



An Introduction to the Fundamentals of CCDF Administration

The Fundamentals of CCDF Administration (Fundamentals) is a comprehensive interactive resource for Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Administrators that is designed to help Lead Agencies learn the basics of administering the CCDF program.

The Fundamentals training PowerPoint slide deck is one of four resources to support CCDF Lead Agencies and Administrators. Additional resources include a comprehensive Fundamentals of CCDF Administration Resource Guide in both a PDF and an online searchable version, and an interactive learning module that mirrors this slide deck. The Fundamental tools can be accessed via the Office of Child Care website.

The Fundamentals of CCDF Administration was created for CCDF Administrators as the primary audience; in particular, for individuals who are new to their positions. The contents are also applicable to Lead Agency staff who need a basic understanding of the implementation of the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014 and the accompanying CCDF final rule.

Please contact your regional office if you have questions about the Fundamentals training PowerPoint or if you need training regarding the components and requirements of CCDF.

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Welcome to "An Introduction to the Fundamentals of CCDF Administration"







Introduction to the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)

- What is CCDF?
- What is the difference between CCDBG (Child Care and Development Block Grant) and CCDF?
- How is CCDF administered at the federal level?
- What is the Office of Child Care (OCC)?
- What entities have a CCDF grant?

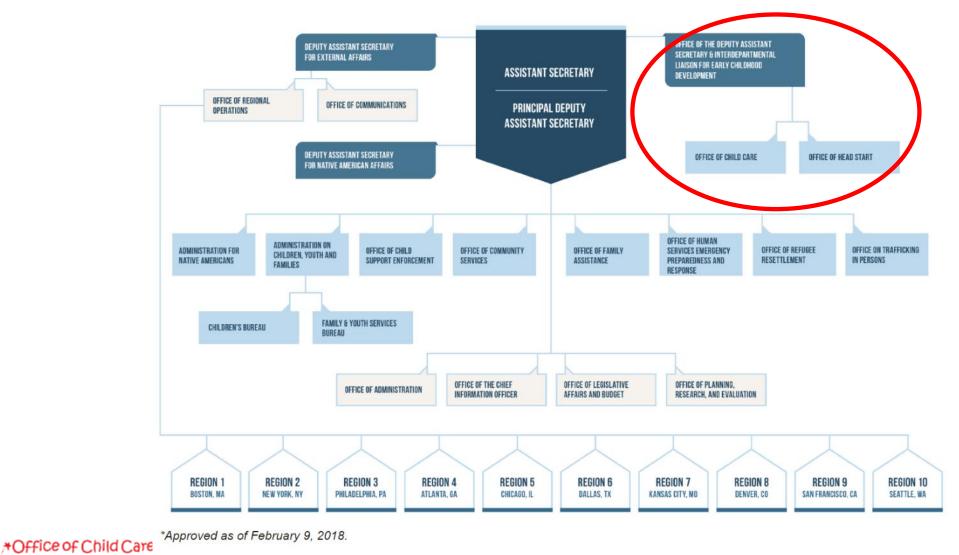








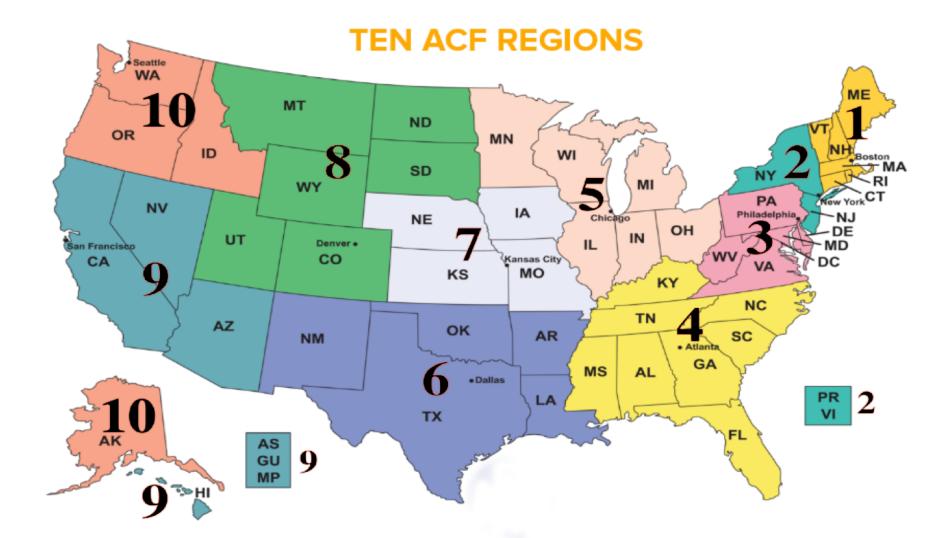
Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Organizational Structure



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Lead Agency Responsibilities

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The Lead Agency is responsible for administering the CCDF program and has the authority to do the following:

- 1. Administer and implement programs
- 2. Retain its overall responsibility for CCDF programs
- 3. Serve as the single point of contact for the administration of the CCDF program
- 4. Develop and administer the CCDF Plan

