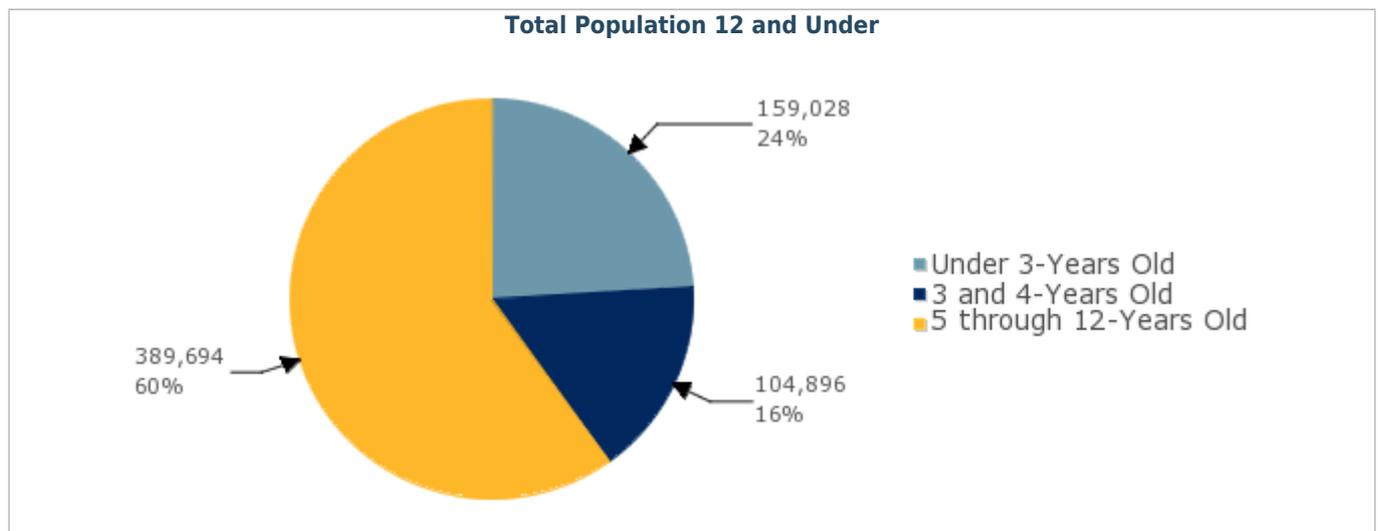




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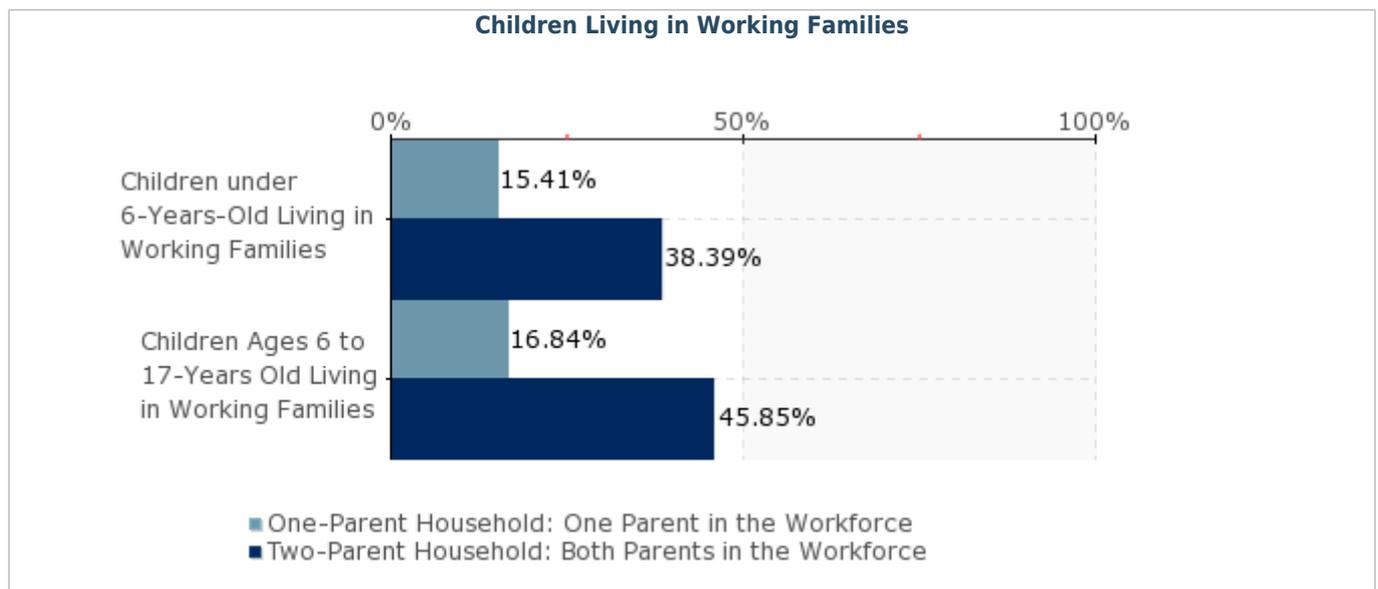
This profile highlights a current innovative effort to promote a subsidy system that is child-focused, family friendly, and fair to providers. It also provides demographic information, Early Care and Education (ECE) program participation and funding, subsidy innovation and program integrity information,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

