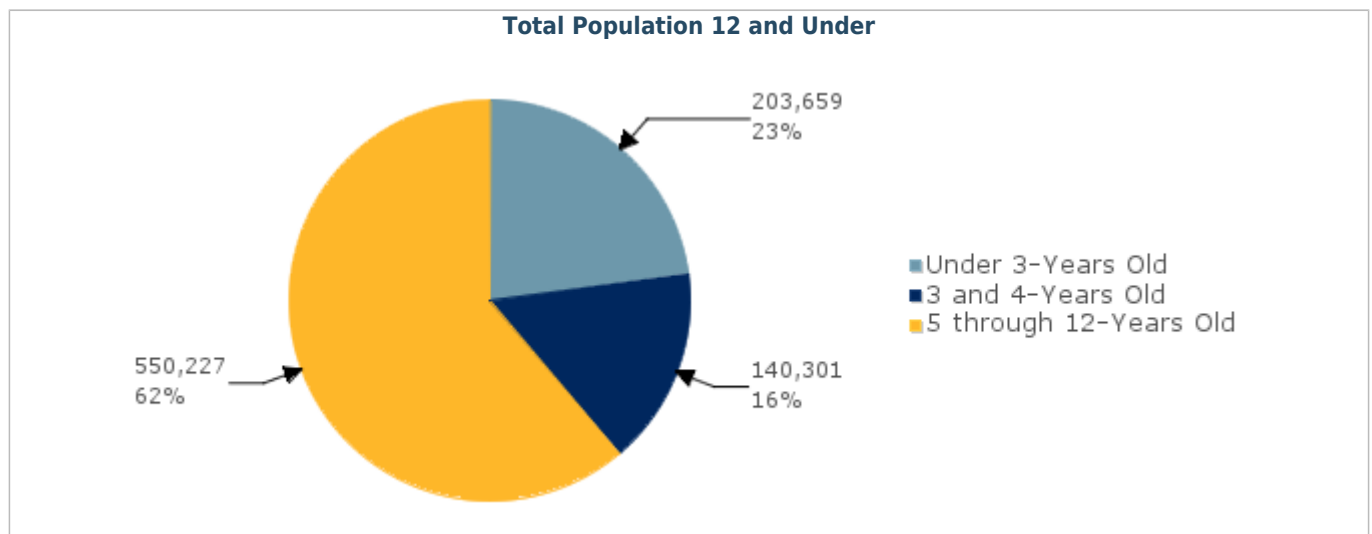




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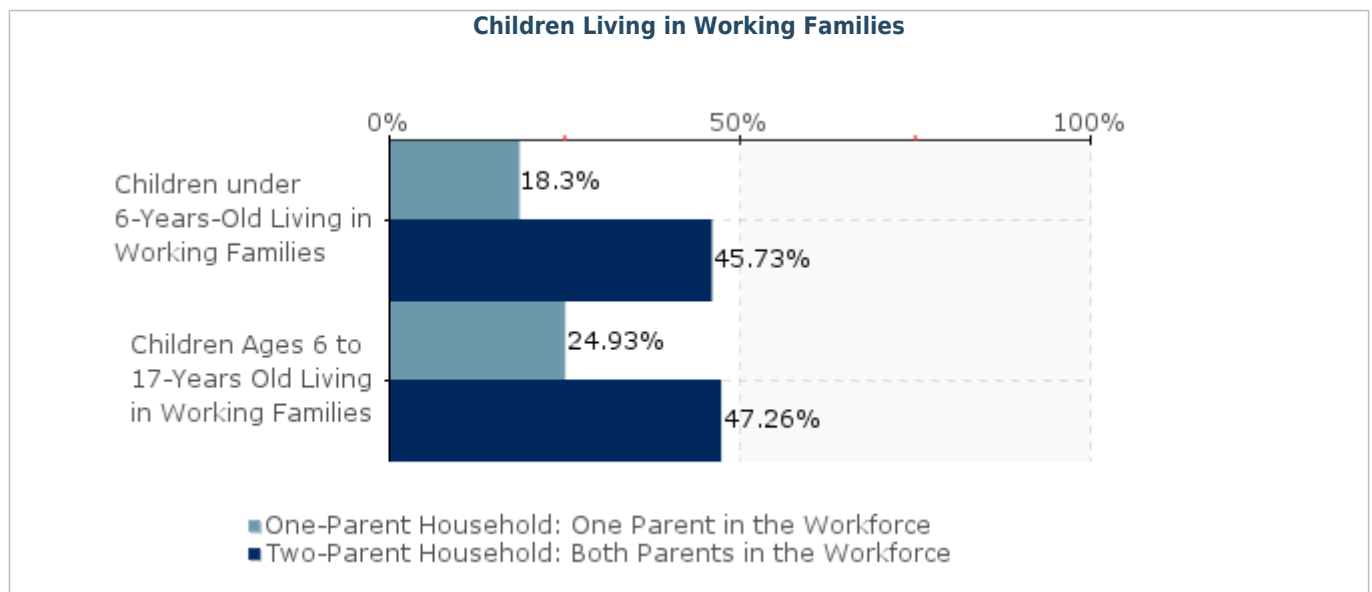
This profile highlights a current innovative effort to promote a subsidy system that is child-focused, family friendly, and fair to providers. It also provides demographic information, Early Care and Education (ECE) program participation and funding, subsidy innovation and program integrity information, program quality improvement activities, and professional development and workforce initiatives. Sources and links are provided at the end of the document