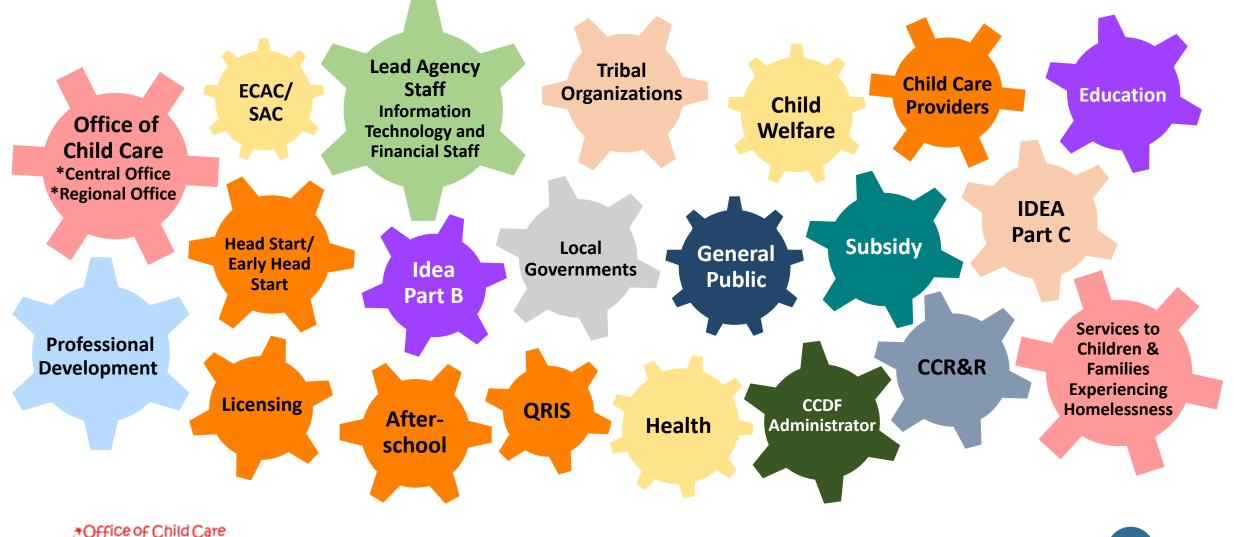




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- What is CCDF reauthorization?
- What is the CCDF final rule?
- Where do I get more information about what CCDF reauthorization requires?





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Purposes (Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014)

- 1. To allow each State maximum flexibility in developing child care programs and policies that best suit the needs of children and parents within *that* State
- To promote parental choice to empower working parents to make their own decisions *regarding* the child care *services* that best suit their family's needs
- 3. To encourage States to provide consumer education information to help parents make informed choices about child care *services and to promote involvement by parents and family members in the development of their children in child care settings*

- 4. To assist States *in delivering high-quality, coordinated early childhood care and education services to maximize parents' options and support* parents trying to achieve independence from public assistance
- 5. To assist States *in improving the overall quality of child care services and programs by* implementing the health, safety, licensing, *training, and oversight* standards established in *this subchapter and in State law (including* State regulations)
- 6. To improve child care and development of participating children
- 7. To increase the number and percentage of low-income children in high-quality child care settings





CCDF Reauthorization

- How does the law improve the health, safety, and quality of child care?
- How does the law support child development and school readiness?
- How does the law help working parents with low income maintain employment and achieve financial stability?



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How Does the Law Improve the Health, Safety, and Quality of Child Care?

- Establishes **minimum** standards, training, and monitoring requirements
- Requires all states to use the same comprehensive background checks
- Requires professional development for teachers and staff
- Establishes a goal to increase the number and percentage of children from low-income families in high-quality child care settings
- Targets funding for quality improvements

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How Does the Law Support Child Development and School Readiness?

- Professional development for providers on childhood development and behavioral challenges
- Consumer education for parents on choosing child care and accessing services
- Collection and sharing of information on child development, family engagement, developmental screenings, and quality child care



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How Does the Law Help Working Parents With Low Incomes Maintain Employment and Achieve Financial Stability?

- Provides minimum 12-month eligibility despite temporary changes in work, training, or education status, as long as income is below 85 percent of the state median income (SMI)
- No undue disruption of parents' employment in order to maintain eligibility
- Adoption of processes that consider fluctuations in earnings

















