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Rural Child Care: Building Supply  
and Support for High Quality

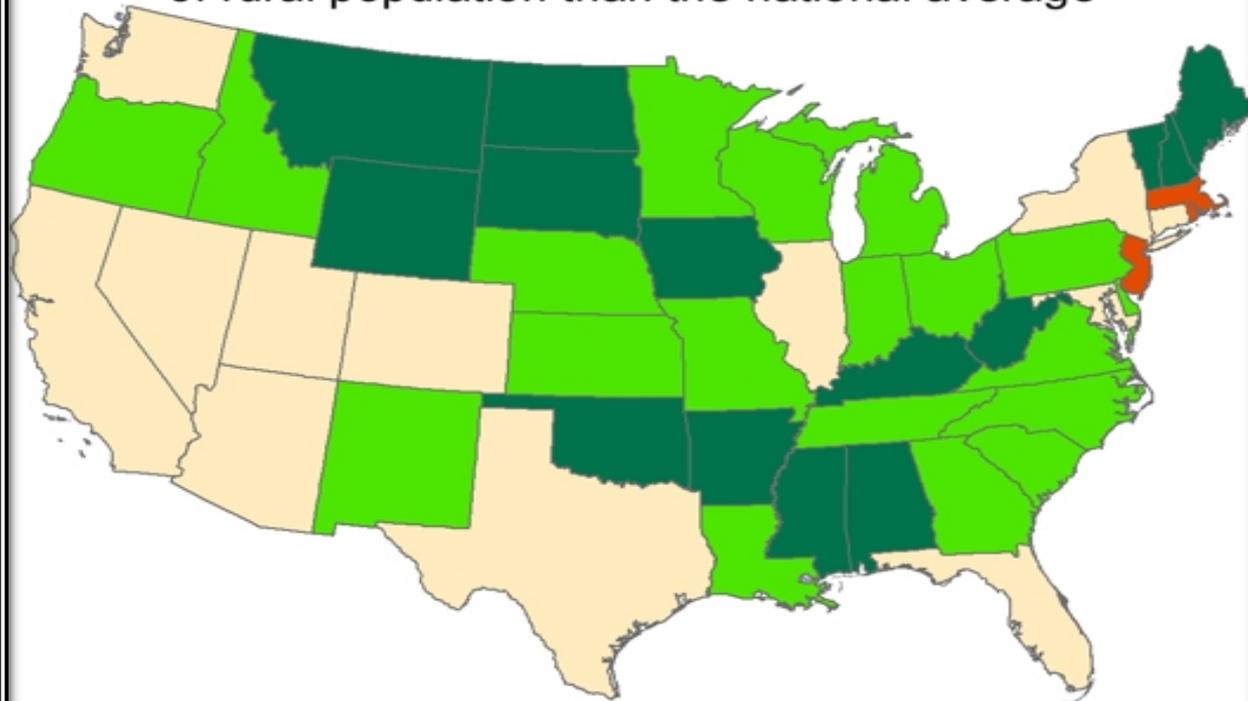
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# The States of Rural America

Seven out of ten states have a larger percentage of rural population than the national average

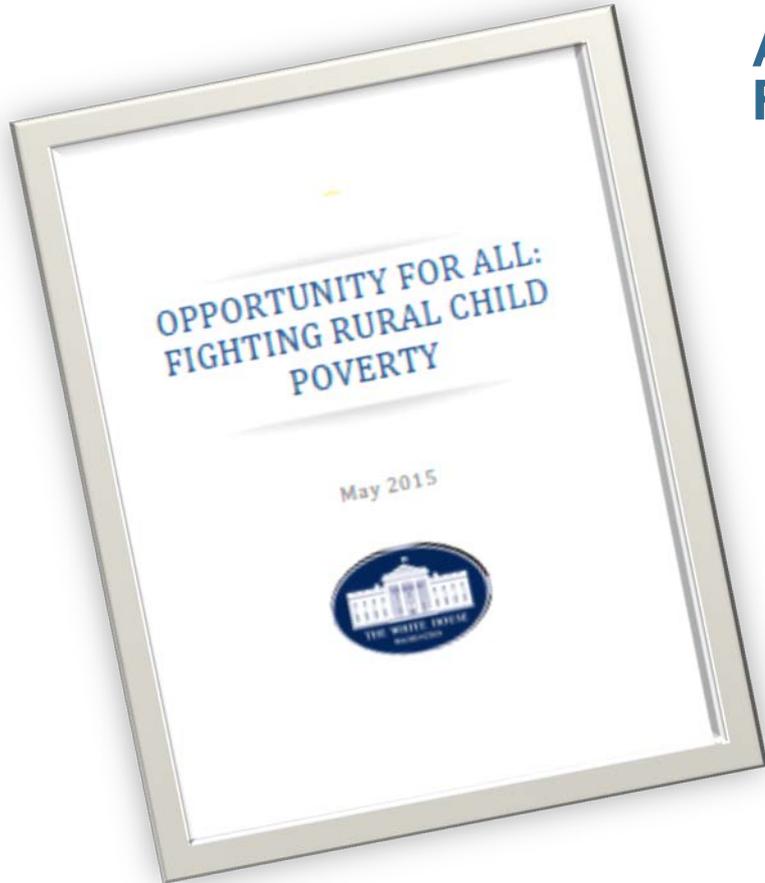


Map shows percent of residents in each state living in rural areas or "urban clusters" of between 2,500 and 50,000.