DEMOGRAPHICS



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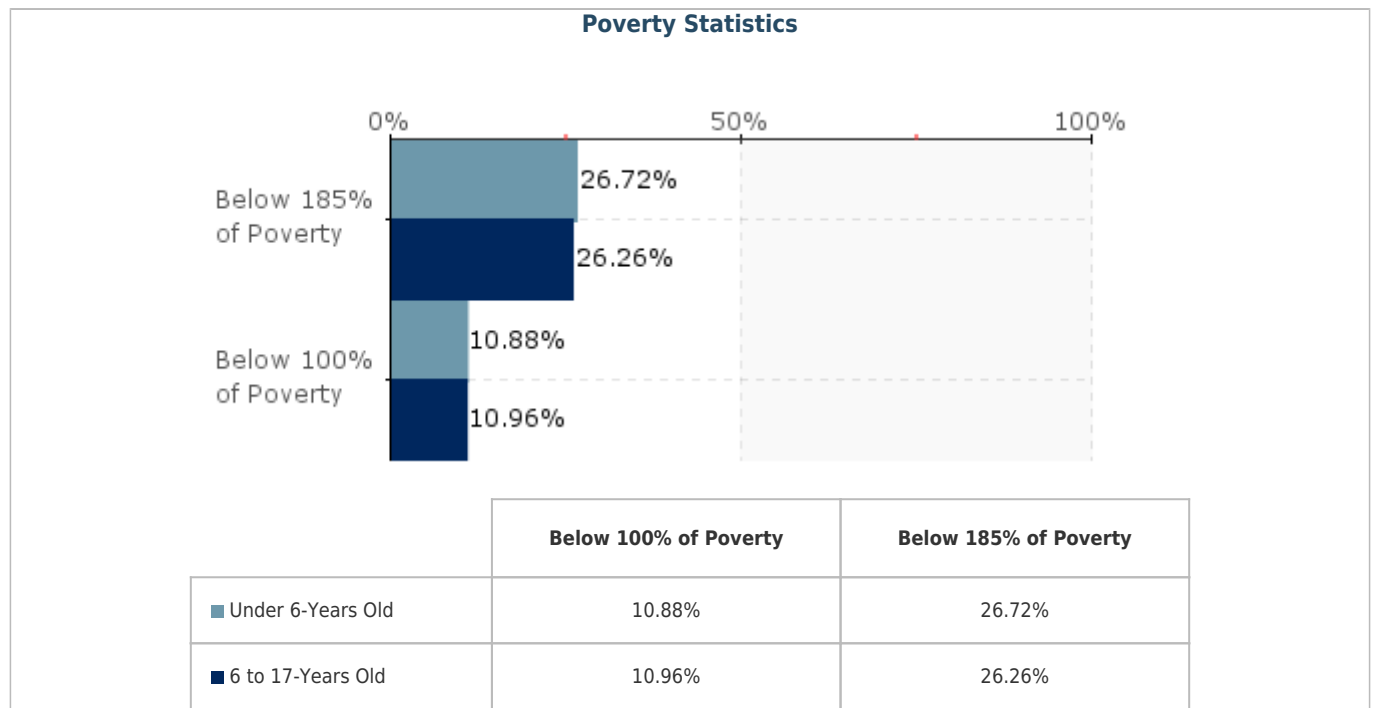
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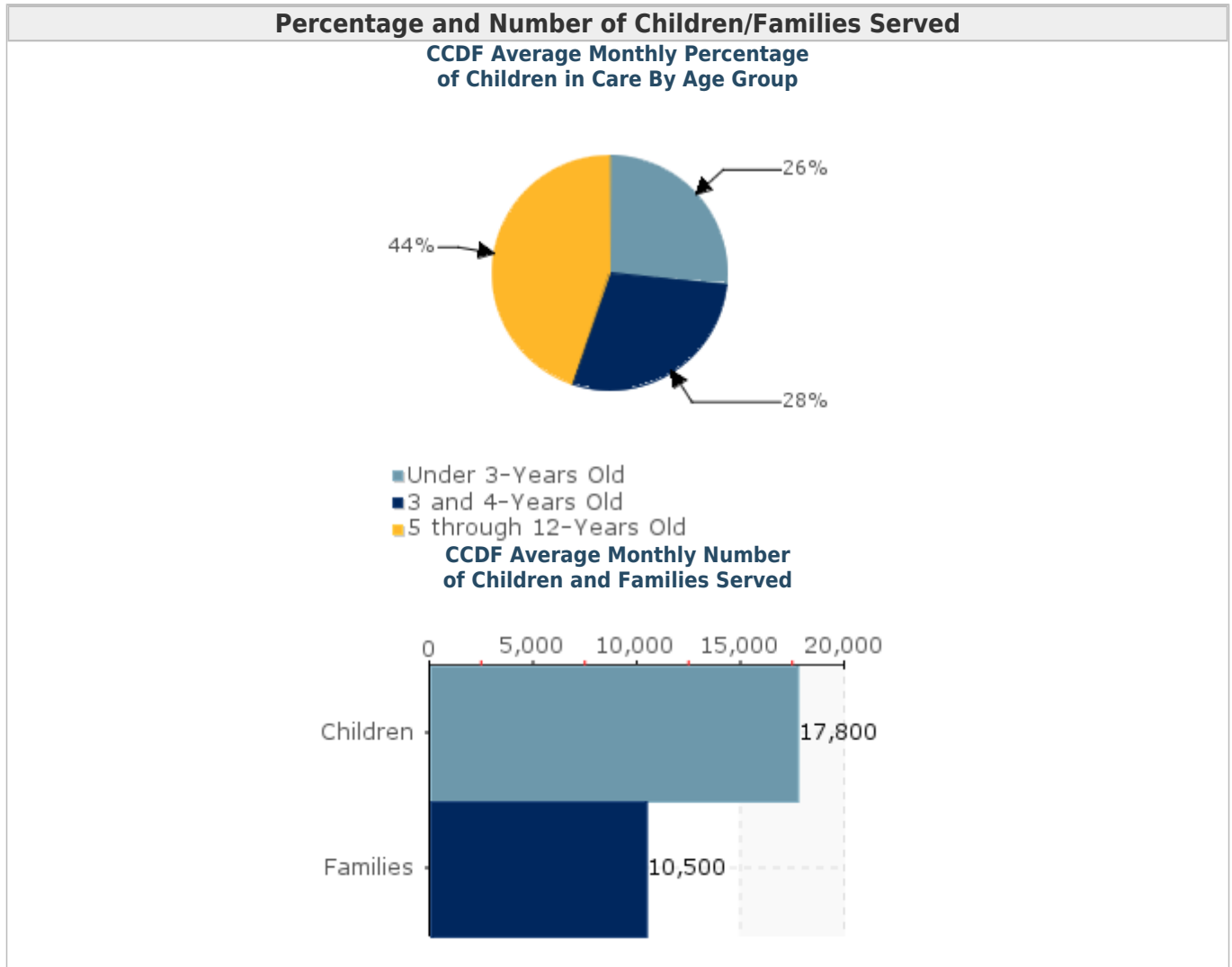