Define CCDF Leadership and Coordination

Promote Family Engagement and Consumer Education

Provide Stable Child Care Financial Assistance

Ensure Equal Access to Child Care

Establish Standards to Ensure Health and Safety

Recruit and Retain a Qualified Workforce

Support Continuous Quality Improvement

Ensure Grantee Accountability





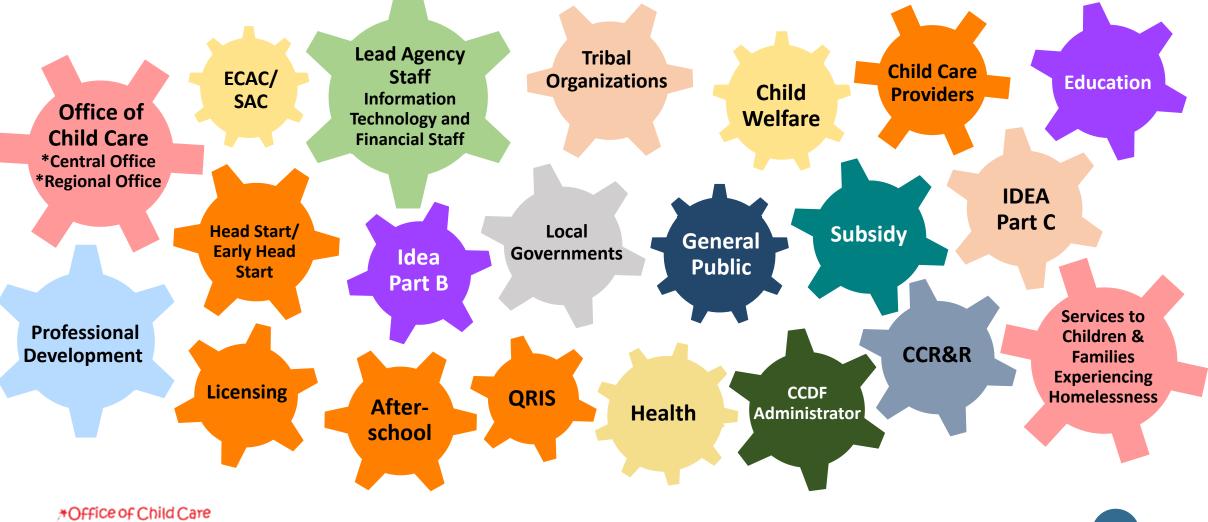


Section 1. Define CCDF Leadership

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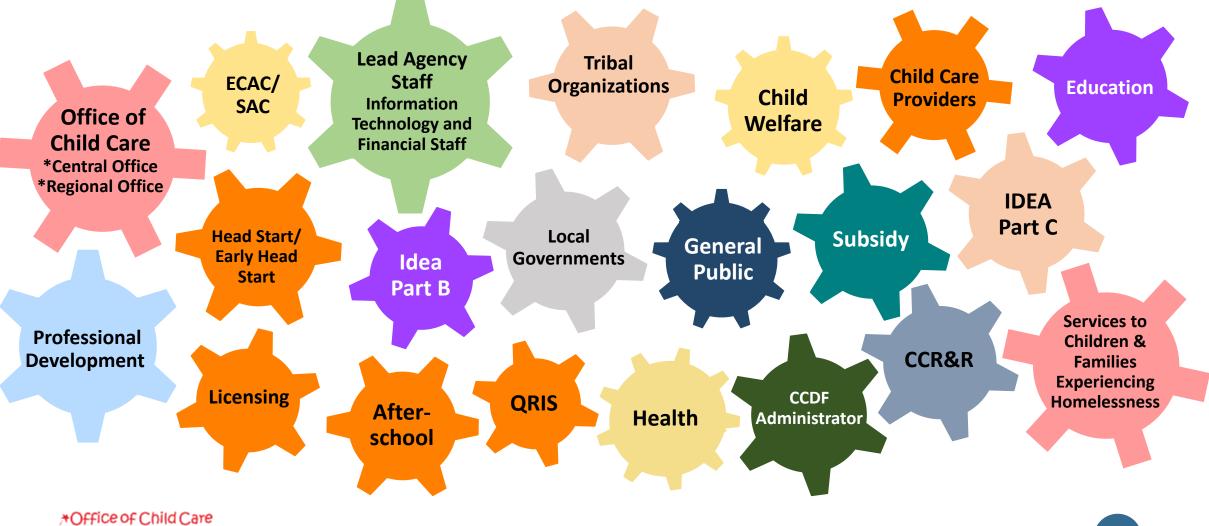
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Coordination of Services



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Coordination between States and Tribal Organizations

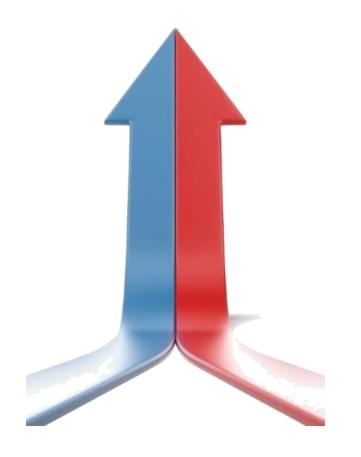
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Expanding Accessibility and Continuity of Care through Coordination of Services

Coordination can help states provide

- full-day and full-year services,
- improved quality of services,
- smooth transitions,
- comprehensive services, and
- an increased supply of quality care for vulnerable populations.