-  **More than 50% rural (15 states)**
-  **More rural than U.S. average, 28.8% (19 states)**
-  **Less rural than average, 10% to 28.8% (13 states)**
-  **Less than 10% rural (3 states and D.C.)**

Source: U.S. Census

# White House Report: OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL: FIGHTING RURAL CHILD POVERTY May 2015



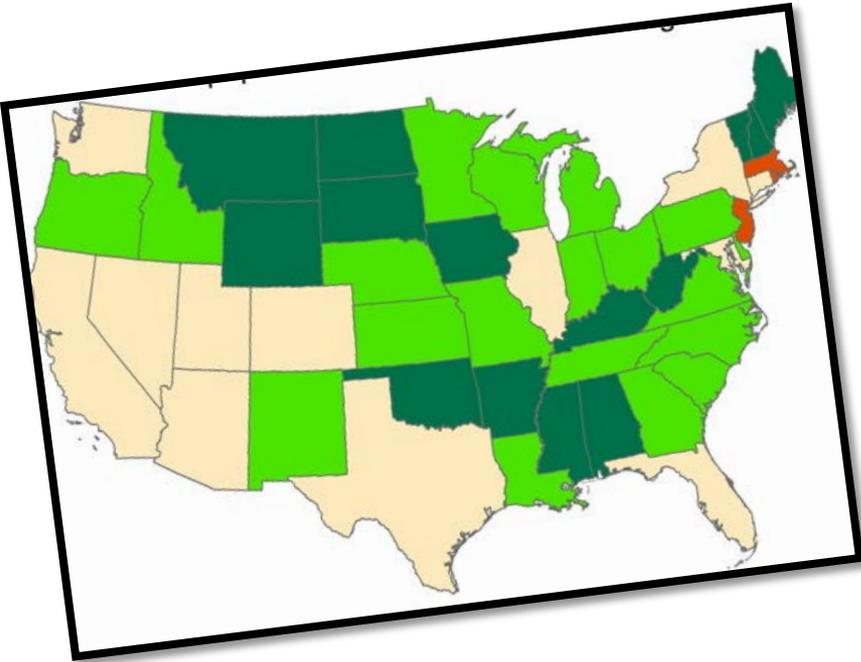
## A Vision for Strong Rural Kids and Families

1. High quality early learning experiences
2. Expansion of MIECHV
3. Reform and expand Head Start
4. Provide universal Pre-K
5. Expand access to quality, affordable child care
6. Internet and learning technologies
7. Supporting Healthy Kids and Families
8. Helping Families Get Ahead



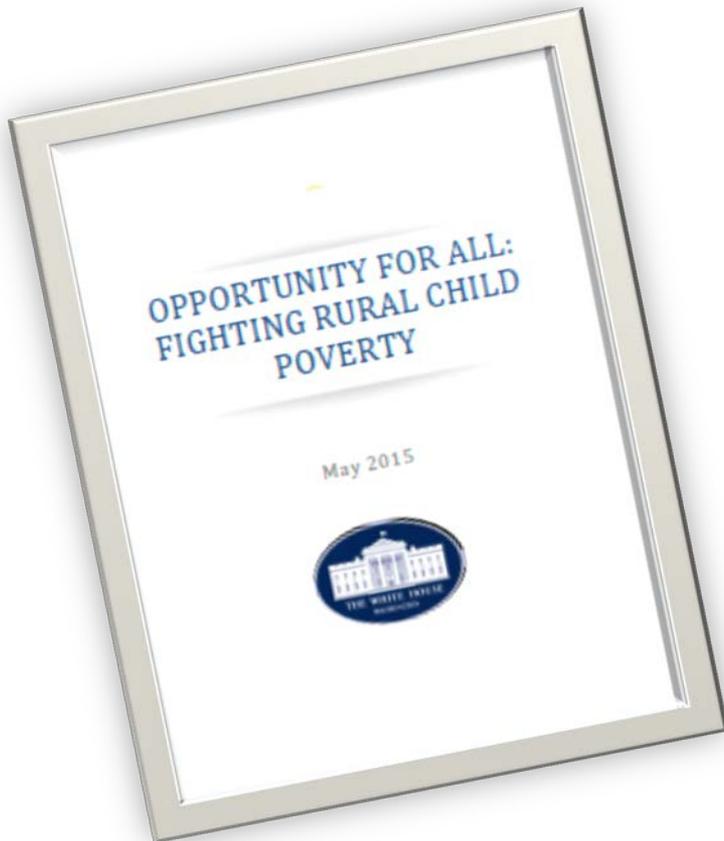
# Today's Focus

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# Expand access to quality, affordable child care



The report references the President's budget which invests \$100 million in new competitive grants to address unmet needs.

