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**RE: DSS Proposed TANF/Transitional Work Program Regulation [16 DE Reg. 379
(October 1, 2012)]**

Dear Ms. Summers:

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed the Division of Social Services (DSS) proposal to revise its standards covering sanctions for non-compliance with the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Transitional Work Program (TWP). The current regulation imposes restrictions on access to child care services for individuals working to cure a second or subsequent sanction. The Division proposes to repeal the specific restrictions which DSS acknowledges "have not been implemented operationally".

Since the amendment offers flexibility in access to child care for individuals working to cure second or subsequent sanctions, the Council endorses the proposed revision. Access to child care is an important support enabling individuals to pursue employment or training.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our comments. Please feel free to contact me or Wendy Strauss should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Terri A. Hancharick
Chairperson

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