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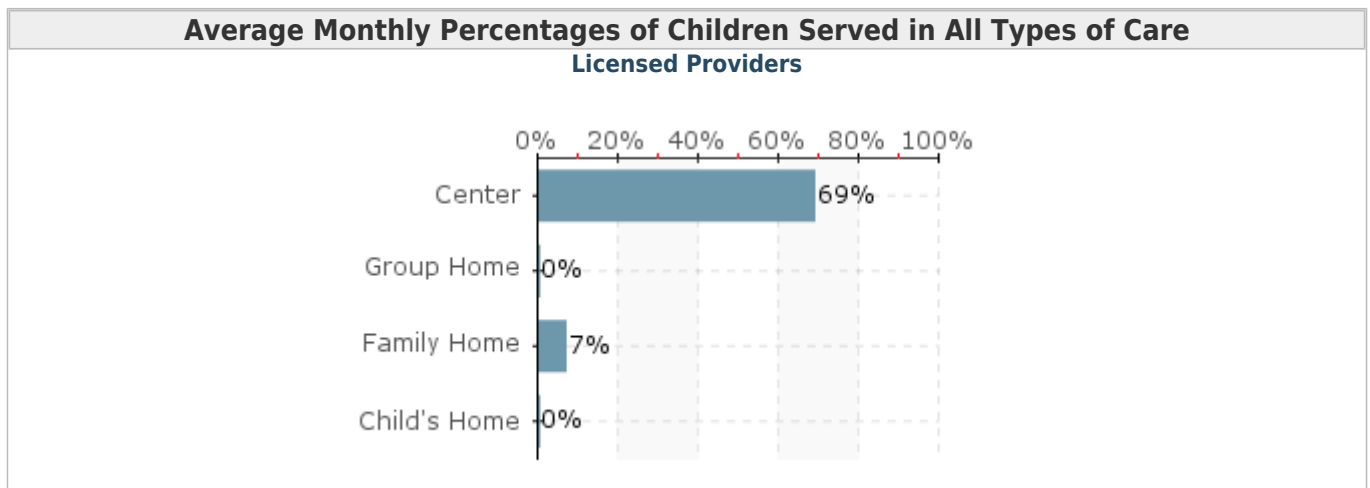
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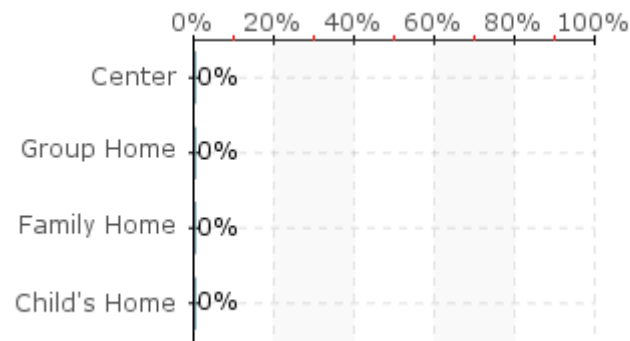
ECE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AND FUNDING



