



**\*\*\*AMENDMENT #2**

*Changes have been made to the RFP Section 3.2.2 as originally distributed please note the change below:*

**3.2.2 ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN EHS-CCP PROGRAM STRUCTURE**

Vendors will be responsible for establishing and maintaining a center-based classroom structure in partnership with the Child Care Partner. An EHS-CCP classroom must have three (3) full-time teachers. The teachers will work solely in the DHR EHS-CCP classroom in which they are assigned and they must not be pulled to work in other areas of the center. There must be two (2) teachers in the classroom at all times. The maximum group size in the EHS-CCP classroom is eight (8) children. Each teacher must be assigned consistent, primary responsibility for no more than four (4) children. Continuity of care must be provided for individual children and each child must remain assigned to the same primary caregiver throughout their enrollment in the program. This may be accomplished in one of two ways: classrooms are multi-age and children remain in the same classroom with the same teacher throughout their enrollment, or classrooms are divided by age groups and teachers transition with children when they move to another classroom as they age.

Vendors will be responsible for ensuring that EHS-CCP classrooms operate and are open to children for a minimum of ~~235~~ **225** days each program year for ten (10) hours per day. The program year runs from August 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Vendors will be responsible to ensure children enrolled in the EHS-CCP program receive EHS-compliant (meets the HSPPS) care using the EHS-CCP service model, not the “wrap-around” service model. The EHS-CCP service model means the child receives EHS-compliant care with qualified teachers the entire time they are in care for a seamless full-day. The “wrap-around” model means children receive care that is not EHS-compliant before and after the core EHS hours each day.

Vendors will be responsible for developing a program calendar each year in partnership with the Child Care Partner. The calendar must include the following: a minimum of 235 days of EHS-CCP classroom operation for children, a minimum of eleven (11) days of professional development for teachers when classrooms are closed to children, closure days, and a minimum of two (2) inclement weather make-up days.

Vendors will be responsible for ensuring EHS-CCP classrooms have a minimum of thirty-five (35) square feet of usable indoor space per child for the care and use of children (exclusive of bathrooms, hall, kitchens, staff rooms, and storage places) and a minimum of 75 square feet of usable outdoor play space per child. Vendors will be responsible for ensuring clearly defined, safe divisions to separate groups if two or more groups share the same area. The divisions must limit noise transfer from one group to another to prevent disruption of an effective learning environment. Vendors will be responsible for ensuring the EHS-CCP classrooms and playground have adequate equipment that is in good condition.