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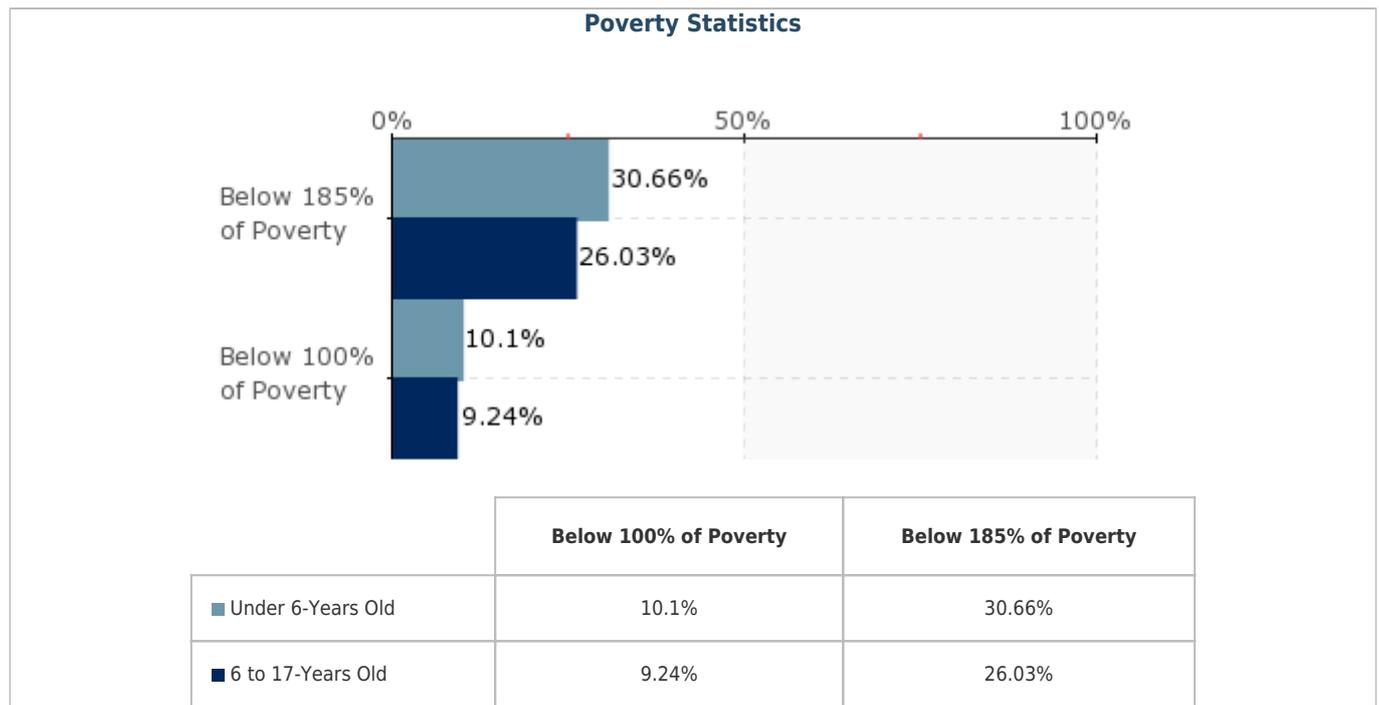
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