Source(s): U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child Care. (2020). FFY 2019 CCDF data tables [Preliminary estimates]. Table 9 Average Monthly Percentages of Children In Care By Age Group <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/data/fy-2019-preliminary-data-table-9>

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Non-Licensed Providers

Note: Unregulated provider data includes relative and non-relative care.

Source(s): U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child Care. (2020). FFY 2019 CCDF data tables [Preliminary estimates]. Table 6 Average Monthly
<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/data/fy-2019-preliminary-data-table-6>

Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)

◦ Total CCDF Expenditure (Including Quality):	\$149,162,534
◦ CCDF Federal Expenditure:	\$97,132,712
◦ CCDF State/Territory Expenditure:	\$52,029,822

Source(s): U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care. (2021). CCDF Expenditures for FY 2019 (all appropriation years). Table 4a: All expenditures by State-Categorical Summary. <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/resource/fy-2018-ccdf-table-4a>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care. (2020). CCDF Expenditures for FY 2018 (all appropriation years). Table 3a - All Expenditures by State - Detailed Summary. <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/resource/fy-2018-ccdf-table-3a>

CCDF Quality Expenditures

◦ Total Quality Expenditure:	\$19,199,990
◦ Quality Activities (Set Aside Funds):	\$19,199,990
◦ Infant and Toddler (Targeted Funds):	Not available
◦ Quality Expansion Funds (Targeted Funds):	Not available
◦ School-Age/Resource and Referral (Targeted Funds):	Not available

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) for Child Care

◦ TANF - Total Child Care Expenditure:	\$1,731,072
◦ TANF - Direct Expenditure on Child Care:	\$437,208
◦ TANF - Transfer to CCDF:	\$1,293,864

Source(s): U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of
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ChildCare Tax Credits

◦ Tax Credit Federal Total Amount Claimed:	\$1,542,143
◦ Tax Credit Federal Number of Claims:	665,720
◦ State/Territory Tax Credit Available - 2015:	Yes
◦ State/Territory Tax Credit Refundable:	Yes

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

◦ CACFP Funding:	\$25,315,557
◦ Number of Family Child Care Homes Participating:	912
◦ Number of Child Care Centers (includes Head Start Programs) Participating:	825

Source(s): Food Research and Action Center. (2020). State of the States: Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) in FY 2019. http://www.frac.org/maps/sos/tables/sos_tab_cacfp.html

Head Start

◦ Head Start Federal Allocation:	\$89,537,495
◦ Head Start State/Territory Allocation:	Not available
◦ Number of Children Participating:	8,152

Source(s): National Institute for Early Education Research. (2021). The 2020 state of preschool yearbook. <http://nieer.org/state-preschool-yearbooks/2020>

IDEA Part B, Section 619

◦ IDEA Part B Funding:	\$5,160,818
◦ Number of Children Served (Ages 3- through 5-Years-Old):	15,029

Source(s): U.S. Department of Education. (2021). Fiscal Years 2019-2021 State Tables for the U.S. Department of Education. <https://www2.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/index.html>

IDEA Part C

◦ IDEA Part C Funding:	\$7,689,773
◦ Number of Children Served (Ages Birth through 2-Years-Old):	8,489

Source(s): U.S. Department of Education. (2021). Fiscal Years 2019-2021 State Tables for the U.S. Department of Education. <https://www2.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/index.html>

Pre-kindergarten

◦ Pre-kindergarten Total Expenditure:	\$70,460,165
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◦ Enrollment (4-year-olds and under):	22,936
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Note: Total Expenditure includes all State/Territory, Local, and Federal dollars. In addition to 3 and 4-year-olds, some Pre-kindergarten programs enroll children of other ages.