These pilots could be used to accomplish the following:

- Develop and test promising practices for families in rural communities,
- Assist parents who work nontraditional hours, and
- Support other families who struggle to find and use high-quality care.

# Session Format

Interview State Staff

Question and Answer Period

Small Group Discussions:

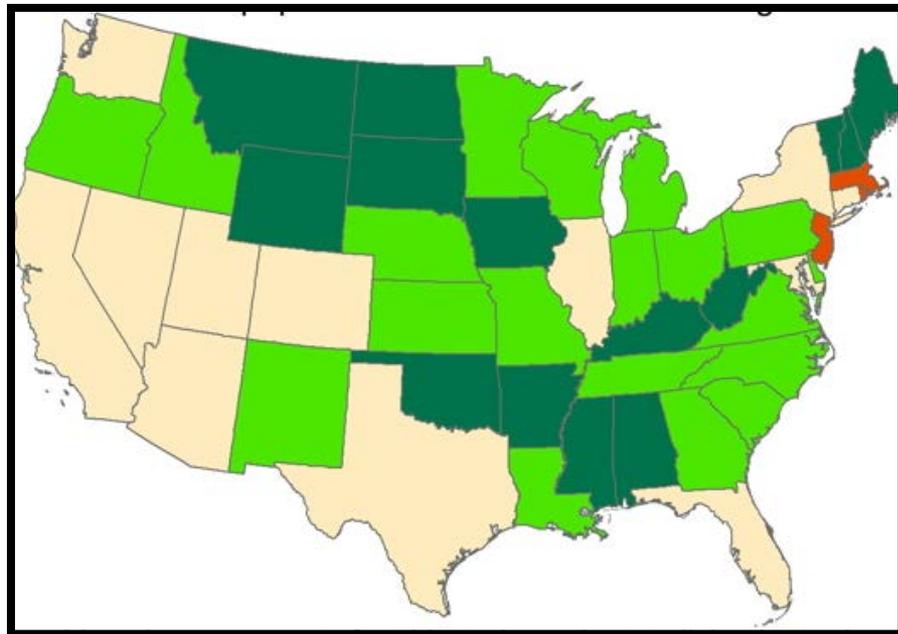
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4. Comprehensive Supply Building Strategies



# Introductions

**Patty Butler** Montana  
Early Childhood Services Bureau Chief

**Jan Walker** Vermont



# Interview



# Questions?



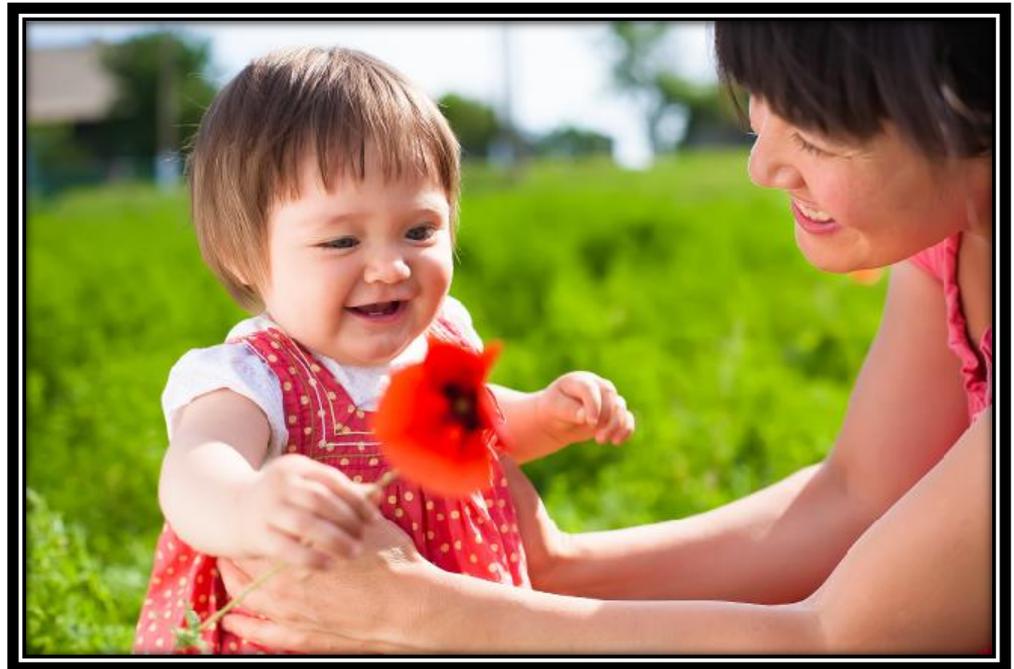
# Small Group Discussions

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# Report and Conclusions

- New?
- Next Steps?
- Information Needed?
- Final Thoughts?





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# Thank You

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