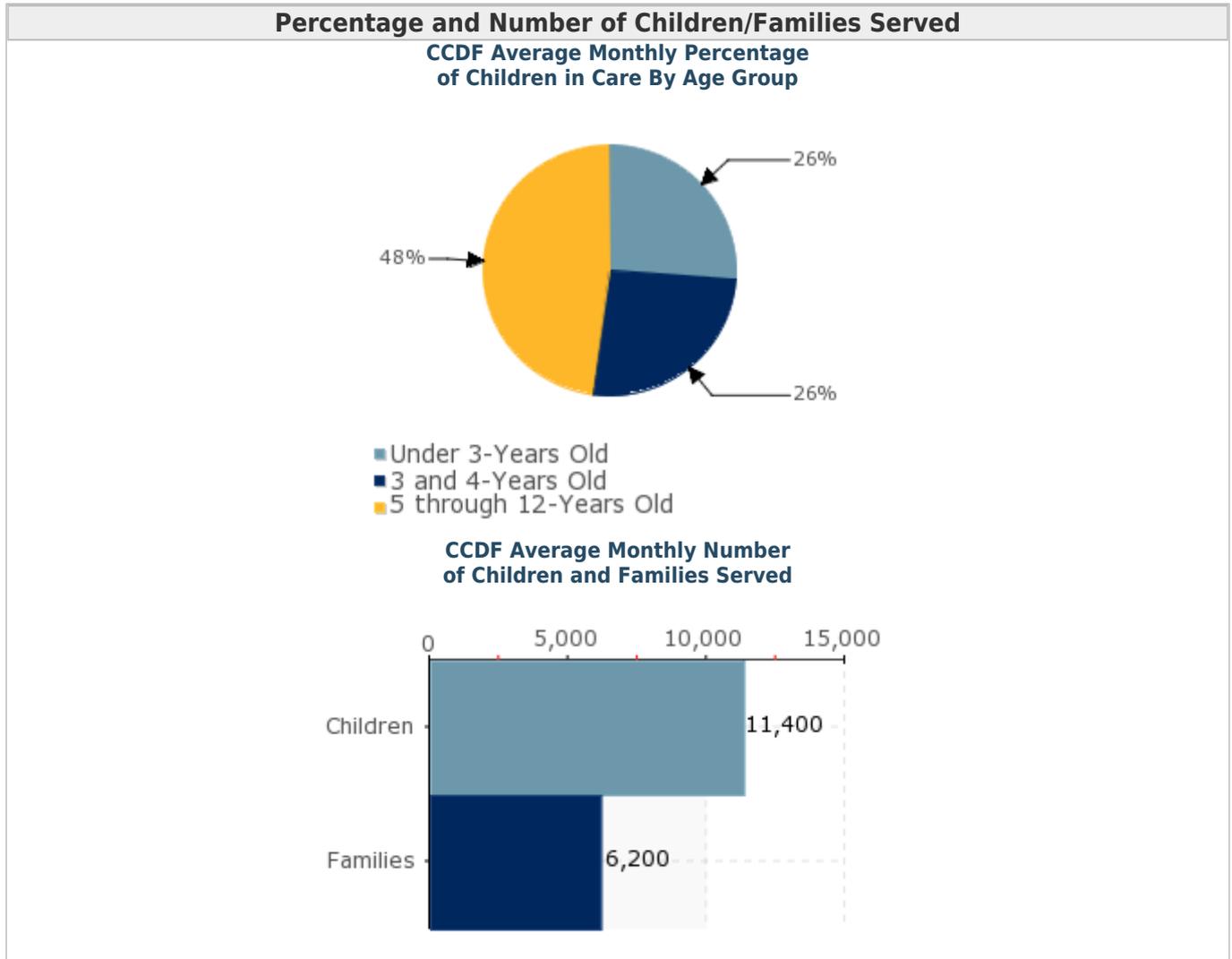
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ECE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AND FUNDING