Source(s): National Institute for Early Education Research. (2021). The 2020 state of preschool yearbook. <https://nieer.org/state-preschool-yearbooks/yearbook2020>

CCDF SUBSIDY PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Income Eligibility at Determination

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	
Family Size	100 % of SMI (\$/Month)	85% of SMI(\$/Month) [Multiply(a) by 0.85]	(IF APPLICABLE) (\$/Month) Maximum Initial or First Tier Income Limit (or Threshold) if Lower Than 85% of Current SMI	IF APPLICABLE) (% of SMI) [Divide(c) by (a), multiply by 100] Income Level if Lower Than 85% of Current SMI
3	\$6,385.82	\$5,427.95	\$3,896.25	61%

Source(s): U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care. (2019). Report 3.1.3 Family Size of 3: Eligible Children and Families - Income Eligibility at Determination. ACF-118 Data Submission Center.

Approaches Used for Promoting Continuity of Care

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Coordinating with Head Start, prekindergarten, or other early learning programs to create a package of arrangements that accommodates parents’ work schedules 	Not available
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Inquiring about whether the child has an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individual Family Services Plan (IFSP) 	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Establishing minimum eligibility periods greater than 12 months 	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Using cross-enrollment or referrals to other public benefits 	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Working with IDEA Part B, Section 619 and Part C staff to explore how services included in a child’s IEP or IFSP can be supported and/or provided onsite and in collaboration with child care services 	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Providing more intensive case management for families with children with multiple risk factors; 	Not available
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Implementing policies and procedures that promote universal design to ensure that activities and environments are accessible to all children, including children with sensory, physical, or other disabilities 	Not available
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Other: 	Described Below

Child care is authorized on verified need by establishing an authorization to cover the maximum amount of units needed to ensure care is available based on the adult caretaker or teen parent's participation in an eligible activity, and shall not be linked directly to the adult caretaker or teen parent's activity schedule and should be based on the child's need for care.

Source(s): U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care. (2019). Reports 3.1.6 and 3.1.6-2: Eligible Children and Families - Approaches Used for Promoting Continuity of Care. ACF-118 Data Submission Center.

Increasing Access for Vulnerable Children and Families

Children with Special Needs	
◦ Prioritize for enrollment	Yes
◦ Serve without placing these populations on waiting lists	Yes
◦ Waive co-payments	Not available
◦ Pay higher rates for access to higher quality care	Yes
◦ Use grants or contracts to reserve slots for priority populations	Yes
◦ Other:	Not available
Not available	
Families with Very Low Incomes	
◦ Prioritize for enrollment	Yes
◦ Serve without placing these populations on waiting lists	Yes
◦ Waive co-payments	Not available
◦ Pay higher rates for access to higher quality care	Not available
◦ Use grants or contracts to reserve slots for priority populations	Yes
◦ Other:	Not available
Not available	
Children Experiencing Homelessness	
◦ Prioritize for enrollment	Yes
◦ Serve without placing these populations on waiting lists	Yes
◦ Waive co-payments	Yes
◦ Pay higher rates for access to higher quality care	Not available
◦ Use grants or contracts to reserve slots for priority populations	Yes

◦ Other:	Described Below
Families experiencing homelessness are given a minimum of a 60 day stabilization period where no verifications are required. Counties have the option to offer a stabilization period greater than 60 days.	
Families Receiving TANF*	
◦ Prioritize for enrollment	Yes
◦ Serve without placing these populations on waiting lists	Yes
◦ Waive co-payments	Not available
◦ Pay higher rates for access to higher quality care	Not available
◦ Use grants or contracts to reserve slots for priority populations	Yes
◦ Other:	Not available
Not available	

* Includes families receiving TANF program funds, those transitioning off TANF through work activities, or those at risk of becoming dependent on TANF.

Source(s): U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care. (2019). Reports 3.2.2a, 3.2.2b, 3.2.2c, 3.2.2d, 3.2.2a-2, 3.2.2b-2, 3.2.2c-2, and 3.2.2d-2: Increasing Access for Vulnerable Children and Families. ACF-118 Data Submission Center.

