center base summer camp (interchangeably)
- Informal setting summer camp (interchangeably)

16:19 **PROXY**

A client or provider must authorize a proxy to receive voucher(s) or check(s), on their behalf by completing a proxy form. A proxy or authorized representative must be 18 years or older and is only authorized to sign for receiving voucher(s) or check(s) with a valid picture identification.

A proxy can receive or submit documents and forms on behalf of the client or provider.

A maximum of two proxies are allowed for receiving voucher(s) or check(s) on behalf of each client or provider. The initial proxy information will be is keyed into the Child Care System, and the both forms will be placed in individual files.

If a client change proxy, an adjustment will be made in the Child Care System to reflect the new proxy.

A proxy is unauthorized to perform the following:

- Complete a case file
- Receive vouchers or check(s) on behalf of more than two families or provider(s)
- Receive a check (without written authorization)
- Request information from case file (without written authorization)
- Sign a voucher (without written authorization)

16:20 RE-APPLY

An applicant or client may re-apply if:

- An applicant or client fails to keep three consecutive appointments.
- An applicant or client fails to respond to the certified mailed appoint (expect if someone else signature the certify slip.)
- An applicant or client does not 30 hours or are ineligible and their family circumstances change.

16:21 RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Releasing information for clients will only be provided to governmental of federal entities with a written authorization or Consent for the Release of Information.

General information for providers such as; location, phone number, monthly tuition payment, ages, and any other general published information will be release to the general public.

Client information will not be provided over the phone or in person to family, friend or co-workers unless a written request is provided by the client to release the requested information.

Exception: Specific information pertaining to the status of a case can be provided to a provider, upon the provider request, such as:

If the case is active or inactive If the client is eligible to receive services The client voucher status

16:22 SECURITY MEASURES

In an effort to maintain confidentiality and security, the following precautionary measures are necessary:

- Lock all clients and providers case (active, close, pending, incomplete and over qualify).
- Provide confidentiality at all times.
- Secure clients and providers documents.
- Secure individual user name and password.
- Secure unattended cases.
- Unauthorized access is prohibited to clients or providers files.

16:23 SUMMER ONLY

Summer camp assistance is provided to eligible families with child (ren), between the ages of 3 to 12 years who meet the criteria for summer only for a period of 3 months (June-August). After the 3 months summer assistance the client case file will be closed.

Clients or applicants can receive summer assistance for:

- One additional child for existing clients.
- Two children for applicants not on the program.

Additionally, summer only applicants receiving summer assistance is exempted from providing child support information.

Operators of summer camp are requested to submit a flyer or written correspondence, to the office indicating the following:

- Address mailing & physical
- Ages serving
- Duration of camp (starting & ending date)
- Name of facility
- Phone number
- Provider Agreement Authorization for Payment (only for summer camps not on the program year-round)
- Summer fee (must indicate whether weekly, bi-weekly monthly, entire summer, etc.)
- Any other requested documents

A client may choose to send child(ren) to another island within the territory for summer, and a voucher can be printed on the island where the client resides for a provider in another island.

The Provider Agreement – Authorization for Payment information (if on file) would be sent from the island of choice, to the island where the client reside to be entered in the Child Care System for vouchers to be printed.

In the event a parent chooses to use an informal provider for the summer, the informal provider would only receive preschool or afterschool rates.

SECTION 17

ALTERNATIVE MEASURES

In order to maintain clear objectives, direction and minimize service delays, the following alternative measures will be practiced to continue operational flow:

17:1 ALTERNATIVE TO PROCESSING APPLICATION

In the event a Child Care Specialist is out of the office for an extended or indefinite period of time, the Child Care Specialist on the other island will complete and recertify cases to avoid lapses in service by:

- Accessing the inter-island Child Care System;
- Completing the case;
- Faxing or e-mailing application to the Processing Coordinator;
- Allowing parents to provide pertinent documents and sign the application.
- Printing the voucher by the Processing Coordinator.

If the Child Care System is unavailable the Child Care Specialist may travel to the opposite island to complete the cases.

17:2 ALTERNATIVES TO PRINTING & PROCESSING VOUCHERS

In the event a Processing Coordinator is out of the office for an extended or indefinite period of time, the Processing Coordinator on the other island will print and/or process vouchers to avoid lapses in service by:

- Accessing the inter-island Child Care System;
- Printing the vouchers/or processing payments.

17:3 ALTERNATIVES TO VOIDING VOUCHERS

In the event the Program Director is out of the office for an extended or indefinite period of time, a designed person would be authorized to void vouchers to ensure services are continued without interruption.

In the event that either the Child Care Specialist or Processing Coordinator is unavailable for an extended period of time, the Program Director will assist accordingly or designate another staff person.

17:4 SYSTEM FAILURE OR POWER OUTAGES

In the event there is a system failure or power outage, a client providing documents for eligibility determination or recertification or receiving vouchers will be rescheduled.

SECTION 18 PROGRAM INTEGRITY

18:1 IMPROPER PAYMENTS

BACKGROUND

In an effort to reduce improper payments and fraud, the Administration has emphasized that efforts must be undertaken with consideration for impacts on eligible families seeking benefits. In November 2009, the President issued Executive Order 13520, which outlines the importance of reducing improper payments in Federal programs while protecting access to programs by their intended beneficiaries.

OVERVIEW

The Subsidy, Resource & Referral program has the responsibility to meet regulatory requirements to support program integrity and financial accountability to prevent fraud, waste and abuse and correct improper child care payments, establish policies to collect overpayments, and determine case warranting further investigation of possible fraud. The improper payment process encompasses all child care services administered.

18:2 PROGRAM VIOLATIONS

amount of subsidy payment to client or provider.

Any client or provider suspected of a program violation will be investigated and all steps would be taken to recover any payments or overpayments for which the client or provider was not eligible to receive.

18:3 ERRORS

An error consists of any program violations or dishonest use of program funds, even if the violation results in the improper authorization of payment.

18:3-A INADVERTENT ERRORS

An overpayment results from a misunderstanding or unintended error on the part of a client or provider.

18:3-B IMPROPER AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT

An amount authorized for payment during the eligibility or recertification period, which should not have been authorized.

18:3-C UNDERAUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT

An improper authorization under the amount established or less than the amount that should have been authorized.

18:3-D OVERAUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT

An improper authorization in the excess of the amount established or is authorized to receive.

18:4 RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIVISION STAFF

The division staff is responsible to report all incidences of possible or actual program violations or errors by clients or providers in writing or by using the complaint form and submit to their immediate supervisor for further investigation.

18:5 IMPROPER PAYMENT REFERRAL DOCUMENTATION

All improper payment will be referred to the immediate supervisor or designee for further investigation. Documentation must be provided in writing and accompanied by all supporting documentation showing that an improper payment occurred.

18:6 IMPROPER PAYMENT REFERRAL PROCESSING

All documented improper payment referrals will be investigated by the supervisor or designee. Once the improper payment has been substantiated the supervisor will notify the parties involved that an improper payment occurred and arrange a repayment or recoupment plan; however, if an improper payment has not been substantiated the finding will be documented in the file.

18:7 FRAUD

A false representation of a matter of fact, by words, conduct, false or misleading allegations, or by concealment of what should have been disclosed for the purpose of deceiving and intention to deceive the child care program.

18:7-A CLIENT FRAUD

- Collusion with the child care provider to receive child care benefits for which the client was not eligible to receive.
- Intentionally concealing income used for determining eligibility.
- Submitting false and misleading information or documents that, if known may result in the decrease or disqualification of receiving child care benefits.

- Concealing child care needs, based on changes that have affected the client circumstances, that if known would decrease or discontinue child care benefits.
- Intentionally withholding or incorrectly reporting household size to receive child care benefits or by adding minor relatives to household size in an effort to become eligible to receive child care benefits.
- Intentionally not attending an activity or reporting changes, while continuing to receive benefits after exceeding the allowable grace period, that if known would discontinue or disqualify child care benefits.
- Receiving child care benefits for a child who do not reside in the household, temporarily or permanently relocated or is residing with another relative or family member.
- Intentionally exchanging a child who is receiving care services for a child who is not receiving child care services, ex: Exchanging a younger child in place of an older sibling who is receiving the maximum child care benefit.
- Intentionally concealing child support benefits to become eligible to receive child care benefits, that if reported would decreased child care benefits or overqualified client.
- Intentionally leaving a child receiving child care benefits in the care of someone else who is not paid to care for the child.
- Intentionally or willfully forging signatures on documents, vouchers and any other correspondences.
- Intentionally giving a child to a working relative or other person in an effort to receive child care benefits, while the parent(s) is not working or attending an activity.
- Intentionally concealing the child's parent who resides in the same household of the child and client, who has income, which may decrease or disqualify client from receiving child care services.
- Posing as a fictitious parent, claiming fictitious child(ren) or using fictitious document to receive child care benefits.
- Intentionally accepting vouchers for decease children.

18:7-B PROVIDER FRAUD

- Collusion with client to receive child care benefits for which the client is not attending work, school or other component.
- Accepting vouchers for children who are not attending the facility.
- Collecting full out-of-pocket payment from client, plus receiving a full or partial amount on vouchers to make up the difference in provider cost for the month.
- Submitting false attendance certificate, knowing that a child did not receive services.
- Receiving child care payment, while the child is being cared for by another provider, family member or friend.
- Accepting child care services for a child from more than one source: ex: AmeriCorps, Labor, military, a grant, directly from the child's parent or family member, or any other sources.

- Intentionally exchanging child care services for a child who is not receiving child care services, ex: Exchanging the younger child in place of an older sibling that is receiving the maximum child care fee.
- Intentionally submitted voucher payments', knowing the child has aged out of the facility based on the license requirement.
- Charging various monthly fees for children in the same age group, who are attending the same hours; except for a special needs child.
- Intentionally or willfully forging signatures on documents, vouchers and any other correspondences.
- Intentionally submitting vouchers payments for decease children.

18:8 INTERNAL AUDITS

Random and planned internal audits will periodically be conducted to ensure appropriate verification, accountability and monitoring to ensure programs integrity.

18:9 REPAYMENT

The client or provider will repay all ineligible funds receive from the Subsidy, Resource & Referral program.

18:9-A CLIENTS

Clients who have defrauded the child care program will be responsible to repay the program the sum equal to the overpayment.