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Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Services



- Engage families with consumer education on child care options and quality, as well as information about child care financial assistance (subsidy)
- Engage child care providers to disseminate information about the availability of child care
- Provide training and technical assistance for child care providers
- Promote and help child care providers achieve higher quality





Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery

Planning and preparation for emergency and disaster situations is important for these reasons:

- Minimizes likelihood of injuries and death
- Minimizes trauma and promotes resilience
- Reduces provider revenue lost and liability
- Child care is a vital service to the community



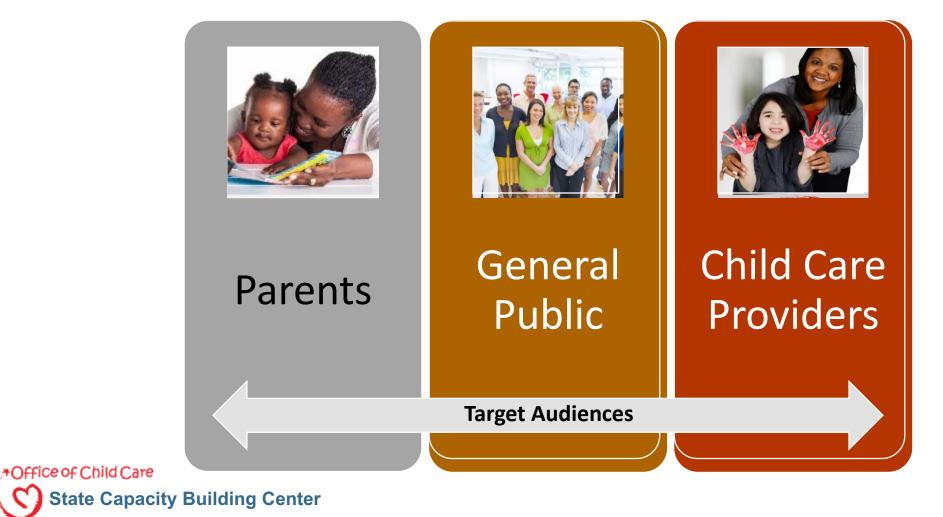




Section 2. Promote Family Engagement through Outreach and Consumer Education

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Who Is the Target Audience for Consumer Education Information?



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Three Key Areas of Information

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- Provider-specific information on the following:
 - Process for licensing
 - Background checks
 - Availability of child care
 - Quality indicators, if available
 - Monitoring and inspection reports
 - Deaths, injuries, and abuse data
 - Referrals to CCR&R organizations
 - Lead Agency contacts

Other Financial Assistance Programs

- CCDF subsidy
- Other programs:
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Head Start and Early Head Start
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part 619 and Part C

Child Development Information

- Research and best practices
- Social-emotional health of children
- Preventing suspension and expulsion
- Information on developmental screenings





Sharing Consumer Education Information



Communication should be

- easy to understand,
- consumer-friendly,
- free,
- easily accessible,
- simple to navigate,
- searchable, and
- effective at addressing the needs of families with limited English proficiency.







Consumer Statement

Provider-specific information:

- Health and safety requirements
 - Requirements met
 - History of violations
- Date of last inspection
- Voluntary quality standards met

General information:

- Subsidy and equal access
- Filing a complaint
- Resources to assist in finding care



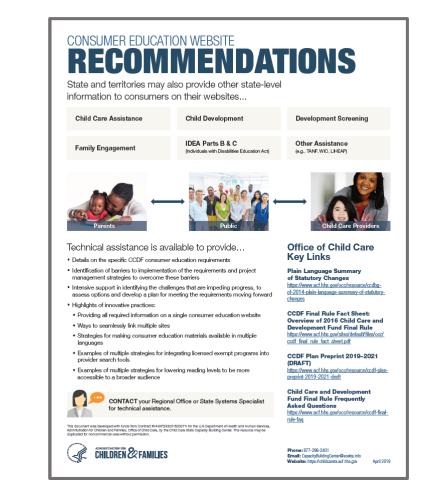


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Consumer Education Website

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CONSUMER EDUCATION WEBSITE REQUIREMENTS There are twelve required consumer information components that states and territories must offer on their child care consumer education websites.	
REQUIRED State-Level CONSUMER INFORMATION	Provider-Level
1 Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies 4 Deaths in Child Care Settings (Aggregate Data)	7 ZIP Code Search 10 Three Years of Monitoring Data
2 Licensing and Monitoring Process 5 Injuries in Child Care Settings (Aggregate Data)	8 Monitoring Reports 11 Date of Last Inspection
3 Contact Information for Lead Agency 6 Child Abuse Cases Child Care Settings (Aggregate Data on Substantiated Cases)	9 Quality Rating 12 Corrective Actions
PLUS <u>Three</u> required user experience design features. All twelve consumer information components must be available in	
HELLO HOLA Multiple Languages	ormats Support dividuals with isabilities
All information must be written in a way to communicate with members of your audience so that they can understand the first time they read or hear the message. Note that language that is plain to one set of readers may not be plain to others. It is considered plain if the intended audience finds it is easy to read, understand, and use.	



