

## MEMO

**To:** RCoC Board of Directors

**From:** CES Implementation Committee

**Re:** Proposed Temporary Amendment for DCYF/FCCP Hotel Participants to be Extended

**Approved by CoC Board on 10.03.24, 6 Month Extension**

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### **I. Approved Temporary Amendment Extension – CoC Board 10.03.24**

The following proposal for an extension of the temporary amendment to the Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures was proposed by the CES Implementation Committee at the RCoC Board's October 3, 2024, meeting. The temporary amendment was approved for an extension as of 10.03.24. The extension lasts until **March 31, 2024**.

The Rhode Island Department of Children Youth and Families (DCYF) along with the five regional Family Case Coordinating Partners (FCCPs) have temporarily sheltered close to 100 families in hotels over the past 18 months. The Department announced in September of 2023 that the program must end. Current CES prioritization does not easily facilitate transferring families from hotel resources because the family's Current Living Situation is not an unsheltered location.

1. 1 of every 4 family shelter openings identified in the existing year-round family shelters (6) be set aside for 1 of the families in the DCYF/FCCP hotel resource.
2. Prioritization related to which family will be referred the set aside opening shall be determined by DCYF in coordination with the FCCP's (through internal case conferencing). Consideration for prioritization, in addition to Crisis Assessment acuity score shall include:
  - a. Hotel placement disruption(s)
  - b. Geographic considerations
  - c. Pregnancy with imminent birth (3 months)
  - d. Length of stay in hotel program
  - e. Income and employment limitations – families where the only identified avenue for stable housing is affordable housing lists

Additionally, if a family accepts placement in a region that is NOT ideal for work/school, then the staff at the shelter will work to execute a transfer as soon as an opening is possible.

DCYF is responsible to work with the FCCP's to prepare and maintain the prioritization list. This amendment is limited to families who are residing in this program as of the date of approval. Families enrolling in the DCYF/FCCP hotel programs after this date will not be considered for this temporary prioritization.