- If the client is an active participant in the program, the next issue voucher will be reduced to reflect the amount overpaid until the overpayment amount is paid in full.
- A client will be disallowed to receive vouchers for several months to total the amount overpaid. Ex: If a client is overpaid \$900.00 the client will be disallowed to receive child care assistance for 3 consecutive months to exhaust the overpaid amount, if the client is receiving the maximum of \$300 monthly.
- If the client is no longer receiving child care assistance, the former client will be notified by certified letter of the overpayment and be held responsible to repay the child care program by installments or in full, in the form of a money order, cash or certified check.

18:9-B PROVIDERS

Providers who have defrauded the child care program will be responsible to repay the program the sum equal to the overpayment.

• If the provider is an active participant of the program, the next check or direct deposit payment will be adjusted to reflect the amount of overpayment, until the

amount is paid in full. Ex: If a provider has a check for \$1,000 and is overpaid \$500, the check will be reduced to reflect the \$500 overpayment.

- The provider may opt to repay by money order, cash or certified check.
- If the provider is no longer an active participant in the program, the provider will be notified of the overpayment and be responsible to repay the child care program by installments or in full, in the form of money order, cash or certified check.

18:10 INTENTIONAL PROGRAM VIOLATIONS

An intentional act by knowingly and/ or willfully giving false or misleading information, misrepresented, concealed or withheld facts with the intention of receiving child care benefits that should have not been eligible to receive. The following list may contain reciprocated characteristics as mentioned in fraud and that is not all inclusive.

18:10-A CLIENTS

- Intentionally receiving child care benefits for a child, whose other biological parent is residing in the same household and is not working or attending any activity.
- Intentionally providing false information, to be considered a priority needs in an attempt to receive expedited child care benefits.
- Intentionally using vouchers to hold a space for child until the child is ready to attend the facility.
- Intentionally refusing to provide requested documents.

18:10-B PROVIDERS

- Intentionally accepting children under or over the license requirement.
- Intentionally accepting vouchers for a child who is not attending aftercare or afterschool program or intentionally accepting an afterschool or aftercare vouchers to off-set the child's preschool monthly tuition.
- Intentionally receiving vouchers without a valid license.
- Intentionally refusing to provide requested documents.
- Intentionally accepting a child in an over capacitated facility or at-home setting.
- Intentionally verbally expressing or physically exhibiting physical mistreatment or abuse in the presence or close proximity of children in care.
- Provider lives in the same household as the child and, or client.
- Intentionally endangering the health and safety of a child.
- Intentionally caring for more children at-home than is allowed at any given time.

18:11 LEGAL ACTION

All legal actions will be referred to the department's legal counsel for legal advisement and direction, on a case by case basis.

18:12 COLLECTIONS METHODS

The following collection methods will be used to recoup payments owed to the program:

- Voluntary payment arrangements
- Court ordered repayment
- Tax refund interception
- Wage garnishment
- Referral to a collection agency

18:13 DISQUALIFICATION

Inadvertent error will receive a written warning and is responsible to repay any overpayments.

Based on the nature and severity of the intentional program violation or fraud, deferment (suspension) from the program will be administered for a specific period of time:

- 1st offense 3 months deferment
- 2^{nd} offense 6 months deferment
- 3rd offense Permanent disqualification

18:13-A DISALLOWANCES

A client or provider will be disbarred indefinitely, from receiving child care benefits if they are found guilty of the following:

- Conviction of fraud
- Found liable civilly liable for fraud
- Forgery to receive money under false pretense
- Fail to comply with repayment
- Illegal business practices

SECTION 19 DEFINITIONS

Adult - A person 18 years of age or older.

After school or After care – Providing care before and after regular school hours.

Age Category – A category of ages: infant (0-2) preschool (2-4) afterschool (5-12), summer (3-12) special need (0-19)

Appeal – A written request seeking a hearing to review an adverse action.

Applicant – A person who apply for services on behalf of the child (ren) for which they have physical custody. The applicant must be age 18 or over unless the applicant is married, and emancipated minor, or a minor parent.

Appointment Card – A CCDF administered card used for providing schedule appointment for receiving vouchers.

Attendance Certificate – A duplicated form listing the attendance of a child (ren) receiving services for a specific period.

Authorized Representative – A person authorize to conduct specific business, on behalf of someone else.

Auto Void – Automatic voiding of voucher, over 90 days of service by the Child Care System.

Blocked hours based on attendance – The hours of care is reflected based on blocked hours associated with the days the child actually received care.

Case Number – An individual system generated unique identifying number assigned to a client or provider for receiving services.

Categories of Care – Types of child care setting includes: center base, child care home, and in-home care.

Change of Provider – A choice of changing one child care provider for another.

Child – An individual under eighteen (18) years of age, including children emancipated at fourteen (14) years of age or above.

Child Support – Support from absent parent in the form of monetary or value of purchased items.

Child With Special Needs - A child who has been professional diagnose with a disability.

Child Care & Development Fund – A program authorized by Congress through the U.S. Department Block Grant to have one single, integrated child care funding system to assist low-income families through subsidized child care and to increase the availability and quality of child care services.

Citizen – A citizen of the United States or a qualified permanent resident.

Client – A person in recipient of child care services.

Co-Applicant - A person who applies with the client or is counted as a spouse or significant other in the household to determine eligibility. The co-applicant can provide information and recertify the case with the client written consent.

Co-Pay – The cost sharing portion paid by client to the provider for child care per child, which is calculated using the child care eligibility determination and sliding fee scale.

Custody- Providing care and supervision of a minor through formal agreement, such as: Divorce decree, guardianship, foster placement, or power of attorney.

Date of Application – The date the client signs the application.

Double Household – The number of adults residing in the household that are legally and financially responsible for the child's care.

Education and Training – A needs category used for determining eligibility to include school, college or a job-training program, full or part-time.

Eligible - An individual or family meets the criteria for receiving services.

Eligibility Determination – The procedure used to determine client eligibility. The determination is based on the need for service and variables of family size and income.

Eligibility Period – The period of time a client is eligible to receive services.

Family – A combination of one or more adults and children related by blood or law, or other person standing in loco parentis, residing in the same household.

Family Size – A family composition consisting of a parent, and or spouse, and all their dependent children under 18 years of age (related by blood, marriage, adoption, or guardianship) who reside in the same household.

Foster Parent – An individual who provides care and supervision as substitute family on a 24 hrs. basis, to a child who is deemed a ward of the DHS.

Fraud – An act perpetrated by making a false statement and/or withholding information with deceitful intent to obtain or attempts to receive assistance or payment for which he/she is not eligible.

Grace Period – An allowance of two consecutive months of continued child care subsidy in the event of an inactivity.

Gross Family Income – Total income from all countable sources prior to taxes and deductions.

Income Eligible – Applicants who are financially eligible for services based on the current poverty level for a specific family size.

Infant – A child between the ages of birth to 24 months.

Informal Provider - An individual who is 18 years of ages, who provides child care services in a residential structure, or the child residence, but not residing in the same household of the client and/or child.

Invoice – A document listing the itemize names of children for which child care services was rendered for a specific period of time and monthly charge.

Intake client – A client referred by the Office of Intake & Emergency Services, who may be at risk of losing their children due to abuse and neglect.

JOBS client – A client referred by the JOBS program, who are attending an activity and is in need of child care services.

Licensed Provider – A provider with a valid license that meets the legal requirement of the territory (DHS- OCCRS) to provide child care services.

Monthly Report – A report consisting of the total child care services provided for the month.

Narrative – A document used to record clients contact and other information that is not found elsewhere in the case record.

Overpayment – Payments in excess of the allowable amount.

Parent – A person related to the eligible child by blood, marriage, or adoption including a legal guardian or other person standing in loco parentis (in the place of a parent).

Parental Choice – A federal requirement requiring a client choice of child care arrangement from a variety of licensed or registered providers.

Preliminary Application – The initial form completed by a prospective applicant to determine eligibility.

Provider Agreement – Authorization for Payment – An agreement between the SR&R program and the provider consisting of terms and obligations for receiving payment.

Protective Services – Services provided by the agency to protect children from abuse, neglect or exploitation.

Proxy – A person authorized to receive vouchers on the behalf of a client.

Recertification - The process required for determining whether a client still meets the eligibility for receiving child care services.

Recertification Period – A specific period of time required to recertify a case, to determine if eligibility is still met for receiving services.

Referral – A written interagency request for child care services.

Regular – A term used to distinguish child care applicants or clients based on eligibility factors established by the program.

Reschedule – A new appointment date given after the initial scheduled appointment date was missed.

Resolution – The act of resolving or determining upon an action, or course of action, method, procedure, etc. (An authorization giving an individual or an organization authority to conduct business in their best interest.)

Sanction – A penalty imposed when services is fraudulently obtained.

Single Parent – A parent raising a child without any other biological parent or stepparent residing in the home.

Sliding Fee Scale – A cost sharing system based on 85% median income and family size.

Subsidy Begin Date – The date a client is eligible to begin receiving child care services. The begin date may not be backdated to the previous month; however, it may cover a portion of the cost for the month.

Subsidy End Date – The date child care services ends.

Summer Camp – A license recreational, educational, and cultural program conducted in the summer, for three or less months.

Summer Only – Assistance provided for summer only from June – August.

Teen (Minor) Parent – A minor who is attending junior or high school, under the age of 19.

Verification – The confirmation of facts and information used in determining eligibility, and the amount of the subsidy through the use of written documentation and information obtained from reliable sources, such as: SNAP, their employer, Paternity & Child Support.

Very Low Income – An applicant or client whose gross income is below the media poverty level between.

Voucher – A monetary substitute used for paying child care services, for a specific child, provider, period and dollar amount.

Voided Voucher – The voluntary termination of voucher, no longer valid for services.

Volunteer – Services performed willingly without any form of compensation.

Voucher End Date – The date no longer valid for provider reimbursement.

Update – The process by which a periodic review is conducted on an applicant, client or provider.

Waiting List – A list generated from preliminarily application, completed by applicants who meet the financial eligibility and declare a service need, but funding is unavailable.

Week – The days between Sunday through Saturday.

Working – A person receiving wages or salary for performing services for 30 or more hours.