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Consumer Education Resources

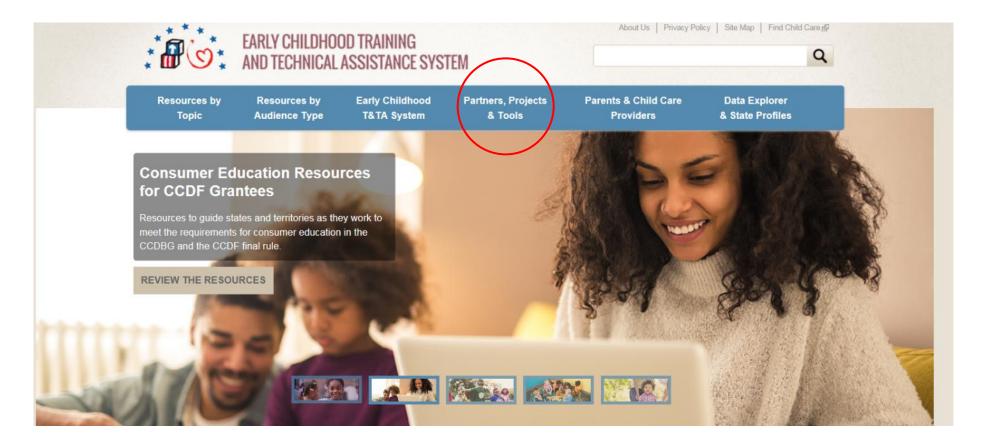
Resources to support consumer education on the Child Care Training and Technical Assistance website: <u>https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/#</u>







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What Is ChildCare.gov?

The purpose of ChildCare.gov is to disseminate publicly available child care consumer education information to families and to help families access safe, quality child care services in their communities, with a range of price options to best suit their needs.



45 C.F.R. § 98.33(e).





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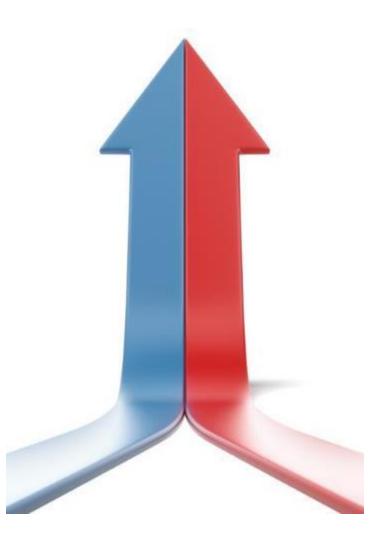


Section 3. **Provide Stable Child Care Financial** Assistance to **Families**

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Expanding Accessibility and Continuity of Care through Coordination of Services



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An Example of How Subsidy Works









Increasing Access for Vulnerable Children and Families



Priority Groups

- Children with special needs
- Children in families with very low incomes
- Children experiencing homelessness
- Other groups identified by the Lead Agency



Vulnerable and at Risk

- Children in underserved areas
- Infants and toddlers
- Children with disabilities
- Children needing nontraditional hours of care



Serving Children Experiencing Homelessness

Families experiencing homelessness are supported in accessing subsidy in the following ways:

- Lead Agency coordination with agencies serving homeless families
- Definition of homelessness
- Priority for services
- Grace period on immunizations
- Protective services
- Training and technical assistance to child care providers
- Outreach to families who are homeless

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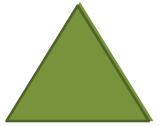






Stable Child Care Financial Assistance for Families

Continuity of Care for Children





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Protection for Working Families







Section 4. Ensure Equal Access to Child Care for Low-Income Children





Child Care Options





In-Home Child Care







Child Care Options (continued)

- Parents choose a provider that meets their needs and preferences
- Parents must have access to their children and to providers
- Resources to find a child care provider include the following:
 - Word of mouth
 - National website
 - Local CCR&R agency
 - State or territory consumer education and monitoring information
- All providers must be monitored to ensure that they meet minimum CCDF health and safety requirements
- States and territories may set additional requirements





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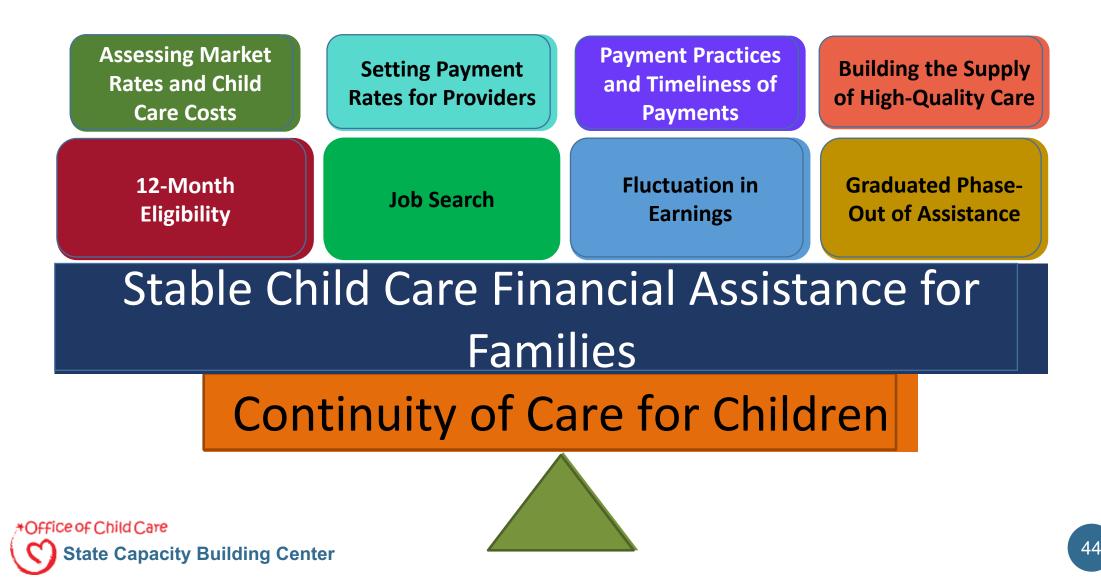
Protection for Working Families







