

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
AND  
PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

PAMELA ANDRADE  
V.  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DECISIONS

Held: Disqualification lifted.

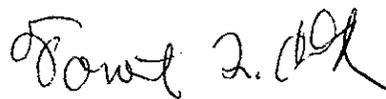
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The petitioner in this case wishes to work in a facility regulated by the Department of Education under its regulations for "Educational Programs for Very Young Children". G.L. 16-48-1, et seq. Back in 1982 she was charged with one count of welfare fraud. She entered a plea of nolo contendere to this charge in 1985. She was placed on probation for 2 years. Petitioner testified under oath that she has had no other convictions in Rhode Island or in any other state. Her employer has strongly recommended that we not disqualify the petitioner. He submits that she is a capable and valuable employee whose character "presents no reason for concern for the health and welfare of any child placed in her care."

We concur with this assessment. We find that petitioner Andrade to be qualified to work in a program regulated under the Department's regulations for "Educational Programs for Very Young Children". However, we do require the petitioner to submit to us a national criminal records check.

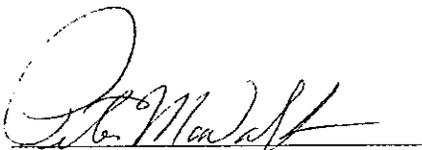
#### Conclusion

The disqualification against the petitioner is lifted. She is, however, required to submit to us a national criminal records check.



Forrest L. Avila  
Hearing Officer

approved:



Peter McWalters  
Commissioner of Education

March 21, 1994

Date