SECTION 20

REVISED SLIDING FEE SCALE

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States Subsidy, Resource & Referral Program Revised Sliding Fee Scale

Sliding Fee Scale (Revised) - Family Size

4 - Wee	ek Co-	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
paymen	nt Rate									
\$-	0	\$23,354	\$26,373	\$29,392	\$32,411	\$35,430	\$38,449	\$41,468	\$44,487	\$47,506
\$	4.00	\$23,854	\$26,848	\$29,842	\$32,836	\$35,830	\$38,824	\$41,818	\$44,812	\$47,806
\$	4.00	\$24,354	\$27,323	\$30,292	\$33,261	\$36,230	\$39,199	\$42,168	\$45,137	\$48,106
\$	5.00	\$24,854	\$27,798	\$30,742	\$33,686	\$36,630	\$39,574	\$42,518	\$45,462	\$48,406
\$	5.00	\$25,354	\$28,273	\$31,192	\$34,111	\$37,030	\$39,949	\$42,868	\$45,787	\$48,706
\$	6.00	\$25,854	\$28,748	\$31,642	\$34,536	\$37,430	\$40,324	\$43,218	\$46,112	\$49,006
\$	6.00	\$26,354	\$29,223	\$32,092	\$34,961	\$37,830	\$40,699	\$43,568	\$46,437	\$49,306
\$	7.00	\$26,854	\$29,698	\$32,542	\$35,386	\$38,230	\$41,074	\$43,918	\$46,762	\$49,606
\$	7.00	\$27,354	\$30,173	\$32,992	\$35,811	\$38,630	\$41,449	\$44,268	\$47,087	\$49,906
\$	8.00	\$27,854	\$30,648	\$33,442	\$36,236	\$39,030	\$41,824	\$44,618	\$47,412	\$50,206
\$	8.00	\$28,354	\$31,123	\$34,892	\$36,661	\$39,430	\$42,199	\$44,968	\$47,737	\$50,506
\$	9.00	\$28,854	\$31,598	\$34,342	\$37,086	\$39,830	\$42,574	\$45,318	\$48,062	\$50,806
\$	9.00	\$29,354	\$32,073	\$34,792	\$37,511	\$40,230	\$42,949	\$45,668	\$48,387	\$51,106
\$ 1	0.00	\$29,854	\$32,548	\$35,242	\$37,936	\$40,630	\$43,324	\$46,018	\$48,712	\$51,406
\$ 1	0.00	\$30,354	\$33,023	\$35,692	\$38,361	\$41,030	\$43,699	\$46,368	\$49,037	\$51,706

Add \$3, 140 for each additional family member.

Agency Payment Rate					
Infant	\$300.00				
Toddlers	\$300.00				
Preschooler	\$300.00				
Before/After School	\$150.00				
Summer Camps	\$310.00				
Special Needs	\$375.00				

Family Size	Annual, Inc.	85%	Monthly Inc.	85%
2	\$35,711.00	\$30,354.35	\$2,975.91	\$2,529.52
3	\$38,851.00	\$33,023.35	\$3,237.58	\$2,751.94
4	\$41,991.00	\$35,692.35	\$3,499.25	\$2,974.36
5	\$45,131.00	\$38,361.35	\$3,760.91	\$3,196.77
6	\$48,271.00	\$41,030.35	\$4,022.58	\$3,419.19
7	\$51,411.00	\$43,699.35	\$4,284.25	\$3,641.61
8	\$54,551.00	\$46,368.35	\$4,545.91	\$3,864.02
9	\$57,691.00	\$49,037.35	\$4,807.58	\$4,086.44

Effective October 2011 - 85% SMI (state median income) (35,711 Annual Income provided by the Bureau of Economic Development 2010)

SECTION 21

FORMS & LETTERS

21:1 STAFF LETTERS & FORMS

Required letters and forms to be used by staff

- 21:1-A Check List for Child Care Cases
- 21:1-B Check Pickup Log
- 21:1-C Eligibility Determination
- 21:1-D Inter-Office Request
- 21:1-E Monthly Report (SR&R)
- 21:1-F Monthly Report Worksheet (SR&R)
- 21:1-G Narrative Sheet
- 21:1-H Transmittal
- 21:1-I Voucher Log

CHECK LIST FOR SUBSIDY, RESOURCE & REFERRAL CASES

- ____ Application
- ____ Birth Certificate(s) (legal children birth or court ordered)
- ____ Change in provider Form (if parent changes provider)
- ____ Consent for Release of Information
- ____ Death Certificate
- ____ Documentation from Justice Department, if a parent is incarcerated
- ____ Eligibility Determination
- ____ If self-employed current tax forms
- ____ Immunization Card(s) or Exemption letter (children on the program)
- ____ Income Verification and two last check stubs
- ____ Letter of school enrollment, UVI or training program (if applicable) if working also provide income
- ____ Letter of guardianship (legal documents, only)
- ____ Medical Documents (special needs)
- ____ Narrative Form
- ____ Parent/Agency Agreement Form Signed
- ____ Parent who provides voluntary support, (notarized letter stating monthly support)
- ____ Photo ID
- ____ Proxy Form (authorizing someone else to pick up vouchers)
- ____ Referral Forms (Foster Care, Protective Services, JOBS, Intake, or Intervention)
- ____ Social Security Card(s) (parent, legal children birth or court ordered)
- ____ Support Information from Paternity & Child Support



Center/Provider Name	Qty of Checks	Available Check Date	Pickup Date	Print Name	Signature

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ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION SCHEDULE

Parent Name:			
Family Income:			
Child Support:			
Add lines 2 & 3 (Total I	ncome)		
No. of Persons in Family	y:		
Co-payment per child		per month.	
Child's Name	D.O.B.	Provider	Monthly Fee
Child's Name	D.O.B.	Provider	Monthly Fee
Child's Name	D.O.B.	Provider	Month Fee
Eligibility Period:			
Beginning Date:		_Ending Date:	



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INTER-OFFICE REQUEST

From:	Received By:
Date:	Received Date :
То:	Assigned To:
	Assigned Date:
	Type of Request
☐ Add fees □	□ Close provider(s) □ Summer listings
	7 Licensing period (from - to) □ Updated listing
\square Capacity \square	
\square Change fee(s) \square	8

OFFICE OF CHILD CARE & REGULATORY SERVICES SUBSIDY, RESOURCE & REFERRAL MONTHLY REPORT

NAME: DISTRICT: St. Croix				DATE: December 16, 2016 Month: November 2016					
PROFILE	CHILDREN		NEW		CLOSE				
	Reg.	Jobs	Total	Reg.	Jobs	Total	Reg.	Jobs	Total
Infants									
Preschoolers									
After-schools									
Special Needs									
TOTAL CHILDREN									
Single Mothers									
Single Fathers									
Teen Parents									
Married									
TOTAL									
Working									
Ed. Program									
Protective Services									
Foster Care									
Intake									
TOTAL FAMILIES									

Month:_____ Year:_____ Status _____ # Client Name Status Infant Preschool Afterschool Special Total Needs

Families	Activity	Children
SM	Edu	Inf
SF	Work	Pre
Teen	PS	Aft
Mar	FP	SP
Totals		

NARRATIVE SHEET

CLIENT NAME:	DATE:
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TRANSMITTAL

From:	Received By:
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Date:	Received Date:
То:	Assigned To:
Transmitted Document(s):	Assigned Date:
□ For approval	
\square For your Information & Files	
\square For distribution	
☐ For your request	
☐ For your signature	
□ Other	
Transn	nitted To:

Business Office	
Commissioner Office	-
Property & Procurement	-
OCCRS	-
Other	-
	-

VOUCHER LOG

Department of Human Services Subsidy, Resource & Referral Program Provider Voucher Log				
Provider's			U	
Date	Child(ren) Name	Voucher Number	Subsidy Amount	Signature

21:2 CLIENT LETTER & FORMS

Required letters and forms to be used by staff

- 21:2-A Application (system generated)
- 21:2-B Appointment Letters (Reg. & Summer Only)
- 21:2-C Case Exchange Request
- 21:2-D Change of Provider
- 21:2-E Change of Status
- 21:2-F Child Care Preliminary Application (English, Spanish &
 - Summer)
- 21:2-G Child Care Verification
- 21:2-H Consent for the Release of Information
- 21:2-I Final Notice
- 21:2-J Income Verification
- 21:2-K Ineligibility Notice
- 21:2-L Notice of Pending Documents
- 21:2-M Notice of Subsidy Change
- 21:2-N Parent Agreement
- 21:2-O Paternity & Child Support
- 21:2-P Proxy
- 21:2-Q Recertification Notice
- 21:2-R Referrals (Jobs & Intake/Intervention)
- 21:2-S Transfer Request
- 21:2-T Verification of Support
- 21:2-U Voucher Appointment Card Replacement
- 21:2-V Voucher to be Void

#A A	Department of Human Services	For Office Use Only []Foster Parent []Protective Services []Teen Parent (In the case of a teen applicant the custodia
File No	Child Care Subsidy Application	parent becomes the co-applicant)
Applicants: Family Size:	_ Co-Applicant:	
Name:	Name:	
Date of Birth: / /	Date of Birth: / /	
Social Security No:	Social Security No: -	-
Telephone (H): () -	Telephone (H): () -	
Telephone (W): () -	Telephone (W): ()	
Primany Address Physical:		
Primary Address Mailing:		
Co Address Mailing:		
	Source of Income:	
Employment (including self-employment) [-	
	Annua	Income:
Address:	Annual	
Address:		Income
FANF:[] Social Security:[]	Pension:[] Child	Support:[]
	activity):[]	
List Dependent	Children In Need of the Child Care Subs	idy:
		ici y :
Child's Name:	Child's Name:	
Date of Birth: / /	Date of Birth: / /	
Date of Birth: / / Social Security No:	Date of Birth: / / Social Security No: -	-
	Social Security No: -	
Social Security No:	Social Security No: -	
Social Security No: Provider:	Social Security No: -	
Social Security No: Provider: Child's Name:	Social Security No: - Provider: Child's Name:	
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File No.____

Child's Name:	Child's Name:
Date of Birth: / /	Date of Birth: / /
Social Security No:	Social Security No:
Provider:	Provider:
Child's Name:	Child's Name:
Date of Birth: / /	Date of Birth: / /
Social Security No:	Social Security No:
Provider:	Provider:
Child's Name:	Child's Name:
Date of Birth: / /	Date of Birth: / /
Social Security No:	Social Security No:
Provider:	Provider:
Child's Name:	Child's Name:
Date of Birth: / /	Date of Birth: / /
Social Security No:	Social Security No:
Provider:	Provider:

STANDARDS OF PARTICIPATION IN THE CHILD CARE PROGRAM ARE THE SAME FOR EVERYONE WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, GENDER, RELIGION, AGE, DISABILITY, OR POLITICAL BELIEFS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, MARITAL OR FAMILY STATUS. IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST, WRITE IMMEDIATELY TO DIRECTOR CHILD CARE AND REGULATORY SERVICES PROGRAM, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, KNUD HANSEN COMPLEX, 1303 HOSPITAL GROUND, ST. THOMAS, VI 00802.

