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**

1. Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies
2. Licensing and Monitoring Process
3. Contact Information for Lead Agency
4. Deaths in Child Care Settings (Aggregate Data)
5. Injuries in Child Care Settings (Aggregate Data)
6. Child Abuse Cases Child Care Settings (Aggregate Data on Substantiated Cases)

**REQUIRED Provider-Level CONSUMER INFORMATION**

7. ZIP Code Search
8. Monitoring Reports
9. Quality Rating
10. Three Years of Monitoring Data
11. Date of Last Inspection
12. Corrective Actions

PLUS...

Three required user experience design features. All twelve consumer information components must be available in...

1. Multiple Languages
2. Formats to Support Individuals with Disabilities
3. Plain Language Usage*

*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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RECOMMENDATIONS

State and territories may also provide other state-level information to consumers on their websites...

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Technical assistance is available to provide...

- Details on the specific CCDF consumer education requirements
- Identification of barriers to implementation of the requirements and project management strategies to overcome these barriers
- Intensive support in identifying the challenges that are impeding progress, to assess options and develop a plan for meeting the requirements moving forward
- Highlights of innovative practices:
  - Providing all required information on a single consumer education website
  - Ways to seamlessly link multiple sites
  - Strategies for making consumer education materials available in multiple languages
  - Examples of multiple strategies for integrating licensed exempt programs into provider search tools
  - Examples of multiple strategies for lowering reading levels to be more accessible to a broader audience

CONTACT your Regional Office or State Systems Specialist for technical assistance.

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Office of Child Care Key Links

Plain Language Summary of Statutory Changes

CCDF Final Rule Fact Sheet: Overview of 2016 Child Care and Development Fund Final Rule

CCDF Plan Preprint 2019–2021 (DRAFT)

Child Care and Development Fund Final Rule Frequently Asked Questions
https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/resource/ccdf-final-rule-faq

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