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**\*\*Media Advisory\*\***

**EOHHS to Hold Listening Sessions Regarding the Search for a New DCYF Director**  
*Sessions Scheduled in Newport, Providence*

**CRANSTON, RI (September 28, 2016)** - The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) has planned two public listening sessions as part of our national search for a new, permanent Director of the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF).

The listening sessions have been scheduled as follows:

- **Monday, October 3, 2016 – 5:30 - 7pm**  
Newport Public Library, 300 Spring Street, Newport
- **Wednesday, October 5, 2016 – 4:30 - 6pm**  
Child and Family Service, 1268 Eddy Street, Providence

The listening sessions are open to the public and seats will be available on a first come, first served basis. Secretary Roberts and members of the DCYF Search Committee will guide these sessions. Members include:

- **Victor Capellan**, Central Falls Superintendent of Schools, Chairman of the Committee
- **Elizabeth Roberts**, Secretary, EOHHS
- **Nancy Benoit**, Retired legislator and educator
- **Darlene Allen**, Executive Director, Adoption RI
- **Jennifer Griffith**, Rhode Island Child Advocate
- **Linda D'Amario-Rossi**, former Director, DCYF

“These listening sessions are part of the search for our next DCYF director and will be invaluable to us in learning firsthand what the community would like to see in this new leader,” Secretary Roberts said.

The DCYF Director Search Committee is tasked with recommending a candidate to Governor Raimondo for her appointment, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

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