Certification: I, hereby, certify that the above information is correct and true. I understand that this information will be verified by an employee of the Department of Human Services. I also understand that deliberate false information will result in the disapproval of my application.

Signature/Applicant

Date

Signature/Co-Applicant

Date



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APPOINTMENT LETTER

Date:_____

Dear Applicant;

Thank you for your interest in the Child Care and Regulatory Services program. An appointment has been scheduled for you on _______at _____. You must bring with you all applicable documents from the list below to your appointment.

- 1. Birth Certificates (household)
- 2. Immunization card or Exemption letter (only child(ren) needing assistance).
- 3. Income Tax Return (current) if self-employed.
- 4. Income Verification (attached) completed & signed by your employer or HR office) & two last check stubs.
- 5. Letter of enrollment from school or training program (if applicable)
- 6. Paternity & Child Support documents or check stubs, if absent parent is not supporting, (A case must be filed at Paternity and Child Support if not supporting voluntarily).
- 7. Photo ID
- 8. Provider of choice.
- 9. Social Security Cards (household) optional
- 10. Support information from absent parent (letter must be notarized).

Please make every effort to keep your appointment. Failure to keep the appointment will result in your name being immediately removed from our Waiting List. If you have any questions, please contact the office at phone number listed above.



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SUMMER ONLY APPOINTMENT

Date: _____

Thank you for your interest in the summer assistance program. The Subsidy, Resource & Referral program will assist you for **summer only**.

The following documents must be provided with your appointment.

Income Verification (completed and signed by your employer or HR department) and last two check stubs;

Birth Certificate(s) – household;

Immunization or exemption letter;

Photo Identification;

Social Security Card(s) household - optional;

Summer Camp Information

Appointment Date:______at____

If you are unable to keep your scheduled appointment, please contact the office to be rescheduled. If you have any questions, you may contact the office at the phone number listed above.

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CASE EXCHANGE REQUEST

I, ______case #______authorize______, as my temporary \Box permanent \Box , representative to conduct business to include recertify and sign documents and perform other duties on my behalf while I am away from the Virgin Islands, for the purpose listed below:

- Attending School

 Economic Reason

 Medical Emergency

 Military Duty
- Other (specify)

My authorized representative will provide a legal document and other documents required for eligibility determination in order to continue receiving child care assistance.

Client Name & Date

Child Care Specialist & Date



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CHANGE IN PROVIDER

TO BE COMPLETED BY	CURRENT PR	OVIDER:		
NAME OF PROVIDER				
NAME OF CHILD(REN):				
IS PARENT ACCOUNT CU	JRRENT?	YES		NO
WERE YOU NOTIFIED OF	THE PARENT	INTENT TO CH	ANGE?:	DATE:
DIRECTOR SIGNATURE:			DATE:	
TO BE COMPLETED BY	PARENT:			
NAME OF PARENT:				
NAME OF NEW PROVIDE				
WAS PROVIDER NOTIFIE	D OF YOUR IN	TENT TO CHAN	\GE?	WHEN:
REASON FOR CHANGE:				
DATE CHANGE WILL BE				
PARENT SIGNATURE:				
TO BE VERIFIED – SR&	R REPRESENT	TATIVE:		DATE:

_ am certifying the following changes: Ι Change of employment. Currently disabled or on medical emergency. Currently on maternity or sick leave. Currently receiving child support payments. Family size increase or decrease. Has an additional job. Home phone or work phone. Increase income (wage change). Married or Divorce. Name change No longer working, attending school or training. Physical or mailing address. Receiving social security benefits. Residing with child(ren) father or mother.

I hereby certify that the above information is correct and true. I understand that the information will be verified. I also understand that deliberate false information will result in a delay or disqualification of my child care subsidy.

Client Signature & Date

SR&R Representative & Date

CHANGE OF STATUS

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	Departm	e Virgin Islands of the second s	ervices		
	•	ource & Referi NARY APPLI	0	No.:	
NAME:			FAMILY	SIZE:	
MAILING ADD	RESS:				_
TELEPHONE N NAME OF EMF		OL OR TRAININ			
ARE YOU A TH	EEN PARENT?	YES 🗆 NC)		
ANNUAL INCO	DME: \$	CHILD SUP	PORT INCOM	E: \$	
NAME OF CH	ILD (REN) IN <mark>NEE</mark>	CD OF SERVICE	:		
		DOB:	S	pecial Needs (Y/	N)
		DOB:	S	pecial Needs (Y/	N)
	for or are you receiving arly Head start □Ame	DOB: child care services f eriCorps □Labor	from any of the fo	pecial Needs (Y/ bllowing? □Other	N)
Signature of A	Applicant		Ľ	Date	
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If you are found eligible, you will be placed on the waiting list, upon the availability of funds; however, if you are found ineligible you will be notified.



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FONDE DE DESARRAOLLO DEL CUIDADO DE DE NINOS US PRELIMINAR

		Num.:
Nombre:		Asimiento de casa:
Direccion de Env	/io:	
Numero de Telef	ono: :	
Lugar de Empleo	, Escuela o Programa d	e Entrenamiento:
: PADRES SON A	ADOLESCENTES?	SI 🗆 NO
Ingresos Anuales	:: \$	Manutencion de Menor: \$
Nombre de Nino	o/Ninos:	
	Fecha de Nac:	Con Necesidades Especiales (Si/No)
	Fecha de Nac:	Con Necesidades Especiales (Si/No)
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If you are found eligible, you will be placed on the waiting list upon the availability of fund; however, if you are found ineligible you will be notified.



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SUMMER ONLY PRELIMINARY APPLICATION

			No.:
NAME:]	FAMILY SIZE:
MAILING AD	DRESS:		
TELEPHONE	NOS.:		
NAME OF EM	1PLOYMENT, SCHC	OOL OR TRAINING PR	ROGRAM:
ANNUAL INC	COME: \$	CHILD SUPPORT	Г INCOME: \$
NAME OF CI	HILD (REN) IN <mark>NE</mark> I	ED OF SERVICE:	
		DOB:	Special Needs (Y/N)
		DOB:	Special Needs (Y/N)
Signature of A	pplicant	-	Date
	OFF	ICIAL USE ONLY	



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CHILD CARE VERIFICATION

DATE:

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter verifies that ______, is/was receiving a monthly subsidy towards her/his child care expenses from the Subsidy, Resource & Referral program.

Name of Child (ren)	Provider	Amount
	TOTAL	

Please contact the Subsidy, Resource & Referral program, at the phone number listed above, if you should need any additional information.

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CONSENT FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I, ______, hereby give consent to the Department of Human Services – SR&R program to disclose to another government agency or agencies (both federal and local) information I have given, or may give, concerning my family, when such disclosure is necessary and pertinent to the determination or confirmation of eligibility for me and/or members of my family to receive benefits or services from the Department of Human Services – SR&R program.

I further consent to other government agencies, (both federal and local), disclosing to Department of Human Services – SR&R program, information concerning me and my family, when such disclosure is necessary and pertinent to the determination or confirmation of the eligibility for me and/or members of my family to receive benefits or services from the Department of Human Services – SR&R program.

Any client receiving funding and later determined ineligible due to false information will have to repay the SR&R program according to the terms of the agreement provided by the Department.

SR&R Representative Signature

Client Signature

Date



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FINAL NOTICE

Date:

Dear:_____

Thank you for your interest and/or participation in the Subsidy, Resource & Referral program, however since you have missed several rescheduled appointments your case is pending and will be closed if action is not taken.

Please note: Since we are unable to provide you with any or further assistance, a final appointment have been scheduled for ______, however, failure to keep the appointment will result in your case being immediately close.

We are again requesting the following required document(s) to complete your case:

____Birth Certificate(s)

_____Immunization Card(s) or Exemption Letter

Income Verification and/or two last check stubs

School or training letter

_____Support Documents

Other

However, if you are no longer interested in participating in the Subsidy, Resource & Referral program, please notify the office at the phone number listed above.

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INCOME VERIFICATION

Employer: Please provide up-to-date employment information. Thank you.

Employee Name:			
Mailing Address			
Physical Address:			
Name of Employer:			
Employer Mailing Address:			
Employer Telephone Number:			
Employment Status: Permanent	Part-time	Temporary	
If temporary, give dates of employment c	contract:		
Date Employee Started:	How many hours work	per week	
Annual Salary: \$	_Hourly Rate:		
Monthly Salary: \$	_Date of last increase:		
Signature (Employer or Agent)	Print		Date

Title



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INELIGIBILITY NOTICE

Date: _____

Dear:

This letter serves as a formal notification that as a result of the item(s) indicated below you are no longer eligible to receive a child care subsidy under the Subsidy, Resource & Referral program.

 Case closed per your request
 Currently not in working, going to school or attending a training
program.
 Failure to keep several appointments
Failure to report additional income
Insufficient hours (under mandated 30 hours per week).
 Over qualification (based on income and family size)
 Other

The changes are effective _____

, however, if

your current situation changes, you may reapply for assistance. You may contact us at the phone number listed above.

Client Signature - Date

Child Care Specialist - Date



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NOTICE OF PENDING DOCUMENTS

Date:

The following document(s) must be submitted to complete your Client File.

- _____ Birth Certificate(s)
- ____ Immunization Card(s)
- _____ Income Verification or check stubs
- _____ School or training enrollment letter
 - _____ Support or Paternity & Support document(s)
 - Other

Please submit the above pending documents to the **Child Care Office at #6179 Est. Anna's Hope, Christiansted, VI 00820**. If you are unable to drop-off the documents you may email the document to: dora.maxwell@dhs.vi.gov Thank you!

Child Care Specialist & Date



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NOTICE OF SUBSIDY CHANGE

Dear

Please be advised	I that the subsidy amount will change effect	ive	·
For:	increase/decrease from	to	
For:	increase/decrease from	to	•
For:	increase/decrease from	to	•
For:	increase/decrease from	to	

As a result, you are responsible for the co-payment fee(s) to your provider in the amount of \$_____, per child.

Should you have any questions, please call contact the office, at the phone number listed above.

Sincerely,

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PARENT/AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR RECEIVING CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

Case #

I ______, hereby agree to receive child care assistance in the form of a voucher, for child care services under the Subsidy, Resource & Referral program.

I authorize the agency to make payments for child care services to an approved licensed or registered provider of my choice. The voucher will be printed to the provider(s) for my child (ren), for a specific monthly amount(s), which I am eligible to receive.

