

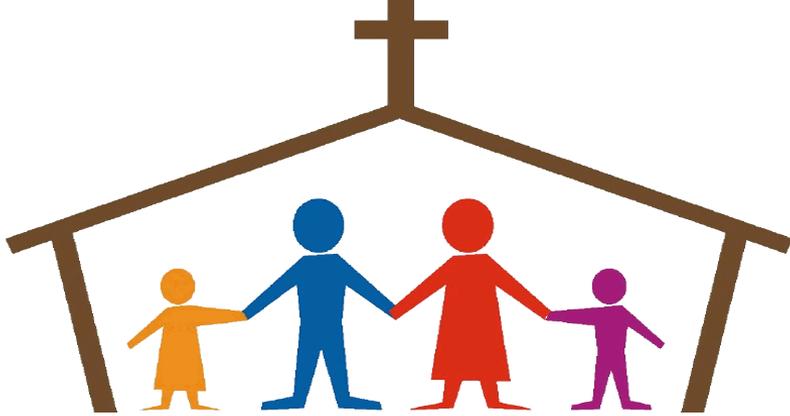
Child Care and Development Fund
Public Hearing
January 21, 2016
Dover, Delaware



What is the Child Care and Development Fund?

- **CCDF is the primary Federal funding source that subsidizes child care**
- **Assists the state in implementing its child care priorities**





Delaware's child care priorities

- To provide child care services to all eligible families with a need for care.
- To promote quality in the early care and education system.



Total of all funds used to subsidize the Purchase of Care program for FFY15

- CCDF \$12,895,871.00
- State General Funds \$28,741,155.00
- SSBG (Social Services Block Grant) \$1,400,001.00
- TANF \$19,316,161.00

Number of children served FFY '15

- 168,752 (number of children served)
- On average approximately 13,000 children per month
- Total spent in SFY15 = \$62,353,188



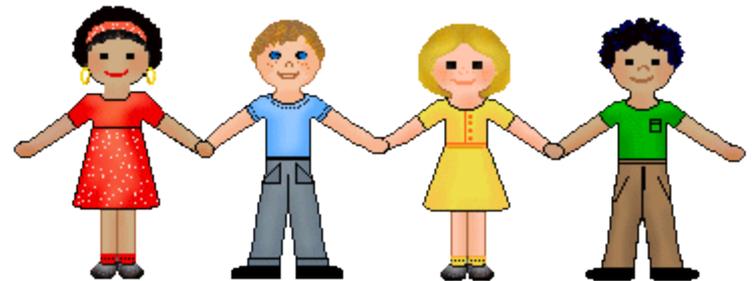


Allocation of CCDF Funds

- Quality Initiatives (at least 4%)
- Administrative (no more than 5%)
- Infant/Toddler (at least 3%)

Where is CCDF funding allocated in Delaware?

- The Department of Health and Social Services
- The Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families
- The Department of Education



Department of Health and Social Services

- Purchase of Care program
- Contracted services
 - Capacity Building \$300,000.000
 - Resource and Referral \$200,00.00
 - Relative Care Training \$77,000
 - T.E.A.C.H \$200,000.00
 - WECEC \$35,000.00



Resource and Referral

- Contract with Children and Families First
- Statewide child care resource and referral system
- Operates a 24 hour automated phone system
- Operates a web based online provider search
- Provides case management services for families who struggle to find appropriate care



Capacity Building

- Contract with Children and Families
- Provides technical assistance and financial resources to providers to expand, enhance or create new services for types of child care limited in supply, i.e.:
 - care for children who need non-traditional hours of care
 - care for children with special needs
 - care for infants and toddlers
 - care for children who are English language learners

46 grants awarded in FY 15 which created:

- 80 infant/toddler slots
- 28 special needs slots
- 27 non traditional hour slots
- 45 English language learner slots



Relative Care Program

- Contract with the University of Delaware
- Provides 28 hours of training including pre-service training and 3 hours of annual professional development in the theory and practice of Early Care and Education
- Topics covered include:
 - Infant /toddler assessment
 - Shaken baby syndrome
 - CPR/First Aid
 - Child development
 - Nutrition



T.E.A.C.H.

