STATE/TERRITORY PROFILE - NEW JERSEY

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

Total Population 12 and Under

- Under 3-Years Old: 319,713 (22%)
- 3 and 4-Years Old: 221,307 (15%)
- 5 through 12-Years Old: 914,734 (63%)

Children Living in Working Families

- Children under 6-Years-Old Living in Working Families: 22.67%
- Children Ages 6 to 17-Years Old Living in Working Families: 25.16%

Poverty Statistics

- One-Parent Household: One Parent in the Workforce
- Two-Parent Household: Both Parents in the Workforce
Below 100% of Poverty

- Under 6-Years Old: 15.35%
- 6 to 17-Years Old: 12.91%

Below 185% of Poverty

- Under 6-Years Old: 29.05%
- 6 to 17-Years Old: 26.29%
ECE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AND FUNDING

### Percentage and Number of Children/Families Served

**CCDF Average Monthly Percentage of Children in Care By Age Group**

- Under 3-Years Old: 44%
- 3 and 4-Years Old: 29%
- 5 through 12-Years Old: 26%

**CCDF Average Monthly Number of Children and Families Served**

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<th>20,000</th>
<th>40,000</th>
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<td>Children</td>
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<td>43,500</td>
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<td>Families</td>
<td>29,200</td>
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### Average Monthly Percentages of Children Served in All Types of Care

#### Licensed Providers

- Center: 92%
- Group Home: 0%
- Family Home: 7%
- Child's Home: 0%

#### Non-Licensed Providers
Note: Unregulated provider data includes relative and non-relative care.

### Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)

- **Total CCDF Expenditure (Including Quality):** $282,745,389
- **CCDF Federal Expenditure:** $210,894,563
- **CCDF State/Territory Expenditure:** $71,850,826

#### CCDF Quality Expenditures

- **Total Quality Expenditure:** $19,779,606
- **Quality Activities (Set Aside Funds):** $21,544,947
- **Infant and Toddler (Targeted Funds):** $-1,765,341
- **Quality Expansion Funds (Targeted Funds):** $0
- **School-Age/Resource and Referral (Targeted Funds):** $0

### Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) for Child Care

- **TANF – Total Child Care Expenditure:** $97,268,176
  - **TANF – Direct Expenditure on Child Care:** $25,268,176
  - **TANF – Transfer to CCDF:** $72,000,000

### ChildCare Tax Credits

- **Tax Credit Federal Total Amount Claimed:** $623,877,000
- **Tax Credit Federal Number of Claims:** 544,730
- **State/Territory Tax Credit Available - 2015:** Yes
- **State/Territory Tax Credit Refundable:** No

### Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

- **CACFP Funding:** $87,643,601
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<th>Description</th>
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<td>Number of Family Child Care Homes Participating:</td>
<td>359</td>
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<td>Number of Child Care Centers (includes Head Start Programs) Participating:</td>
<td>1,193</td>
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<td><strong>Head Start</strong></td>
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<td>Head Start Federal Allocation:</td>
<td>$125,657,597</td>
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<td>Head Start State/Territory Allocation:</td>
<td>Not available</td>
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<td>Number of Children Participating:</td>
<td>12,369</td>
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<td><strong>IDEA Part B, Section 619</strong></td>
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<td>IDEA Part B Funding:</td>
<td>$11,665,277</td>
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<td>Number of Children Served (Ages 3- through 5-Years-Old):</td>
<td>20,701</td>
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<td><strong>IDEA Part C</strong></td>
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<td>IDEA Part C Funding:</td>
<td>$11,554,377</td>
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<td>Number of Children Served (Ages Birth through 2-Years-Old):</td>
<td>14,216</td>
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<td><strong>Pre-kindergarten</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Pre-kindergarten Total Expenditure:</td>
<td>$692,241,537</td>
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<td>Enrollment (4-year-olds and under):</td>
<td>52,553</td>
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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.
CCDF SUBSIDY PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)

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<tr>
<th>Family Size</th>
<th>100% of SMI (Monthly)</th>
<th>85% of SMI (Monthly)</th>
<th>Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility</th>
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<td>Three</td>
<td>$7,085.00</td>
<td>$6,022.00</td>
<td>$1,628</td>
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SMI Year and Source:

Waiting Lists
- The Lead Agency currently does not have a waiting list and all eligible families who apply will be served under State/Territory eligibility rules.