I understand that the subsidy I am eligible to receive is based on my income, family size, and the type of child care provider I choose for my child (ren). The subsidy amount available is based on the current maximum rates established by the Subsidy, Resource & Referral program. I understand that I will be notified of any changes in these amounts.

I understand that the child's parent will not be paid as caregivers for their own child (ren). In addition the Subsidy, Resource & Referral program will not provide payment to informal provider who resides in the same household of me and my child (ren).

I understand that I am eligible to receive child care vouchers for a period of 6 months (or less) per child.

I am responsible for co-payment (cost sharing) fees per month, per child (ren), to my provider.

Further, I understand that I am also responsible for any other child care provider costs, in excess of the maximum subsidy amounts indicated on my child care subsidy agreement for the type of care I choose minus the co-payments and any other applicable fees which I am responsibility to pay directly to the child care provider.

Based on the availability of funds, I will receive an eligible amount of child care benefits per child from the SR&R program; however, I am responsible for the co-payment and difference as follows:

Child	Eligible Amount	Co-payment	_ Difference
Child	Eligible Amount	_ Co-payment	_ Difference
Child	Eligible Amount	_ Co-payment	_ Difference
Eligibility Period:			
Beginning:	Endin	ıg:	

I agree to provide proof of continued eligibility every 6 months (or less), by keeping my schedule recertification appointment(s). I agree to notify my child care provider(s) and the Subsidy, Resource & Referral program of any child care changes within the period of service in which it occurs.

I understand that the subsidy and any future child care assistance funded by this program, for which I may be eligible, are contingent upon the availability of federal funds.

I understand that I must notify the Subsidy, Resource & Referral program of any changes in my family circumstances, within 10 business days from the occurrence.

I understand that failure to report income increase within 10 business days may result in an overpayment. I understand that if an overpayment occurs the subsidy amount will be adjusted in the following month, totaling the amount of month(s) overpaid.

I understand that the Subsidy, Resource & Referral program is authorized to issue voucher to only one provider for a specific period of services, but I may choose a different provider for a different period of time within the month.

I have read this Agreement to receive child care assistance and understand and accept its terms.

I understand that failure to comply with the terms of this Agreement may result in the delay, suspension or termination of my child care assistance.

I have received a copy of this Agreement and understand my right to file a written complaint and/or request a fair hearing.

Print: (Name of Parent)

Client Signature & Date

Child Care Specialist & Date

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PATERNITY AND CHILD SUPPORT VERIFICATION

Please provide the following information.

Thank You.

This is to verify that	SS#	has on
O This client receives \$	per weel	k / per month.
O This client has established a case; however, has	not received a	ny monies to date.
Completed by: Paternity and Child Support Repre	esentative	Date
Received by: SR&R Representative		Date

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PROXY

I hereby authorize, ______, as the person to sign for and receive vouchers assigned to me, for child care services, under the Subsidy, Resource & Referral program.

Signature of Client

Date

Proxy Signature

Proxy Mailing Address

Proxy Home Address

Proxy Relationship to Child

Proxy Telephone Numbers

Home: ______Work: _____

OCCRS Office Use Only

SR&R Representative

Date

NOTE: Proxy is not authorized to sign vouchers. This document gives you the permission to receive and forward the voucher to client.



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RECERTIFICATION NOTICE

Date:_____

Dear :

Your case is schedule for recertification on _____, at _____.

In order to complete the recertification process, please submit all applicable documents from the list below:

- Affidavit of Legal Guardianship or a Power of Attorney if you are <u>not</u> the parent.
- Birth Certificate(s) (for new family members.)
- Death Certificate if parent is deceased.
- Documentation from the Justice System, if a parent is incarcerated.
- Immunizations card(s) or Exemption Letter (updated).
- Income tax return (current) if self-employed.
- Income Verification (attached) completed and signed by your employer or HR office along with your two (2) last check stubs.
- If married or not married but living together **both income must be submitted**
- Married clients who are legally separated **must provide proof of legal separation**.
- School or training program enrollment letter (**if applicable**)
- Social Security Card(s) optional (for new family members.)
- Support documents: Voluntary Statement for Verification of Child Support (attached)

Clients receiving assistance through Paternity and Child Support are **required** to provide updated status of case. However, parents who are not receiving support for their child(ren) are **required** to file a case at the Office of Paternity and Child Support.

If you are unable to keep your scheduled appointment please contact the office at the phone number listed above to reschedule.

PLEASE NOTE: Proxies are not allowed to complete the recertification process and clients who miss their appointments; will not be issued vouchers until their case is completed. <u>Please make</u> every effort keep your appointment in the month that it is scheduled. Thank you.

Child Care Specialist

JOBS PROGRAM/FINANCIAL PROGRAMS DIVISION INTER-OFFICE CHILD CARE REFERRAL FORMS

New Case

Continued Case

☐ Withdrawal/Termination Notification

Section A: Ag	gency l	nformation	(To be compl	eted by J	OBS ETO)			
RE: CH	HLD	CARE REQU	JEST		DATE:			
FROM:					TO:			
PHONE#:					PHONE#:			
FAX#:					FAX#:			
E-MAIL:					E-MAIL:			
Request Det	t <mark>ail:</mark> C	hild Care Assi	istance is req	uested fo	or the follow	wing pa	articipant	who will be
	pla	aced in a work	activity. Ple	ase note	participant	's sche	dule and s	start date.
		nt Information	n (To be con	npleted b	y JOBS ETC			
JOBS Particip	ant:					JOBS	Case Num	ber:
Address:						Date o	f Birth:	
Telephone #1:				Teleph	one #2:			
	#1:						DOB:	
Children	#2:						DOB:	
Referred	#3:						DOB:	
for Child-	#4						DOB:	
Care:	#5: #6:						<u>DOB:</u> DOB:	
Income:	TANE:	:			Food	l Stamp		
Work Activit	y Sche	dule:						
Child Care S	tart Da	ate:		(Child Care	End Da	te:	
				I				
Section C: Pla	aceme	nt Confirmatio	n to be compl	eted by C	Childcare sta	iff and t	ransmitted	to JOB
Date of Recei	ipt of t	his Request:		Ch	ild Care Ca	ise		
Name of Chil	ld	#1						
Care Provide	er(s):	#2						
Date(s) of Par	rticipa	nt's Appointm	ent:					
Cost (\$ Amou	unt) Pe	r Month:						
Date of Child Care Placement:								
Section D: Te	ermina	tion Request/N	Notification (To be co	mpleted as n	necessar	y)	
То:					From:			
Date of Term	ninatio	n:			1			
Reason for T	ermin	ation:	□ excess re	esources		insuf	fficient ho	urs
			\Box not in a	work act	ivity 🗆	failu	re to com	oly

B: Staff persons of each unit have an obligation to inform members of the other unit of known

	SUBSIDY, RESOURCE & REFERRAL INTER-DEPARTMENTAL REFERRAL FORM						
	HEAD OF HOUSE	HOLD REQUE	ESTIN	IG A	SSIST	CANCE	
1	1 Reason for Needing Care:						
	□ Teen □ Protective Services □ Foster Care □ Intake □ Special Needs □ Summer						
	□ Juvenile □Other :						
2	Name of : □ Parent □ Guardian	□ Foster Parent □	□Other		Date o	f Birth:	
3	Social Security Number:				Family	y Size:	
4	Physical Address:						
5	Mailing Address:				Phone	Number	's:
					(H)		
					(W)		
(· C 1 ·	1 0		(C)		
6 7	Single Parent:	-			Data	f Birth:	
/	Name of other financially resp household: □ Spouse □ Child		-	the	Date	i dirui:	
8	Social Security Number:						
	HOUSEHOLD INCOME SOURCES				AMOUNT(S)		
9	□Employment □Self Employn	nent DEducation/T	[rainin	g	\Box Yes \Box No		
10	Child Support:				\Box Yes \Box No		
11	Tanf:				\Box Yes \Box No		
12	Other Income:				\Box Yes \Box No		
13	Total Yearly Family Income for	or Determining Eli	igibility	y:	\$		
		Provider(s)					
14	Provider(s) of Choice:		🗆 Se	electe	d c	□ None S	elected
15	Date child care assistance is ne	eeded:	Leng	th of	service		
Dependent Children Needing Child Care Assistance							
	Children	Provider		Dat	te of	Spe	cial Needs
				Bi	rth		
1.						□Yes	□ No
2.						□Yes	□ No
3.						□Yes	□ No
4.						□Yes	□ No
5.						□Yes	□ No
6.						□Yes	□ No
Refer	Referred By: Date:						

(Please attach supporting documents)



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TRANSFER REQUEST

I,				1	resid	ing	01	n the	is	land	of
	,	am	requesting	that	my	case	be	transferred	to	the	island
of			, effectiv	/e					_•		

The provider of my choice will be ______ and my child will be enrolled effective ______.

I will be providing updated information regarding my changes, within the allowable grace period to continue receiving services.

Client Signature & Date

SR&R Representative & Date



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STATEMENT FOR VERIFICATION OF CHILD SUPPORT

I, Please Print for support of my child		that, I provide \$_	
Weekly	Bi-Weekly	Monthly	Bi-Monthly
Name of Child or Chi	ldren:		
Signature			Date
Case Name:			
Case No:			
Case Worker:			
		Subscribed and s by day of	sworn to before me this 20

Notary Public



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STATEMENT FOR VERIFICATION OF CHILD SUPPORT

for support of my ch	ild(ren) from	Please Prir	
Weekly			
Name of Child or C			
		_	
Signature		Ľ	Date
Case Name:			
Case No:			
Case Worker:			
			sworn to before me
		by day of	this 20

Notary Public



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VOUCHER APPOINTMENT CARD REPLACEMENT

I, ______ hereby certify that I have lost or

misplaced the Subsidy, Resource & Referral subsidy voucher appointment card and I

am requesting a replacement.

Client Signature

Date





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VOUCHER TO BE VOIDED

Ι	, am requesting your assistance in
(Client) voiding the following voucher:	
Child Name :	
Voucher # :	
Provider :	
The following reason justifies the need for void	ing the voucher:
 Age appropriate - infant preschool a Change of income Change of provider Child did not attend Facility Closed Over Payment Provider increase fees Under payment Other	ıfter school

Client Signature & Date

Processing Coordinator & Date

Program Director & Date

21:3 PROVIDER LETTERS & FORMS

Required letters and forms to be used by staff

- 21:3-A ACH/Electronic Payment Vendor Request Form (Direct Deposit)
- 21:3-B Affidavit of Lost Checks
- 21:3-C Authorization for the Release of Check
- 21:3-D Informal Care Home Inspection & Interview
- 21:3-E Informal Provider Notice
- 21:3-F Inspection Check List
- 21:3-G Inspection Notice
- 21:3-H Pending Letter
- 21:3-I Provider Agreement Authorization for Payment
- 21:3-J Provider Cover Letter (renewing payment agreement)
- 21:3-K Provider Letter (new provider)
- 21:3-L Provider Notification
- 21:3-M Provider Verification
- 21:3-N Request for Inspection

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS



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Street Address: 76 Kronprindsens Gade Charlotte Amalie, VI 00802

Fax:

ACH / ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS VENDOR REQUEST FORM

<u>Purpose</u>: This form, along with the proper supporting documentation (i.e., Bank Slip and/or cancel check), is used to process and update vendor file records to reflect ACH / Electronic payments.