Increasing Access to Child Care for Low-Income Children







Section 5. Establish Standards and Monitoring **Processes to Ensure** the Health and Safety of Child Care Settings



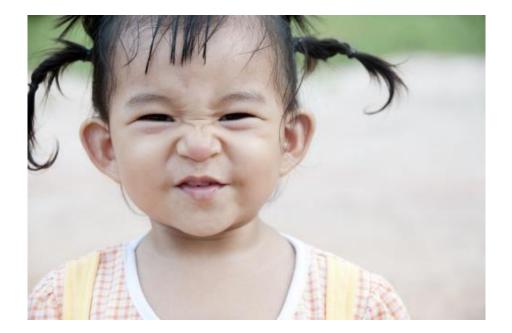


Definition of Licensing

Licensing is a process administered by state and territory governments, as well as some tribes, which sets a baseline of requirements below which it is illegal for facilities to operate.

Licensing includes the following:

- Standards for health and safety
- Processes for monitoring whether programs meet those standards

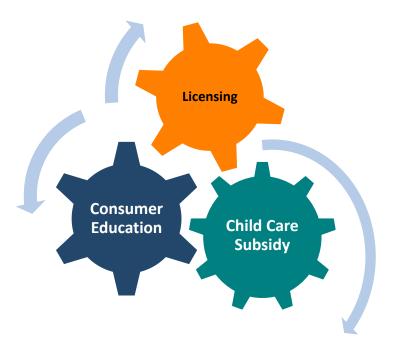






Examples of Licensing Exemptions

- Providers caring for their own relatives
- School-age programs operated by public schools
- Programs operated by religious organizations
- Family child care providers (typically serving three or fewer unrelated children)





Standards and Requirements For Providers Receiving CCDF Funds

Child-Provider Ratios and Group Sizes



Qualifications for Providers



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Content Areas for Health and Safety Standards That Must Be in Place for CCDF Providers

Building and physical premises safetyDaby syndrome, abusive head trauma, and child maltreatmentEmergency preparedness and response planningHazardous materials a biocontaminantsPrecautions in transporting childrenPediatric first aid and CPPRecognition and reporting of child abuseIn addition: Child development (including 5 major	Prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunization)	Prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleep practices	Administration of medication	Prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions
Precautions in transporting childrenPediatric first aid and CPPRecognition and reporting of child abuseChild development (including 5 major)	C	baby syndrome, abusive head trauma, and child		Handling and disposal of hazardous materials and biocontaminants
(if applicable) domains)			J	Child development (including 5 major

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Nutrition (including age-appropriate feeding)

Access to physical activity

Caring for children with special needs

Other Lead Agency– determined subject area



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Child Abuse Reporting

All providers must comply with child abuse reporting requirements.

Requirements are specified in the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA).

States must have provisions and procedures for individuals to report known or suspected instances of child abuse and neglect, including a law for mandatory training.

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Monitoring Visits for All Providers Caring for Children Receiving CCDF Services

Policies to Monitor and Enforce Compliance—Health and Safety

Inspections for Licensed and License-Exempt Providers

Licensing Inspectors (qualified and trained)

Posting Reports with Results of Monitoring Visits on Website







Licensing Inspectors

Qualified licensing inspectors with appropriate caseloads:

- Qualified, with training in related health and safety requirements
- Appropriate ratios to ensure that visits occur in a timely manner



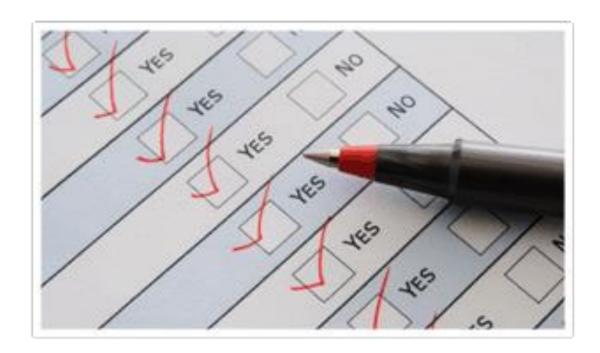






Posting Results of Monitoring and Inspection Reports

- Electronic form
- Organized by provider type
- Results of monitoring and inspection reports
 - Last date of inspection
 - If applicable, results of corrective action taken









Criminal Background Checks

- All providers—licensed, regulated, registered, or eligible to deliver CCDF-funded services—must have a background check
- This requirement applies to prospective staff members of child care providers
- Relatives can be exempted
- Requirements must be posted on the Lead Agency's website
- The law prohibits the employment of child care staff who do not meet federal, state, or territory background check requirements