Re-determination Period
- The re-determination period is 12 months.

Coordinates or Aligns Re-determination Periods With Which Programs
- Yes

Prioritize Services for Eligible Children and Families
- Children with special needs receive priority over other CCDF-eligible families. Priority consideration will be given to families, upon admission in the CCDF program, if the child is identified as having special needs and/or circumstances.
- Children in families with very low incomes receive priority over other CCDF-eligibility families. Priority consideration will be given to families, upon admission in the CCDF program, with incomes at or below 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Level.

Use of Grants and Contracts
16% of child care services are provided through grants/contracts
- Grants or contracts for child care services are used to increase the supply of specific types of care.
- Grants or contracts for child care services are used to support programs in providing higher quality services.
- Grants or contracts for child care services are used to support programs in providing comprehensive services.

Payment Rates for Licensed Child Care Services -

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<th>Age</th>
<th>Center</th>
<th>Family Child Care</th>
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<tr>
<td>Infant</td>
<td>$ 723.98/ month</td>
<td>$ 670.28/ month</td>
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<tr>
<td>Toddler</td>
<td>$ 717.04/ month</td>
<td>$ 670.28/ month</td>
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### Effective date of payment rates:

**Market Rate Survey (MRS) Date:** July 1, 2018  
**Payment rate ceiling in relations to the most current MRS for all rate areas and age categories:** Center percentile NA; FCC: percentile NA

### Differential Rates

Differential rates are used for the following types of care:

- Infants and toddlers  
- Higher quality care

#### Sliding Fee Scale and Family Contribution

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<tr>
<th>Minimum Family Contribution</th>
<th>Maximum Family Contribution for First Child</th>
<th>Maximum Family Contribution for Multiple Children</th>
<th>Sliding Fee Scale Effective Date</th>
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<tr>
<td>No fee</td>
<td>$37.76/week</td>
<td>$28.32 for second child</td>
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#### Family Contribution Waiver

NO families with income at or below the poverty level for a family of the same size ARE required to pay a fee.
HEALTH AND SAFETY

Number of Licensed Programs and Licensed Capacity

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<th>Type</th>
<th>Number of Licensed Programs</th>
<th>Licensed Capacity</th>
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<tr>
<td>Child Care Centers</td>
<td>3,977</td>
<td>346128</td>
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<td>Family Child Care Homes</td>
<td>Facility type not licensed</td>
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Definition of Licensed Group and Family Child Care Homes

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<th>Type</th>
<th>Number of children allowed*</th>
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*Lower number is the threshold for licensing. Home-based providers caring for fewer children would be exempt from licensing.

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

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<th>Age of Children</th>
<th>Child-Staff Ratio</th>
<th>Group Size</th>
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<tr>
<td>Infant (11 months)</td>
<td>4:1</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>Toddler (35 months)</td>
<td>10:1</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td>Preschool (59 months)</td>
<td>10:1</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td>School-age (6 years)</td>
<td>15:1</td>
<td>30</td>
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<td>School-age (10 years and older)</td>
<td>15:1</td>
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Criminal Background Checks Required by Type of Program

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<th>Child Care Centers</th>
<th>Group Child Care Homes</th>
<th>Family Child Care Homes</th>
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<td>Criminal History Records</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Facility type not licensed</td>
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<td>Child Abuse and Neglect Registry</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Fingerprints</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Sex Offender Registry</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Signed Statement About Criminal Status</td>
<td>No</td>
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Minimum Preservice Qualifications and Ongoing Training Requirements
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<th>Minimum Preservice Qualifications</th>
<th>Ongoing Training Hours</th>
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<td>Center Teacher</td>
<td>Child Development Associate or Certified Child Care Professional credential and 1 year of experience</td>
<td>20</td>
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<tr>
<td>Center Director</td>
<td>Bachelor’s degree and 1 year of managerial or supervisory experience</td>
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Types of Routine Visits Conducted