Vendor Name:	Vendor Number:	
Contact Telephone:		
Bank Name:		
Routing Number:	Type of Account: <u>Checking / Saving</u>	
SIGNATURE:	DATE:	
	For DOF Use Only	
<u>SECTION B</u> : (To Be Comple		
Date Request Received:	Processed By:	
Comments:		
SIGNATURE:	TITLE: DATE:	
<u>SECTION C:</u> (To Be Comple	eted By DOF Treasury)	
Date Request Received:	Approved By:	
Comments:		
SIGNATURE:	TITLE: DATE:	

GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES CHARLOTTE AMALIE, ST. THOMAS, V.I. 00801

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Department of Finance

AFFIDAVIT OF LOST CHECK-----AGREEMENT OF INDEMNITY

 Whereas, the Commissioner of Finance of the Virgin Islands has caused to be issued and delivered to me

 a certain check No. ______dated the ____day of ______, 20____ in the sum of \$______.

 drawn on (Name of Bank)______.

Whereas, the undersigned has represented to the Commissioner of Finance of the Virgin Islands and now declares that said check has been mislaid, lost, destroyed, not received or bears a signature that is either unacceptable to the bank or not legible and has therefore applied to said Commissioner to issue a replacement check which said Commissioner has consented to do (after a 10 day waiting period) upon receiving the indemnity hereinafter contained:

Name (print):			
Signature:			
Date:		MailingAddress:	
Subscribed and sworn before me this:		Telephone No:	
day of	_20		
Notary Public			

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AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RELEASE OF CHECK

I hereby authorize, ______, as the person to sign for and receive check assigned to me, for child care services, under the Subsidy, Resource & Referral program.

Signature of Provider

Date

Authorized Representative Signature

Authorized Representative - Mailing Address

Authorized Representative - Home Address

Relationship to Provider

Home: Work: Authorized Representative - Telephone Numbers

OCCRS Office Use Only

SR&R Representative

Date

NOTE: Authorized Representative is not authorized to sign the check. This document gives you the permission to receive and forward check to provider.
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INFORMAL CARE HOME INSPECTION & INTERVIEW

	Da	te of Visit
Name of Provider:		
Physical Address:		
Mailing Address:		
Physical Address care will be provided:		
Is Provider over 18 years	Yes	No 🗆
Name of participant care is being provided	for:	
Relationship to participant:	Parent□Sibling□Friend□Other (specify)	
Relationship to child(ren) being cared for:	Grandparent Sibling Friend Other (specify)	
List the child(ren) care will be provided for	:	
Child's Name	D.O.B.	Gender

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PART A. HOME INSPECTION CHECKLIST

PLEASE INSPECT THE HOME AND INDICATE THE COMPLIANCE STATUS USING THE CODES:

(1) In compliance (2) Technical assistance to be provided by program. (3) <u>Not</u> incompliance

			COMMENTS
PHYSI	CA	L EN	VIRONMENT
1. Adequate floor space.	{	}	
2. Clean surface in good repair.	{	}	
3. Adequate ventilation.	{	}	
4. Running warm and cold water.	{	}	
5. Accessible working indoor toilets.	{	}	
6. Sturdy, safe, non- toxic, easy to clean, fr	ee	of	
hazards, indoor and outdoor equipment.	[}	
7. Sufficient furniture and equipment for ch	nild	lren.	
	{	}	
8. Working telephone in home.	- - -	}	
	FI	RE SA	FETY
1. Working smoke detector.		}	
2. Lockable interior doors which can unloc	k f	rom	
outside. {		}	
3. Protected heating or cooling ventilated d	evi	ices	
4. Unobstructed stairways, hallways or exit	; {	}	
5.Good condition of electrical cords	{	}	
			Y/SANITATION
1. No hazard present with home and fur	nis	shings	{
2. All toxic substance out of reach		{	}

3. Clearly marked glass doors at child level { }	
4. Non-permanent barriers on stairs, ramps,	
balconies, porches and elevated play areas. {	
5. Covered electrical outlets. { }	
6. Available working flashlight. {	
7. Adequate safe outdoor play area adjacent to or	
within walking distance of the home. {	
8. Properly covered garbage stored and emptied.	
{ }	
9. Available first aid supplies. {	
10. Washable or disposable individual towels and	
washcloths.	
PROGR	AM
1. Adequate safety toys, play equipment and creative	
materials for ages, interests, and number of children	
in care. { }	
REST AND	SLEEP
1. Clean safe area for daily rest/sleep for each child	
according to needs. { }	
2. Available drinking water. {	
3. Are there children under 18 months or non-walkers	Yes 🗌 No 🗌 (Go To
in care?	Part B)
(a) If Yes, do they sleep in a crib, playpen, cot, bed	Yes 🗌 No 🗌 (Go To
with rails, or floor mat 1" thick?	Part B)
(b) Are the crib and playpen slats no more than two	Yes No
and three eight inches apart?	
(c) Are wet sheets, bed covering changed?	Yes 🗆 No 🗆

PART B. INTERVIEW

Account for all other persons who may come in contact with the enrolled children in your care.

PLEASE INDICATE ALL OTHER PERSONS (ADULTS & CHILDREN) RESIDING IN THE HOME, WHETHER THEY WILL BE (ARE) AT HOME DURING THE TIME THE ENROLLED CHILDREN ARE IN YOUR CARE, AND THE EXTENT OF CONTACT EACH WILL HAVE WITH THE CHILDREN USING THE CODES BELOW.

RELATIONSHIP OF OTHERS IN HOME TO CAREGIVER (COL2)	GENDER (COL 3)	AT HOME DURING CARE (COL 5)	EXTENT OF CONTACT (COL 6)
(1) Spouse	(1) Male	(1) At home	(1) No contact
(2) Son/Daughter	(2) Female	(2) Not a home	(2) Some contact
(3) Brother/Sister			(3) Frequent contact
(4) Relative other than			
above			
(5) Friends			
(6) Other (specify)			

NAME	COL 2	COL 3	BIRTHDATE	COL 5	COL 6
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					

1. Language spoken in home?		
2. How long can you provide care?	Months	Weeks
3. How often can you provide care?	Full time	Part time
4. Will you be able to provide care during	Yes 🗌	No 🗌
holiday?	Full time	Part time
(a) If Yes, how often can you provide		
care?		
5. Will you be able to provide care during	Yes 🗌	No 🗌
summers?	Full time	Part time
(a) If Yes, how often can you provide		
care?		
6. Have you ever been convicted of a	Yes 🗌	No 🗌
crime?		
(a) If yes, explain?		

Note: EVIDENCE OF CONVICTION OF A CRIME, IN ITSELF, SHALL NOT AUTOMATICALLY PRECLUDE AN INDIVIDUAL FROM SERVING AS A CAREGIVER. SUCH DETERMINATION SHALL BE MADE ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.

Complete NCIC FORMS, if indicated.

7. Do you have any illness or medical condition that would prevent or limit you from providing child care services? If Yes, Explain:	Yes 🗆 No 🗆
8. Have you had other experiences working with children? Describe:	Yes 🗌 No 🗌
9. What methods of discipline will you use with the children in your care?	 Set Limits Allow time out Redirect Activities Talk to child Other
10. How will you handle medical emergencies if you or children in your care should get sick during the hours child care is being provided?	 Call parent Call Emergency Medical Technician Take child to doctor Take child to hospital emergency room Other
11. Who, other than the child parent, will be able to pick-up the child at the end of the day?	 Spouse Child siblings Child grandparent Other relative to child Friend of child parents Other (specify)
12. Do you have telephone numbers in order to contact the above person(s)?	Yes No D
13. What arrangements have been made to provide nutritious meals to the child/children in your care?	 All meals are provided by parents All meals are provide by caregiver Some meals are provided by caregiver and some by parent.

PART C. OBSERVATIONS OF THE EVALUATOR

14. Describe the applicant home management skills in relation to assessing their home.

15. Have you observed any condition or situation that would cause you to deny this application? If yes, please explain.

16. Is this an initial inspection of the home?
(1) Yes □ (2) No □

If YES, what is the disposition of this application?

Approved_____

Denied _____ Reasons:_____

If APPROVED, has emergency card been provided?(1) Yes(2) No(3) Not applicable to this program

Evaluator's Signature:

Date:



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INFORMAL PROVIDER NOTICE

Date: _____

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Subsidy, Resource & Referral program. Your choice of informal provider has been approved _____ disapproved _____ to provide child care services with the Subsidy, Resource & Referral program, effective _____.

If you are in need of any further assistance, please contact the Subsidy, Resource & Referral program, at the phone number listed above.

Sincerely,

SR&R Representative

INSPECTION CHECK LIST

More than two (2) unrelated children are in care without a license. There is not a working telephone in the home. Emergency numbers are not posted. The children are not adequately supervised. The child care provider smokes or drinks in the presence of the child(ren). No smoke detector present. The kitchen or eating are is unsanitary. The bathroom is unsanitary. Rodents or vermin are present. The floor space is not adequate for the number of child(ren). The outdoor space is unsafe or unsanitary. The home or furnishings present a hazard to the child(ren). Toxic substances are not placed out of reach of child(ren). Electrical outlets are uncovered and accessible to the child(ren). The garbage is uncovered or improperly stored. The sleep area is unclean or unsafe. Abusive disciplinary methods observed. Inaccurate record keeping on attendance certificate was identified and found Fraudulent.

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INSPECTION NOTICE

Date:_____

Dear Provider:

The Subsidy, Resource & Referral program would like to inform you that your home inspection has been approved _____ disapproved ____,

effective ______to care for:

Child: _____ Eligible Amount: _____

Child: _____ Eligible Amount: _____

Child: _____ Eligible Amount:

Child: _____Eligible Amount: _____

Thanks for your willingness to provide child care services. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office at the phone number listed above.