- Contract with the Delaware Association for the Education of Young Children (DAEYC)
- Provides scholarships for those working in licensed early care and education or school age programs.
- Scholarships awarded for those earning BA, AA and CDA credentials
- In FFY15 64 scholarships awarded
 - 7 scholars earned a BA
 - 11 scholars earned an AA
 - 2 scholars earned a CDA



WECEC

Wilmington Early Care and Education Committee

- Contract with the City of Wilmington
- Provides increased quality child care in the city of Wilmington through:
 - Career advisement
 - Scholarships for TECE 1 and 2 for child care professionals
 - Technical assistance to early education programs
 - A professional development resource center



Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families

- **Two full time positions:**
Social Service Administrator
Child Care Licensing Specialist



Department of Education

3 Full time Positions

1 Education Specialist

1 Social Service Administrator

1 Secretary



Key Legislative Changes

Eligibility Policies

States must:

- must authorize 12 months of child care
- provide for the graduated phase out of assistance
- ensure that the redetermination process does not unduly disrupt parents' work, education or job training



Key Legislative Changes Continued

Background Check Requirements

- **Must be done every 5 years**
- **Must include a check of:**
 - state criminal and sex offender registry of all states a staff member has lived in the past 5 years
 - state child abuse and neglect registry of all states a staff member has lived in the past 5 years
 - the National Crime Information Center (run by FBI)
 - FBI finger print check
 - the National Sex Offender Registry (operated by DOJ)

Compliance date- 9/30/2017



Key CCDF Legislative Changes

Consumer Education

States must provide via a website:

- comprehensive consumer education for parents giving them information regarding their child care options, the quality and availability of child care, etc. (9/30/2016)
- results of monitoring and inspection reports (11/19/2017)
- annual reports on the number of deaths, serious injuries and instances of child abuse (9/30/2016)
- a description of licensing and monitoring requirements and process for background checks (including offenses that prevent individuals from becoming providers) (9/30/2016)

Key CCDF Legislative Changes Continued

Health, Safety and Fire Inspections

States must:

- conduct one pre-licensure and one annual unannounced inspection for licensed providers
- conduct one annual inspection of license exempt providers
- ensure licensing inspectors are qualified
- ensure ratio of inspectors to sites is adequate
(11/19/16) compliance date for all requirements above
- make full inspection reports available online (11/19/2017)



Key CCDF Legislative Changes Continued

Health, Safety and Fire Inspections-Continued

States must:

- establish health and safety standards in 10 topic areas:
 - I.E. prevention and control of infectious disease
 - SIDS and safe sleep practices
 - prevention and response to food allergies, etc.
- mandate pre-service and ongoing training
- set group size and child-to-provider ratios for all age populations

(9/30/2016) compliance date for above requirements



Key CCDF Legislative Changes Continued

Minimum Quality Spending Requirement

- Mandate to phase in an increase in minimum quality set aside from 4% to 9% over 5 years
- Mandate to spend a minimum of 3% to improve the quality and supply of care for infants and toddlers (2017)



Key Dates

- Criminal Background Checks- **compliance by 9/30/17**
- Monitoring of Licensing requirements – **compliance by 11/19/16**
- Posting Results of monitoring – **compliance by 11/19/17 or one year after monitoring is in place**
- Minimum Quality Spending – **must be at 7% by FY '16, 8% by FY '18 ,etc.**
- Infant and Toddler Spending – **must be at 3% by FY '17**
- Child Care and Development State Plan **is due March 1, 2016**
- Full implementation, if approved, is **June 2016 through September 30, 2018**



Written Comments

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COMMENTS