Provider Definitions Related to Criminal Background Checks



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Components of Criminal Background Checks



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Additional Criminal Background Check Requirements



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Applicability of Health and Safety Requirements in the 2016 CCDF Final Rule

	Providers	Providers	Providers	Providers	Providers	Individuals	Individuals	Individuals	Individuals	Individuals	Relative CCDF
	/Settings*	/Settings [*]	/Settings [*]	/Settings [*]	/Settings [*]	Teachers &	Directors	Other non-	Individuals	Other adults	Providers
	Licensed	License-	CCDF care	Licensed non-	License-	caregivers		caregiver	with un-	(18+) in the	
	CCDF	exempt CCDF	in child's	CCDF (FCC &	exempt			staff	supervised	FCC home	
	(FCC &	(FCC &	home	center)	non-CCDF				access to		
	center)	center)							children		
Background checks (applicable to the following individuals in the indicated settings)	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	At Lead Agency option, relatives (providers & individuals) may be exempted from health and safety requirements.
Health and safety training: preservice or orientation and ongoing (applicable to the following individuals in the indicated settings)	•	•	•			•	•				At Lead Agency option, relatives (providers & individuals) may be exempted from health and safety requirements.
Monitoring: annual (applicable to providers)	• (must be unan- nounced)	•	• [†]								
Monitoring: preinspection (applicable to providers)	•										
Monitoring: posting results of monitoring and inspection reports (applicable to providers)	•	•	•	•							

Note: "FCC" is family child care.

* Providers/settings includes eligible (regulated or registered) providers that are not currently serving CCDF children.

⁺Lead Agency may develop alternate monitoring requirements for care provided in the child's home that are appropriate to the setting.







Section 6. Recruit and Retain a Qualified and Effective Child Care Workforce

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Training and Professional Development System Requirements

States and territories must ensure that training and professional development...

Are conducted on an ongoing basis

Provide for a progression of professional development

Reflect current research and best practices

Are developed in consultation with the State Advisory Council

Are aligned with the state's framework (through engagement with trainers and higher education)

Address standards and competencies, career pathways, advisory structures, articulation, workforce information, and financing

Establish qualifications to promote child development and working with families



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Professional Development System Reminders

Training and professional development are accessible to American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and tribal organizations receiving CCDF assistance. Training and professional development should be designed to meet the needs of diverse populations of children (and their providers) in your state or territory.



Early Learning and Development Guideline (ELDG) Alignment Efforts

across age groups 🗮 within age groups 🗮 across curriculum and assessment

Birth to 3 years

- Approaches to learning
- Social and emotional development
- Language and communication
- Cognition
- Perceptual, motor, and physical development



Preschool

- Approaches to learning
- Social and emotional development
- Language and communication
- Literacy
- Mathematics development
- Scientific reasoning
- Perceptual, motor, and physical development



Kindergarten

(Varies by state)



- Social studies
- Arts
- English language arts
- Mathematics
- Science •
- Health
- Physical education

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Final Thoughts on ELDGs and Professional Development

- ELDGs: requirements
- ELDGs: documentation
- Professional development: system connections







Section 7. Licensing Support Continuous Professional Quality Development **Child Care** Subsidy Improvement Quality Improvement

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Focus on Quality Improvement

	FFY 2016	FFY 2017	FFY 2018	FFY 2019	FFY 2020 (& ongoing)
% Quality set-aside	7%	7%	8%	8%	9%
% Infant & toddler set-aside		3%	3%	3%	3%
Total % quality set-aside	7%	10%	11%	11%	12%

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Options for Quality Activities



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High-quality community- or neighborhood-based family and child development centers

Community- or neighborhood-based family child care networks Training and professional development on infant and toddler development Coaching or technical assistance from a statewide network of qualified infant and toddler specialists

Coordinating with early intervention specialists

Developing infant and toddler components within the quality rating and improvement system Developing infant and toddler components in state or territory licensing regulations Developing infant and toddler components in early learning and development guidelines

Giving parents access to consumer information about high-quality infant and toddler care Other activities to improve the quality of infant and toddler care in the state or territory

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Coordination with Local or Regional Child Care Resource and Referral Systems