Use of Grants or Contracts to Increase the Supply of Specific Types of Child Care

◦ Programs to serve children with disabilities	Yes
◦ Programs to serve infants and toddlers	Yes
◦ Programs to serve school-age children	Not available
◦ Programs to serve children needing non-traditional hour care	Yes
◦ Programs to serve children experiencing homelessness	Yes
◦ Programs to serve children in underserved areas	Yes
◦ Programs that serve children with diverse linguistic or cultural backgrounds	Not available
◦ Programs that serve specific geographic areas (urban)	Yes
◦ Programs that serve specific geographic areas (rural)	Yes
◦ Other:	Not available
Not available	

Use of Grants or Contracts to Increase the Quality of Specific Types of Child Care

◦ Programs to serve children with disabilities	Yes
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◦ Programs to serve infants and toddlers	Yes
◦ Programs to serve school-age children	Not available
◦ Programs to serve children needing non-traditional hour care	Yes
◦ Programs to serve children experiencing homelessness	Yes
◦ Programs to serve children in underserved areas	Yes
◦ Programs that serve children with diverse linguistic or cultural backgrounds	Not available
◦ Programs that serve specific geographic areas (urban)	Yes
◦ Programs that serve specific geographic areas (rural)	Yes
◦ Other:	Not available
Not available	

Base payment rates and percentiles

Age	Center	Percentile of most recent MRS	Family Child Care	Percentile of most recent MRS
Infant	\$ 50.00/ day	Between 10th [43.98]-25th [54.90](County, 0-6 months);	\$ 32.50/ day	N/A (County); Less than 10th [35.00] Cluster, 0-6 months
Toddler	\$ 44.50/ day	Between 10th [38.88]-25th [47.17](County, 12-18 months)	\$ 28.50/ day	Less than 25th [35.00] (County, 12-18 & 18-24 months)
Preschool	\$ 31.50/ day	Between 10th [28.32] and 25th [36.73] (County, 36 months - 5 years)	\$ 26.50/ day	Less than Median [35.00] (County, 36 months - 5 years)
School Age	\$ 29.75/ day	Between 10th [25.58]and 25th [33.10] (County)	\$ 26.25/ day	Median [\$35.00] (County)
Effective date of payment rates: 8/29/2016				
Market rate survey (MRS) date: 5/31/2018				

Source(s): U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care. (2019). Report 4.3.1: Setting Payment Rates. ACF-118 Data Submission Center.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care. (2019). Report 4.2.5a: Setting Payment Rates. ACF-118 Data Submission Center.

Tiered Reimbursement or Differential Rates

◦ Differential rate for non-traditional hours. Describe	Yes
◦ Differential rate for children with special needs, as defined by the state/territory.	Yes
◦ Differential rate for infants and toddlers. Note: Do not check if the Lead Agency has a different base rate for infants/toddlers with no separate bonus or add-on	Not available
◦ Differential rate for school-age programs. Note: Do not check if the Lead Agency has a different base rate for school-age children with no separate bonus or add-on.	Not available
◦ Differential rate for higher quality, as defined by the state/territory.	Yes
◦ Other differential rates or tiered rates.	Not available
◦ Tiered or differential rates are not implemented.	Not available

CCDF Co-Payments by Family Size

CCDF Co-Payments by Family Size

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
Family Size	Lowest “Entry” Income Level Where Family Is First Charged Co-Pay (Greater Than \$0)	What Is the Monthly Co-Payment for a Family of This Size Based on the Income Level in (a)?	The Co-Payment in Column (b) is What Percentage of the Income in Column (a)?	Highest “Entry” Income Level Before a Family Is No Longer Eligible	What Is the Monthly Co-Payment for a Family of This Size Based on the Income Level in (d)?	The Co-Payment in Column (e) is What Percentage of the Income in Column (d)?
3	\$100.00	\$1.00	1	\$3,896.25	\$584.00	14

Source(s): U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care. (2019). Report 3.4.1a Family Size of 3: Family Contribution to Payment - CCDF Co-Payments by Family Size. ACF-118 Data Submission Center.

Family Contribution to Payment

◦ No, the Lead Agency does not waive family contributions/co-payments.	Not available
◦ Yes, the Lead Agency waives family contributions/co-payments for families with an income at or below the Federal poverty level for families of the same size.	Not available
◦ Yes, the Lead Agency waives family contributions/co-payments for families who are receiving or needing to receive protective services, as determined by the Lead Agency for purposes of CCDF eligibility. Describe the policy and provide the policy citation..	Not available
◦ Describe contributions/co-payments for families who are receiving or needing to receive protective services	Not available

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Yes, the Lead Agency waives family contributions/co-payments for other criteria established by the Lead Agency. Describe the policy and provide the policy citation 	<p style="text-align: right;">Yes</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Describe contributions/co-payments for other criteria (See table below) 	<p style="text-align: right;">Described Below</p>
<p>One- or two-teen parent households who are in middle/junior high, high school, GED, or vocational/technical training activity and for whom payment of a fee produces a hardship, the parent fee may be waived entirely and documented in the case file. The parent fee waiver shall be reviewed during each redetermination.</p>	

Source(s): U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care. (2019). Report 3.4.4: Family Contribution to Payment - Family Contribution to Payment. ACF-118 Data Submission Center.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Child-Staff Ratios by Group Size by Age of Children for Licensed Child Care Centers

Age of Children	Child-Staff Ratio	Group Size
Infant (11 months)	5:1	10
Toddler (35 months)	7:1	14
Preschool (59months)	10:1	20
School-age (6 years)	15:1	30
School-age (10 years and older)	15:1	30
If any of the responses above are different for exempt child care centers, describe which requirements apply:	Described Below	
N/A		

Source(s): National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance. (2021). 2020 Child Care Licensing Study: Analysis of child care licensing regulations. [Unpublished data].