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<th>Type</th>
<th>Announced</th>
<th>Unannounced</th>
<th>Frequency of Routine Visits</th>
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<td>Child Care Centers</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Once a year</td>
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### QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

#### Program Standards

- Standards have provisions about the care of the following groups of children:
  - Infants and toddlers

#### Supports to Programs to Improve Quality

- TA is available for attaining and maintaining licensing compliance | Yes
- TA is available for attaining and maintaining quality standards beyond licensing | Yes
- TA is available for attaining and maintaining accreditation | Yes
- TA is linked to entering the QRIS or targeted to help programs move in QRIS | Yes

#### Financial Incentives and Supports for Programs

- Grants to meet or maintain licensing | No
- Grants to meet QRIS or similar quality levels | No
- One-time awards or bonuses on completion of quality standard attainment | No
- Tiered reimbursement tied to quality for children receiving subsidy | No
- On-going, periodic grants or stipends tied to improving/maintaining quality | No
- Tax credits tied to meeting program quality standards | No

#### Quality Assurance and Monitoring

- Environment Rating Scale (e.g., ECERS, ITES, SACERS, FDCRS) | Yes
- Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) | Yes
- Program Assessment Scales (PAS) for child care centers or Business Administration Scale (BAS) for family child care homes | Yes
- State/Territory uses customized instrument, including submission of written documentation, developed for the quality improvement system | No

#### Outreach and Consumer Education

- State/Territory uses symbols or simple icons to communicate levels of quality for child care programs | No
- State/Territory uses this information for resource and referral and consumer education services with parents who are seeking care | No
- State/Territory uses this information to educate parents who are enrolling in the subsidy system | No
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<th>Requirement</th>
<th>Yes/No</th>
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<td>State/Territory uses this information in a searchable database on the web</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>State/Territory promotes voluntarily posting symbols or icons visibly in programs</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>State/Territory mandates posting symbols or icons visibly in programs</td>
<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>State/Territory uses this information in marketing and public awareness campaigns</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>State/Territory uses the media to reach public to parents and the communicate about levels of quality for child care programs</td>
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**Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)**

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<td>State/Territory has a QRIS or similar quality improvement system that includes linked activities in all five elements</td>
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<tr>
<td>Operating state/territory-wide</td>
<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>Operating as a pilot or in a few localities</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>State/Territory is in the development phase of a QRIS or similar quality improvement system</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>State/Territory has no plans for the development of a QRIS or similar quality improvement system</td>
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Types of providers eligible to participate in QRIS:
- Child care centers
- License-exempt providers
- Early Head Start programs
- Head Start programs
- Pre-kindergarten programs
**EARLY LEARNING STANDARDS**

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<th>ELGs Developed by Age Group</th>
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<td>• Birth to 3 years</td>
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<td>• 3 to 5 years</td>
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**Incorporation of Early Learning Guidelines into Child Care Systems**

- Incorporation of Early Learning Guidelines into Child Care Systems:
  - To define the content of training required for the career lattice or professional credential
  - To require programs in licensing standards to develop curriculum/learning activities based on the voluntary ELGs
  - To develop State/Territory -approved curricula

**A table of Alignment of Early Learning Guidelines with Other Early Care and Education Systems**

- The State/Territory aligns its early learning guidelines with other parts of the child care system:
  - Cross-walked to align with Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework
COORDINATION

Coordination and Partnership Efforts to Support the Implementation of CCDF

- Formal early childhood and/or school-age coordination plans Yes
- Designated entity responsible for coordination- state/territory-wide early childhood and/or school-age cabinet/advisory council/task force/ commission Yes
- Designated entity responsible for coordination- state advisory council Yes
- Designated entity responsible for coordination- local coordination/council Yes

FOOTNOTES

Source Footnotes:

- Demographics - Total Population 12 and Under

- Demographics - Poverty Statistics

- Demographics - Children Living in Working Families

- ECE Program Participation - CCDF Average Monthly Percentage of Children In Care