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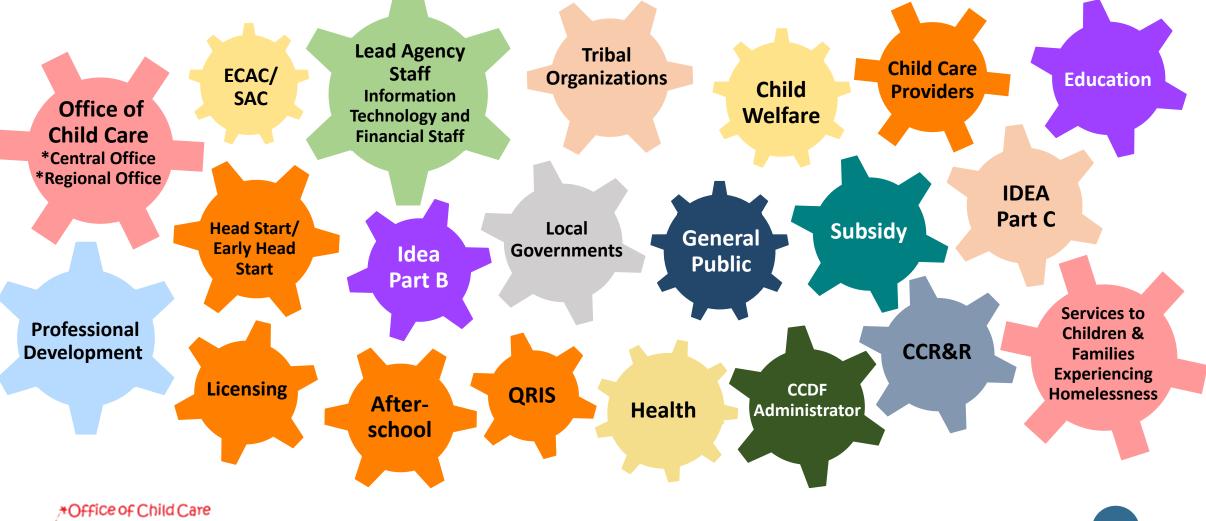




Section 8. Ensure Grantee Program Integrity and Accountability

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CCDF Administrator's Role in Accountability



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CCDF Funding

Discretionary	Mandatory	Matching	Maintenance of Effort (MOE)
 100% federal Proportional formula based on the following: Children under age 5 Children receiving free or reduced-priced lunch 3-year average per capita income Temporary Assistance for Needy Families transfers No match requirements 	 100% federal Federal share of now-repealed Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)–linked child care programs Federal funds received in FY 1994, 1995, or an average received in FY 1992–1994, whichever is greater No match requirements 	 State and federal matched at the Federal Medical Assistance Percentages rate Number of children under age 13 Must expend maintenance of effort in order to receive 	 100% state funds Federal share of now-repealed AFDC-linked child care programs Federal funds received in FY 1994, 1995, or an average received in FY 1992–1994, whichever is greater Expend minimum amount of nonfederal funds





Use of CCDF Funds

- Child care services
- Funding parameters
- Services for children experiencing homelessness
- CCR&R
- Quality activities
- Limitations on administrative costs







CCDF Data Reporting Requirements

ACF-118 CCDF Plan	 Application by Lead Agency describing how CCDF will be administered in compliance with federal statute and regulations Triennial submission
ACF-696 Financial Report	 Reports estimates and expenditures for CCDF funds Quarterly submission
ACF-800 and 801 Aggregate and Case-Level Report	 800: Unduplicated count of children and families served and participating providers 801: Case-level data on children and families served monthly
SDAP, ACF-403, 404, and 405 Error Rate Reports	 Measure, calculate, and report improper payments and identify strategies for reducing future improper payments Three-year cycle
QPR Quality Progress Report	 Report to capture the state and territory progress on improving the quality of child care Annual submission by December 31st

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Key Error Rate Reporting Dates

Key Dates	Action to Be Taken
On or before October 31 of the calendar year before the ACF-404 report is due	Submit the Sampling Decisions, Assurances, and Fieldwork Preparation Plan
On or before December 31 of the calendar year before the ACF-404 report is due	Submit the Record Review Worksheet (ACF-403)
On or before June 30 of the reporting year	Submit the State Improper Payments Report (ACF-404)
Within 60 days of ACF-404 submission	If the state or territory error rate is above 10 percent, submit the Corrective Action Plan (ACF-405)









Strengthening Program Integrity

- CCDF Plan and annual reporting
- Improper payments error rate review process
- Self-assessment of internal controls
- Audits

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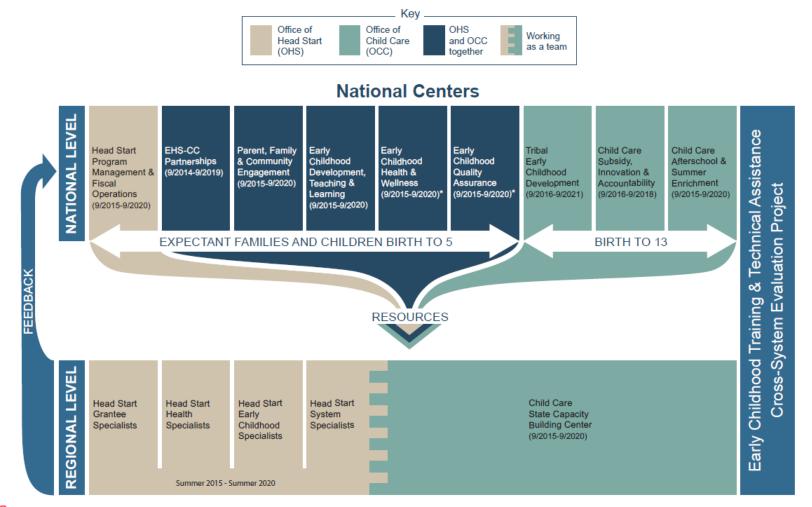


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Closing Thoughts. . . and Helpful Contacts







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