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care. (2019). Report 5.2.1a-5_6_7: Standards on ratios, group sizes, and qualifications for CCDF providers.- exempt child care centers. ACF-118 Data Submission Center.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

Use of Quality Funds

	Yes/No	CCDF Funds	Other Funds	Other (describe)
Supporting the training and professional development of the child care workforce	Yes	Yes	Yes	Described Below
Developing, maintaining, or implementing early learning and developmental guidelines	Yes	Yes	Yes	Described Below
Developing, implementing, or enhancing a tiered quality rating and improvement system	Yes	Yes	Yes	Described Below
Improving the supply and quality of child care services for infants and toddlers	Yes	Yes	Yes	Described Below
Establishing or expanding a statewide system of CCR&R services	Yes	Yes	Not available	The Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Early Childhood leverages both CCDF funds and State General Fund to establish a statewide system of child care resource and referral services.
Facilitating compliance with state/territory requirements for inspection, monitoring, training, and health and safety standards	Yes	Yes	Yes	Described Below
Evaluating and assessing the quality and effectiveness of child care services within the state/territorys	Yes	Yes	Yes	Described Below

	Yes/No	CCDF Funds	Other Funds	Other (describe)
Supporting accreditation	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
Supporting state/territory or local efforts to develop high-quality program standards relating to health, mental health, nutrition, physical activity, and physical development	Yes	Yes	Yes	Described Below
Other activities determined by the state/territory to improve the quality of child care services and which measurement of outcomes related to improved provider preparedness, child safety, child well-being, or kindergarten entry is possible	Yes	Yes	Yes	Described Below

Use of Quality Funds - Continued

	Other (describe)
Supporting the training and professional development of the child care workforce	The Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Early Childhood leverages both CCDF funds and State General Fund to support the training and professional development of the child care workforce.
Developing, maintaining, or implementing early learning and developmental guidelines	The Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Early Childhood leverages both CCDF funds and State General Fund to develop, maintain, and implement the Colorado Early Learning and Development Guidelines.

	Other (describe)
Developing, implementing, or enhancing a tiered quality rating and improvement system	The Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Early Childhood leverages both CCDF funds and State General Fund to implement and enhance Colorado Shines, the state tiered quality rating and improvement system.
Improving the supply and quality of child care services for infants and toddlers	The Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Early Childhood leverages both CCDF funds and State General Fund to improve the supply and quality of child care services for infants and toddlers.
Facilitating compliance with state/territory requirements for inspection, monitoring, training, and health and safety standards	The Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Early Childhood leverages both CCDF funds and State General Fund to facilitate compliance with state requirements for inspection, monitoring, training, and health and safety standards.
Evaluating and assessing the quality and effectiveness of child care services within the state/territories	The Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Early Childhood leverages both CCDF funds and State General Fund to assess the quality and effectiveness of child care services for providers serving children prior to kindergarten entry.
Supporting accreditation	Not available

	Other (describe)
<p>Supporting state/territory or local efforts to develop high-quality program standards relating to health, mental health, nutrition, physical activity, and physical development</p>	<p>The Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Early Childhood leverages both CCDF funds and State General Fund to develop high-quality program standards relating to health, mental health, nutrition, physical activity, and physical development.</p>
<p>Other activities determined by the state/territory to improve the quality of child care services and which measurement of outcomes related to improved provider preparedness, child safety, child well-being, or kindergarten entry is possible</p>	<p>The Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Early Childhood leverages both CCDF funds and State General Fund to support other activities to improve the quality of child care services, including provider preparedness, child safety, child well-being, or kindergarten entry.</p>

Source(s):

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care. (2019). Reports 7.2.1 and 7.2.1-1: Use of Quality Funds - Supporting the training and professional development of the child care workforce. ACF-118 Data Submission Center.
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care. (2019). Report 7.2.1 and 7.2.1-2: Use of Quality Funds - Developing, maintaining, or implementing early learning and developmental guidelines. ACF-118 Data Submission Center.
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care. (2019). Report 7.2.1 and 7.2.1-3: Use of Quality Funds - Developing, implementing, or enhancing a tiered quality rating and improvement system. ACF-118 Data Submission Center.
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care. (2019). Report 7.2.1 and 7.2.1-4: Use of Quality Funds - Improving the supply and quality of child care services for infants and toddlers. ACF-118 Data Submission Center.
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care. (2019). Report 7.2.1 and 7.2.1-5: Use of Quality Funds - Establishing or expanding a statewide system of CCR&R services. ACF-118 Data Submission Center.
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care. (2019). Report 7.2.1 and 7.2.1-6: Use of Quality Funds - Facilitating compliance with state/territory requirements for inspection, monitoring, training, and health and safety standards. ACF-118 Data Submission Center.
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care. (2019). Report 7.2.1 and 7.2.1-7: Use of Quality Funds - Evaluating and assessing the quality and effectiveness of child care services within the state/territory. ACF-118 Data Submission Center.

