



ADMINISTRATION FOR
CHILDREN & FAMILIES



Supporting Continuous Quality Improvement

Implementing CCDF Reauthorization
January 28, 2015



Agenda

- Policy Overview of CCDF Reauthorization
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Overview of CCDF Plan Pre-print
- Guided Discussion
- Wrap up and Key Points

The Importance of Investing in Quality

- Early access to high-quality child care is critical to ensuring children are able to achieve their full potential.
- Low-income children show the largest gains from being in high-quality child care settings.
- These investments reach millions of children not receiving CCDF subsidies.
- New quality activities build on the long-term investments States, Territories, and Tribes have been making for years.

Increased Quality Set-aside

Minimum Quality Spending Requirements (658G(a)):

- Phases-in increase in minimum quality set-aside from 4% to 9% over a 5-year period. Increase begins in FY 2016.
- In addition, starting in FY 2017, requires States to spend a minimum of 3% to improve the quality of care for infants and toddlers.

Federal Fiscal Year	% Quality Set-aside	% Infant and Toddler	Total Quality Set-aside
FFY 2015*	4%	--	4%
FFY 2016	7%	--	7%
FFY 2017	7%	3%	10%
FFY 2018	8%	3%	11%
FFY 2019	8%	3%	11%
FFY 2020 (and ongoing)	9%	3%	12%

*FFY 2015 is governed by previously existing minimum quality spending rules.

Quality Activities

Allowable Quality Activities (658G(b)):

- States must spend quality funds on at least 1 of 10 specified quality activities:
 - Training and professional development;
 - Early learning and development guidelines;
 - Tiered quality rating system;
 - Infant and toddlers;
 - Child care resource & referral services;
 - Licensing and health and safety requirements;
 - Quality evaluation;
 - Accreditation;
 - Program standards; or,
 - Other measurable quality activities as determined by the State.
- States must establish outcome measures and evaluate progress of activities. (658G(d))

Frequently Asked Questions

- Does the quality set-aside apply to the full CCDF grant award?
- Will existing infant/toddler funds remain in place?
- Will the other targeted funds for school-age care/ child care resource and referral agencies remain in place?

FY2016-18 CCDF State Plan

- CCDF Plan is a tool for the State to show:
 - how it will administer the program
 - progress towards implementation of the new requirements of the CCDBG Act of 2014

Section 7

- Support Continuous Quality Improvement
 - Activities to Improve the Quality of Services
 - Quality Rating and Improvement Systems
 - Improving the Supply and Quality of Child Care Programs for Infants and Toddlers
 - Child Care Resource and Referral
 - Facilitating Compliance with State Standards
 - Quality Assessment
 - Accreditation Support
 - Program Standards
 - Other Quality Improvement Activities

Highlights for Section 7

- No implementation plans; no specific required activities
- Cross-walks with related sections:
 - Section 1 (child care resource and referral)
 - Section 4 (financial incentives to support quality)
 - Section 5 (health and safety standards and monitoring)
 - Section 6 (workforce)

Federal Register Posting

- Emergency clearance process
- 30 day public comment period
- Comments sent directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB):

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Discussion Questions

- What additional clarification or guidance is needed from the Office of Child Care?
- What additional technical assistance supports would be useful for implementation?