Sincerely,

SR&R Representative



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PROVIDER AGREEMENT – AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into this _____ day of _____,

_____by and between the Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands, Department of

Human Services (hereinafter referred to as "Human Services" and

(hereinafter referred to as "Provider"). This Agreement shall commence on September 1,

20 _____and shall terminate on August 31, 20 _____. It shall become effective upon the date

of final execution by all parties.

PROVIDER INFORMATION

Provider Bus	siness Name:		
Provider Phy	vsical Address:		
Provider Ma	iling Address:		
Telephone #	:()Facility ()		Home
()	Cell (_)	Emergency
Tax ID Nun	ıber:		
	ity Number or EIN:		
A. B. C.	Licensed Child Care Center Licensed Family Day Care Home Summer Camp/Kid's Club	E.	Group Day Care Home Based Center Based
D.	Before and/or After School Program	F.	Informal Care Relative Non- Relative

Child Care Centers, School Age Child Care and Summer Camps must attach a copy of their rate schedule or a handbook listing their published rates.

PROVIDER REGISTRATION – DATA SHEET

US Citizenship: Yes		No			
Visa/Naturalization Number:					_
Hours of operation: 30 hours	_ 1 – 29 He	ours	-		Over
Number of Staff Members:	1-3		4-6		7 or
Spoken Language:	_English		Spanis	h	_French
Licensed Facility:	_Yes			No	
After-School Provider:	Yes			No	
AGES SERVED					
All				_0-24	
25 months – 4 years				_5-13 years	
FEE SCHEDULE (MONTHLY)					
Infant (0-1) \$		Toddler	s (1-2) \$		
Pre-school (3-4 yrs) \$		After-sc	ehool (5-12) <u>\$</u>		-
Summer Camp (3-12 yrs) \$		Special	Needs (0-19 yrs)	\$	_
IN-HOME PROVIDER ONLY					
Name of parent serving:					
Name(s) of Child(ren) being served:					

PROVIDER AGREEMENT-AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT

I, hereby, certify and agree to accept the child(ren) for whom the Department of Human Services will pay a subsidy for child care services determined. The parent will be responsible for the payment of a co-pay fee. I understand that child care cost incurred which exceeds the subsidized amount is the responsibility of the parent(s), to be paid by the parent(s) and collected by me.

Initial

I understand that I am responsible for the timely submittal of monthly vouchers which will serve as a bill for services and an attendance report for child care services rendered. I agree that these vouchers will be submitted, together with an Invoice to the Department of Human Services, Subsidy, Resource & Referral Program no later than the 5th day of the month following the current month of service.

Initial

I understand that my payments for services may be jeopardized or delayed if attendance records are not accurate or if a voucher is submitted later than the 5th day of the month following the current month of service. I understand that my payment for services will be based on the actual attendance of the child(ren) named.

Initial

I understand that I must provide at least fourteen (14) calendar days' notification to the Department of Human Services – SR&R and the family prior to my intent to terminate child care services to the family.

Initial

I understand that prospective payment made by the Department of Human Services may be recouped by the Department if the level of service requires this and/or if I terminate a child without proper notification. I agree to repay the Agency any funds designated for recoupment.

Initial

I certify that I have informed the parent of my policy to ensure parental access while the eligible child(ren) are in my care.

Initial

If the type of care I provide is considered informal day care or home based group day care, I understand that a health and safety inspection of my home and an interview must be successfully completed by the Department of Human Services before payment for services can be authorized. I further agree to periodic "routine" inspections announced or unannounced.

Initial

I agree to immediately notify the Department of Human Services of serious occurrence or emergency, including but not limited to: (a) fire; (b) death of a child(ren) or caregiver; (c) serious accident or injury; (d) detection or presence of any serious communicable disease(s); (e) unusual or recurring absence of a child; and (f) alleged abuse (physical or sexual).

Initial

I understand and hereby agree that no person shall be excluded from participating in, be denied the proceeds of or be subject to discrimination in the performance of this Agreement on account of race, creed, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Initial

I understand and hereby warrant that I shall not, with respect to this Contract, make or present any claim upon or against the Government of the Virgin Islands, or any officer, department, board, commission, or other agency thereof, knowing such claim to be false, fictitious, or fraudulent. I acknowledge that making such a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim is an offense under Virgin Islands law.

Initial

I acknowledge that this Agreement is funded, in whole or in part, by federal funds. Contractor warrants that it shall not, with respect to this Contract, make, or present any claim knowing such claim to be false, fictitious, or fraudulent. Contractor acknowledges that making such a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim is a federal offense.

Initial

By execution of this Agreement, I hereby certify that I am eligible to receive grant awards using federally appropriated funds and that I have not been suspended or debarred from entering into contracts or agreements with any federal agency. In the event that I misrepresent my eligibility to receive grant awards using federal funds, I agree that I shall not be entitled to payment for any work performed under this Agreement and that I will promptly reimburse the Government of the Virgin Islands for any progress payments heretofore made.

Initial

I have read this Agreement and understand and accept the terms stated. I understand that failure to comply with the terms of this Agreement may result in delayed payment or nonpayment for services rendered.

Initial

(Print) Name of Provider	Witness	Date
(Print) Commissioner Department of Human Services	Witness	Date
(Print) Commissioner Department of Property & Procurement	Witness	Date



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Date:

Dear Provider,

In addition, please attach a copy of your rate schedule or handbook listing your published rates, current license, resolution, affidavit (FFN) and a list of your operational schedule or school calendar.

Please complete the form thoroughly, sign and return to the office by 20.

Thank you for your usual cooperation.

Sincerely,

SR&R Representative

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Date

Dear Provider,

Thank you for your interest in the Subsidy, Resource & Referral program, by participating in the program, your participating parents may be financially assisted with payments, for their child care services provided by your facility.

To participate in the program, you are required to complete and provide the following documents:

Provider Agreement - Authorization for Payment Fee Schedule Operational Schedule or School Calendar Affidavit Resolution W-9 ACH/Electronic Payments Vendor Request Form (Direct Deposit), if approved.

If you have any questions, please contact the office at the phone number listed above. Your participation in the program is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

SR&R Representative



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PROVIDER NOTIFICATION

Date: _____

Dear: _____

This letter serves as a formal notification that, as a result of the item(s) indicated below, you are no longer eligible to participate in receiving child care subsidy under the Subsidy, Resource & Referral program.

 Expired Provider Agreement – Authorization for payment
 Facility closed
Failure to submit documents
 Program violation
 Provider not license or license expired
 Other

The changes are effective ______, if your current situation changes, you may reapply to participate in the Subsidy, Resource & Referral program.

Client Signature - Date

SR&R Representative - Date



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DATE

Dear Provider,

Thank you for your participation in the Subsidy, Resource & Referral program. We have previously notified you of pending documents necessary to complete your participation or payment process.

To date, we have not received your document(s). Your participation status in the Subsidy, Resource & Referral program is pending, as we are currently unable to continue processing your application or payment. Therefore, we are again requesting the following document(s):

Affidavit
Attendance Certificate
Direct Deposit Form
Fee Schedule
Invoice
Operational Schedule
Provider Agreement-Authorization for Payment
Resolution
Vouchers
Other

Please note, failure to provide the required document(s) may delay and compromise your participation in the child care program.

To avoid any further delays, please submit the pending document(s) by

Sincerely,

SR&R Representative



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PROVIDER VERIFICATION

DATE:_____

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter certifies that ______is/was receiving

a month from the Subsidy, Resource & Referral program, for

providing child care services for ______.

If you should need any further information, please contact me at the phone

numbers listed above.

Sincerely,

SR&R Representative



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REQUEST FOR INSPECTION

PROVIDER INFORMATION

- Cell
-

TYPE OF CARE:

- A. Relationship to child (ren):
 - \square Relative
 - \square Non-Relative
- B. Is care being provided in the same home of the client and/or child (ren)?
 - □ Yes
 - □ No
- C. Place care will be provided?
 - \Box Provider home
 - \Box Child home
 - □ Other (specify)_____

I understand that I must be at least 18 years and cannot be residing in the same household of the parent and/or child(ren) for whom the Department of Human Services will conduct the inspection.

I understand that I will be notified prior to the inspection. I understand that the inspection may be delayed if I am not available or I have not completed or provided all of the requirements necessary to complete the process.

I understand that the type of care I provide is considered informal day care or home based group day care; I understand that a health and safety inspection of my home and an interview must be successfully completed by the Department of Human Services before payment for services can be authorized. I further agree to periodic "routine" inspections announced or unannounced.

I have read this Agreement and understand and accept the terms stated. I understand that failure to comply with the terms of this Agreement may result in a delay or termination of the inspection.

Name of Provider (Print)

Signature

Date

21:4 OTHER LETTERS & FORMS

All require letters and forms to be used for either a client or a provider.

- 21:4-A Affidavit of Lost Voucher
- 21:4-B Complaint
- 21:4-C Repayment Agreement



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AFFIDAVIT OF LOST VOUCHER

I,(Client or Provider)	hereby certify that I	have lost or
misplaced the child care subsidy vouche	er, and I am requesting a	a replacement voucher(s)
to cover the child care cost for the mont	h of:	, which was
made payable to:(Pro	vider name)	, for the child (ren)
and amount listed below:		
Name:	Amount	
Signature		
Date		
		and sworn to before me this 20

Notary Public

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CHILD CARE COMPLAINT

Name of Complainant:	Received Date: (month, day, year)	Time received:
Address):	Received By: :	
	Nature of Complaint:	
(District, zip):		
Telephone number:	Assigned to:	
Relationship to provider:	Date:	
Type of Provider:		
 After School Family Home Informal Provide Summer Camp Detail Extract 	 Day Care Center Group Home Residential Home of Complaint 	;

COMPLAINT DETAILS:

OTHERS HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF INCIDENT:

DATE OPERATOR NOTIFIED OF INVESTGATION:

DATE OF INVESTIGATION AND FINDINGS:

ACTION TAKEN OR RECOMMENDED:

Reviewed by:	Assigned to:	
Date Reviewed (month, day, year	Date Due (month, day, year	Date Received (month, day, year)

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REPAYMENT AGREEMENT

CLIENT NAME:	CASE #:
PROVIDER NAME:	FACILITY
ADDRESS	STATE ZIP

AMOUNT OVERPAID:

Above acknowledges being in receipt of Subsidy, Resource & Referral (SR&R) services/benefits and/or overpayments from the Department of Human Services. The undersigned agrees to repay said overpayment. Total owed is \$_____ and monthly payments are \$_____.