(2019). Report 7.2.1 and 7.2.1-8: Use of Quality Funds - Supporting accreditation. ACF-118 Data Submission Center.

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care. (2019). Report 7.2.1 and 7.2.1-9: Use of Quality Funds - Supporting state/territory or local efforts to develop high-quality program standards relating to health, mental health, nutrition, physical activity, and physical development. ACF-118 Data Submission Center.
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care. (2019). Report 7.2.1 and 7.2.1-10: Use of Quality Funds - Other activities determined by the state/territory to improve the quality of child care services and which measurement of outcomes related to improved provider preparedness, child safety, child well-being, or kindergarten entry is possible. ACF-118 Data Submission Center.

Outreach to Families with Limited English Proficiency

Application in other languages (application document, brochures, provider notices)	Yes
Informational materials in non-English languages	Yes
Website in non-English languages	Yes
Lead Agency accepts applications at local community-based locations	Yes
Bilingual caseworkers or translators available	Yes
Bilingual outreach workers	Yes
Partnerships with community-based organizations	Yes
Other	Yes
Describe Other	Described Below
Over-the-phone interpretation using a language line service.	

Source(s): U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care. (2019). Report 2.1.1-1 and 2.1.1-2: Outreach to Families with Limited English Proficiency - Strategies the Lead Agency or partners utilize to provide outreach and services to eligible families for whom English is not their first language. ACF-118 Data Submission Center.

Outreach to Families with a Person(s) with Disabilities

Applications and public informational materials available in Braille and other communication formats for access by individuals with disabilities	Not available
Websites that are accessible (e.g., Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act)	Yes
Caseworkers with specialized training/experience in working with individuals with disabilities	Not available
Ensuring accessibility of environments and activities for all children	Not available
Partnerships with state and local programs and associations focused on disability-related topics and issues	Yes
Partnerships with parent associations, support groups, and parent-to-parent support groups, including the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) federally funded Parent Training and Information Centers	Not available

Partnerships with state and local IDEA Part B, Section 619 and Part C providers and agencies	Yes
Availability and/or access to specialized services (e.g., mental health, behavioral specialists, therapists) to address the needs of all children	Yes
Other	Not available
Describe Other	Not available
Not available	

Source(s): U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care. (2019). Report 2.1.2-1 and 2.1.2-2: Outreach to Families with Limited English Proficiency - Strategies the Lead Agency or partners utilize to provide outreach and services to eligible families with a person(s) with a disability. ACF-118 Data Submission Center.

Consumer Education Website

How the Lead Agency ensures that its website is consumer-friendly and easily accessible	<p>The Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Early Childhood maintains two consumer friendly websites for families, child care providers, early childhood professionals, and other stakeholders interested in statewide efforts for early care and learning: www.coloradoshines.com and www.coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.com. These websites include user-based navigation and an optimized search-engine, allowing for more intuitive access to information. Additionally, a site search function is incorporated into the Office of Early Childhood to aid site navigation. Finally, the sites utilize plain-language accessible to users at various reading levels.</p> <p>Both websites provide pathways to search for child care providers, with coloradoshines.com focusing on quality child care searches and the other tool, the "Child Care Facility Search," providing information on the licensing history (violations, inspection dates) of providers. These searches are combined and hosted at coloradoshines.com. Consumer-friendly guidance is integrated within each section of the search result to help users read reports of inspection and understand the severity of complaints assigned to facilities.</p> <p>coloradoshines.com is available in English and Spanish languages (Spanish URL: coloradoshines.com/es). The child care search on this site provides multiple criteria for users to search for providers, and uses informational pop-ups to help define terms or provide more information about the search features. Consumer-friendly guides and worksheets provide additional information to families, child care providers, and early childhood professionals. These guides clarify state level processes, such as how to become licensed. These documents are hosted on both consumer websites.</p>
How the website ensures the widest possible access to services for families that speak languages other than English	<p>The Office of Early Childhood website (Spanish URL: http://coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.force.com/oec/home?lang=es) and the Colorado Shines website (Spanish URL: coloradoshines.com/es) are available in both English and Spanish languages. A LanguageLine or Google Translate can be utilized when translation support is needed for other languages.</p>
How the website ensures the widest possible access to services for persons with disabilities	<p>The Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Early Childhood website is ADA accessible at a level of AA.</p>

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