

**IV. ROLE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION**

The Social Services Commission is responsible for adopting rules that pertain to the Subsidized Child Care (SCC) Program. Rules concerning the approval of child care programs that participate in the subsidy program, client eligibility and parental fees, and rates paid to child care providers participating in the SCC Program can also be established by the Social Services Commission unless stipulated in law or the annual appropriations act.

**V. ROLE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is the parent agency of the Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE). The Secretary of Health and Human Services has the authority to establish, define, and identify all services to be funded with subsidized child care funds. The Secretary may establish priorities for the reallocation of funds as well as adopt rules regarding contracting procedures.

**VI. ROLE OF THE DIVISION OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND EARLY EDUCATION**

The Division of Child Development and Early Education was formed within the Department of Health and Human Services to regulate early childhood services for all children in North Carolina and to oversee the SCC Program and the North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten (NC Pre-K) Program. DCDEE issues policy for the provision of child care services, prepares required reports related to the expenditure of state and federal funds and monitors for program and fiscal compliance.

DCDEE also develops, implements, and coordinates initiatives that address improving the quality and increasing the availability of child care and enhancing the lives of families in North Carolina. These initiatives include programs that offer child care resource and referral, school-age child care services, and the inclusion of children with special needs. In addition DCDEE staff:

Collaborates with the North Carolina Partnership for Children in the administration and implementation of the Smart Start Program.

Sections in DCDEE that impact the SCC Program are listed below.

**A. Subsidy Services Section - (919) 662-4561**

The Subsidy Services Section administers the allocation and reallocation of child care subsidy funds through funding authorizations and contracts. Staffs