MONEY ORDER SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO:

Department of Human Services Knud Hansen Complex, Bldg. A 1303 Hospital Ground St. Thomas, V.I. 00802

Said payments are to continue until the entire sum is fully paid. Upon default in the payment of any installment due, the entire unpaid amount shall, at the option of the Department of Human Services, become due and payable immediately without notice of nonpayment or demand for payment and the entire indebtedness may be collected by appropriate proceedings.

\$ Payment in full	
\$ Partial Monthly Payment	
\$ Monthly Payments Effective	

(A copy of this agreement will be submitted with the payment).

SIGNATURE

DATE

PRINTED NAME OF PAYER

Revised October 2012

SECTION 22

APPENDIX

All sample documents required for the program.

- 22:1 Appointment Card
- 22:2 Attendance Certificate
- 22:3 Brochures
- 22:4 Invoice
- 22:5 Monthly Report (CCC)
- 22:6 Promissory Note
- 22:7 Resolution & Affidavit (license & registered providers)
- 22:8 Voucher
- 22:9 W-2

APPOINTMENT CARD

Case #	Virgin Islands Department of Human Services Child Care & Development Fund Program Voucher Pick-Up Folder	nan Servi 1d Progra er	m			
Parent/Guardian:	Appointment	Voucher pickup	Voucher Voucher pickup #	Appointment Date	Voucher Voucher pickup #	Voucher #
Proxy Signature:						
& Registration #:						
Agency Telephone #:						

ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION

- 1. Family Income
- 2. Family Size
- Applicant must be working and/or in an educational or training program
- Custodial Parent must establish a case for support through the Office of Paternity and Child Support

PROCEDURES

- 1. Eligibility
- 2. Application
- 3. In home Inspection
- 4. Processing of Application
- 5. Preparation of Vouchers
- 6. Voucher Distribution
- 7. Voucher Processing
- 8. Payment Distribution
- 9. Quality and Control

DOCUMENTS

- 1. Two of your last paystubs
- 2. Child's/children's Birth Certificate
- 3. Child's/children's Social Security #
- 4. Immunization Cards
- 5. Proof of guardianship/custody *

* if necessary

CHECK LIST FOR QUALITY CHILD CARE

- A VALID LICENSE
- ADEQUATE ADULT SUPERVISION
- ADEQUATE INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SPACE
- CLEAN SANITARY ENVIRONMENT
- WARM & CARING CARE-GIVER
- DISCIPLINES TO PRESERVE SELF-ESTEEM
- ENCOURAGES PARENTAL VISITS &
 PARTICIPATION

CHECK IT OUT!



Department of Human Services

APPOINTMENT CARD - BACK

Program Goal:

To enable families to purchase the child care of their choice.

Objectives:

- 1. To recruit families by educating and advertising within the Virgin Islands.
- 2. To ensure the type of care meets either licensing or basic health and safety requirements.
- 3. To provide parents with information on "How to Select Child Care" and provide a list of facilities which are licensed.
- 4. To provide technical assistance and training for providers which are licensed or registered.
- 5. To assist licensed or registered providers with program improvement efforts.

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE

PROVIDER BROCHURE

CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT FUND Department of Human Services United States Virgin Islands

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATION

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Subsidy, Resource & Referral Program

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Subsidy, Resource & Referral Program Provider Brochure



PROVIDER BROCHURE – BACK

Becoming a Child Care Provider with the Subsidy, Resource & Referral Program

The Subsidy, Resource & Referral Program is one of the unit of the Office of Child Care & Regulatory Services. The goals are: to provide the means by which low-income families may purchase the type of child care which best meets the family's needs; and to improve the quality of child care for <u>all</u> children in the Territory.

WHO ARE ELIGIBLE PROVIDERS?

To participate in the Subsidy, Resource & Referral Program, a provider must have a valid license, and meet all requirement, prior to participating in the program.

For a FFN (at-home home) provider, a home inspection and all other requirement must be met, prior to participating in the program.

WHERE CAN I APPLY?

Applications and information are provided at:

Department of Human Services

Knud Hansen Complex, Bldg. A 1303 Hospital Ground, Suite 1 St. Thomas, VI 00802

OR

3011 Golden Rock Christiansted St. Croix, VI 00820

WHAT TYPE OF CHILD CARE PROVIDER CAN APPLY?

The program welcome various types of providers such as: in-home child care, family child care homes, group day care, preschool (day care) centers, after school programs or summer camps.

Eligible Providers Must:

- 1. Meet license requirements
- Meet inspection and registration requirements - (FFN)
- 3. Complete required documents
- 4. Receive approvals

Documents Needed:

- 1. Current Valid License
- Provider Agreement—Authorization for Payment
- 3. W-9
- 4. Resolution
- 5. Affidavit (FFN)
- 6. Fee Schedule
- Facility Calendar
- 8. Inspection Request-(FFN)
- ACH/Electronic Payments Vendor Form—(Direct Deposit)

Monthly Submittals

- 1. Vouchers (valid for 90 days)
- 2. Attendance Certificate
- 3. Invoice

Yearly Submittals

- Provider Agreement—Authorization for Payment.
- 2. Fee Schedule
- 3. Facility Calendar
- 4. Affidavit (FFN)
- 5. Resolution (License Provider)



- V A Current Valid License
- V Adequate Adult Supervision
- V Adequate Indoor and Outdoor Space
- V Clean Sanitary Environment
- V Warm & Caring Care Giver
- √ Discipline to Preserve Self-Esteem
- √ Encourage Parental Visits & Participation

PARENT BROCHURE



Office of Child Care & Regulatory Services



Subsidy, Resource & Referral Program



PARENT BROCHURE-BACK

SUBSIDY RESOURCE & REFERRAL PROGRAM

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WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible one must be working at least thirty (30) hours per week or be enrolled in an educational program/training.

WHERE CAN I APPLY?

Applications are completed at:

Department of Human Services

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3011 Golden Rock Christiansted St. Croix, VI 00820

WHAT TYPE OF CHILD CARE PROVIDERS CAN BE USE?

Parents choose the child care arrangement which best meets the family's needs. The options include in-home child care, family child care homes, group day care, preschool (day care) centers after school programs or summer camps.

Eligibility Determination

- 1. Family Income
- 2. Family Size
- Applicant must be working or attending an educational or training program.
- Custodial parent must show proof of support from the non-custodial parent or establish a case for support through the Office of Paternity and Child Support.

Procedures

- 1. Pre-application
- 2. Eligibility Determination
- 3. Choice of Providers
- 4. Processing of Application
- 5. Preparation of Vouchers
- 6. Voucher Distribution
- 7. Voucher Processing
- 8. Payment Distribution
- 9. Quality and Control

Documents Needed:

- Completed Income Verification Form & last check stubs (2)
- 2. Birth Certificate-House hold
- 3. Social Security Cards-House hold
- 4. Immunization Card
- 5. Proof of guardianship/custody *
- 6. Child Support
- 7. Valid ID

if necessary

Check List For Quality Child Care Program

- A Current Valid License
- V Adequate Adult Supervision
- Adequate Indoor and Outdoor Space
- V Clean Sanitary Environment
- √ Warm & Caring Care Giver
- V Discipline to Preserve Self-Esteem
- √ Encourage Parental Visits & Participation

SAMPLE INVOICE

CENTER LETTER HEAD

DATE:	
Name of Center:	
Provider Name:	
Address:	
Invoice Number:	
(Different num	ber assigned monthly)
Child's Name:	Amount:
1. Jane Doe	\$300.00
2. John Doe	\$300.00
Number of Vouchers:	
Amount:	\$
Signature:	

MONTHLY REPORT

Office of Child Care & Regulatory Services Processing Coordinator's Monthly Report STX Voucher Report - April 2012

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SAMPLE PROMISSORY NOTE

I,	, parent/provider of	ſ,
a participant in th	e Subsidy, Resource & Referral prog	gram, agree that there has
been overpaymen	t in the amount of \$	for the period
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I hereby agree to l	iquidate this amount by making	
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month and any de	fault of ten (10) days, will require im	mediate intervention by the
Attorney General'	s Office.	

Signature

Date

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____ 20____.

Notary Public

Sample Affidavit of Jane Provider

Name: Jane Provider

Occupation: Child Care Provider or Director

I, Jane Provider, swear or affirm:

- 1. I am an adult, residing in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 2. I provide child care services and have agreed to participate in the Department of Human Services (DHS) Subsidy, Resource & Referral (SR&R) Program.
- 3. I understand as a participating Child Care Provider that I must abide by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services-Administration of Children and Families CCDF Law Sec. 658E(2) Policies and Procedures-(A) Parental choice of providers and Section 658P which defines eligible providers.
- 4. I confirm that I will only charge the SR&R program for eligible children and that these children must live in a separate household and not reside in my home.
- 5. I also certify that I am eligible to receive grants, contracts and other compensation derived from federally appropriated funds and that I have not been suspended or debarred from entering into contracts with any federal agency.

I SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING REPRESENTATIONS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY INFORMATION, KNOWLEDGE, AND BELIEF.

Date

Jane Provider

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

I, the undersigned Notary Public, do hereby affirm that Jane Provider personally appeared before me on the ______ day of ______ 201__, and signed the above Affidavit as his/her free and voluntary act and deed.

Sample LEGAL TRADE NAME OF BUSINESS ADDRESS

Phone/Fax

CERTIFICATE OF RESOLUTION

LEGAL TRADE NAME OF BUSINESS

A Virgin Islands Professional Sole Proprietorship

The undersigned, **SOLE PROPRIETOR'S NAME**, certifies that I am doing business as a sole proprietor under the name of <u>LEGAL TRADE NAME OF</u> <u>BUSINESS</u> and certify to the Government of the Virgin Islands, ("The Government") that the sole proprietorship is, and all times to which this resolution is relevant was duly qualified and in good standing under the laws of the Territory of the United States Virgin Islands and that the following resolution was duly adopted on the day of .

RESOLVED, that **SOLE PROPIERTOR'S NAME** is authorized to execute and deliver a contract between the sole proprietorship and the Government under the terms of which the sole proprietorship shall perform a contract services (the "Contract").

RESOLVED FURTHER, that **SOLE PROPRIETOR'S NAME**, Director/Owner of <u>LEGAL TRADE NAME OF BUSINESS</u>, is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Contract and any other related documents to the authorized agent of the Government, which may be required or requested by the Government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature of the Sole Proprietorship on this ______day of _____.

SOLE PROPRIETOR'S NAME, Director/Owner



VOUCHER

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