- ECE Program Participation - CCDF Average Monthly Number of Children and Families Served

- ECE Program Participation - CCDF Average Monthly Percentages of Children Served in All Types of Care

- ECE Program Participation - Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Participation
Food Research and Action Center. (2020). State of the States: Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) in FY 2019. [URL]

ECE Program Participation - Head Start Participation

ECE Program Participation - Pre-kindergarten Participation
- National Institute for Early Education Research. (2020). The 2019 state of preschool yearbook. [URL]

ECE Program Participation - IDEA Part C Participation
- IDEA Data Accountability Center. (2019). Table C1-1: Number of infants and toddlers ages birth through 2 and 3 and older, and percentage of population, receiving early intervention services under IDEA, Part C, by age and state: 2018-2019. [URL]

ECE Program Participation - IDEA Part B, Section 619 Participation
- IDEA Data Accountability Center. (2019). Table B1-1: Number of infants and toddlers ages birth through 2 and 3 and older, and percentage of population, receiving early intervention services under IDEA, Part B, by age and state: 2018. [URL]

ECE Funding - Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care. (2018). Fiscal Year FY 2016 CCDF Table 3a - All Expenditures by State - Detailed Summary: State and Federal Expenditures Including MOE. [URL]

ECE Funding - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

ECE Funding - Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Funding
- Food Research and Action Center. (2020). State of the States: Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) in FY 2019. [URL]

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- National Institute for Early Education Research. (2020). The 2019 state of preschool yearbook. [URL]

ECE Funding - IDEA Part C Funding

ECE Funding - IDEA Part B Section 619 Funding

CCDF Subsidy Innovation and Program Integrity - Certificates, Grants and Contracts for Child Care Services
- Information collected by the Child Care State Systems Specialist Network from FY2014-2015 State Plan, initial
• CCDF Subsidy Innovation and Program Integrity - Additional Eligibility Policies
  ○ Information collected by the Child Care State Systems Specialist Network from FY2014-2015 State Plan, initial submission effective date October, 1, 2013.

• CCDF Subsidy Innovation and Program Integrity - Prioritizing Services for Eligible Children and Families
  ○ Information collected by the Child Care State Systems Specialist Network from FY2014-2015 State Plan, initial submission effective date October, 1, 2013.

• CCDF Subsidy Innovation and Program Integrity - Sliding Fee Scale and Family Contribution
  ○ Information collected by the Child Care State Systems Specialist Network from FY2014-2015 State Plan, initial submission effective date October, 1, 2013.

• CCDF Subsidy Innovation and Program Integrity - Payment Rates for Child Care Services

• Health and Safety - Licensing
  ○ National Center for Child Care Quality Improvement analysis of the 2014 National Association for Regulatory Administration Licensing Programs and Policies Survey (Unpublished).

• Quality Improvements - Program Standards
  ○ Information collected by the Child Care State Systems Specialist Network from FY2014-2015 State Plan, initial submission effective date October, 1, 2013.

• Quality Improvements - Supports to Programs to Improve Quality
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• Quality Improvements - Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)
  ○ Information collected by the Child Care State Systems Specialist Network from FY2014-2015 State Plan, initial submission effective date October, 1, 2013.
• Early Learning Standards - Establishing Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines (ELGs)
  ○ Information collected by the Child Care State Systems Specialist Network from FY2014-2015 State Plan, initial submission effective date October, 1, 2013.

• PD Workforce - Career Pathways
  ○ Information collected by the Child Care State Systems Specialist Network from FY2014-2015 State Plan, initial submission effective date October, 1, 2013.

• PD Workforce - Professional Development Capacity
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• PD Workforce - Access to Professional Development
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• PD Workforce - Compensation, Benefits, and Workforce Conditions
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• PD Workforce - Data and Performance Measures
  ○ Information collected by the Child Care State Systems Specialist Network from FY2014-2015 State Plan, initial submission effective date October, 1, 2013.

• ECE Coordination - Coordination
  ○ Information collected by the Child Care State Systems Specialist Network from FY2014-2015 State Plan, initial submission effective date October, 1, 2013.