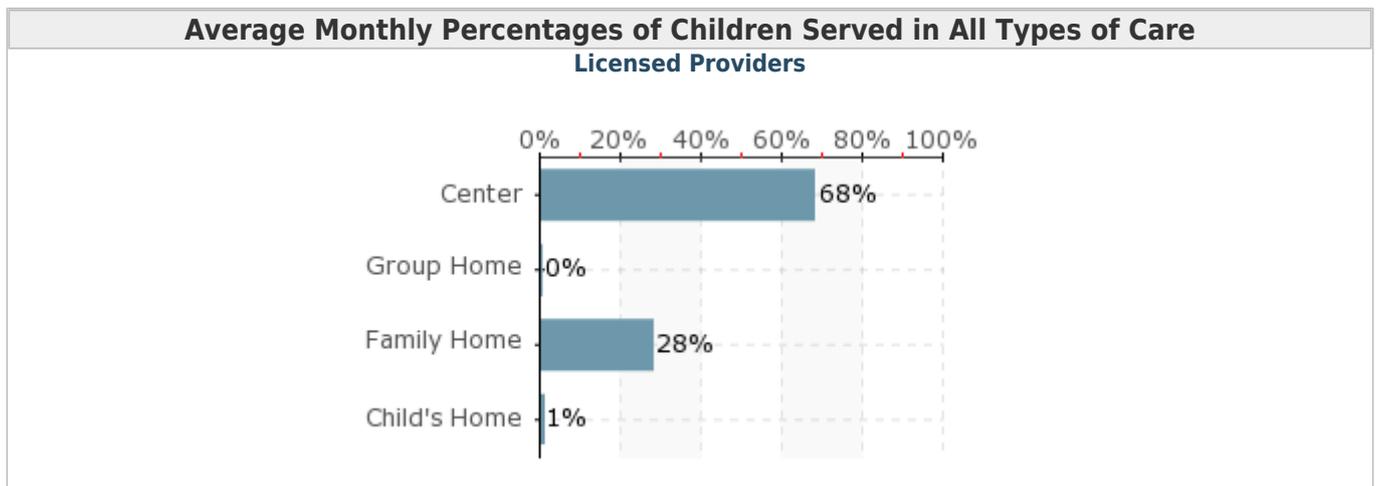


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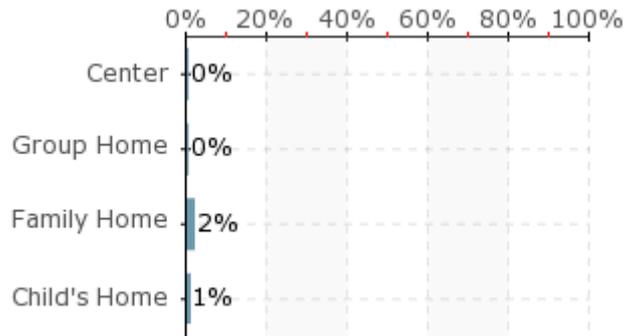
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Non-Licensed Providers



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

Source(s): U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child Care. (2019). FFY 2018 CCDF data tables [Preliminary estimates]. Table 6 Average Monthly Percentages of Children Served in All Types of Care.

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/resource/fy-2018-ccdf-data-tables-preliminary>

Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)

◦ Total CCDF Expenditure (Including Quality):	\$93,959,156
◦ CCDF Federal Expenditure:	\$78,021,080
◦ CCDF State/Territory Expenditure:	\$15,938,076

Source(s): 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 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:	\$28,284,236
◦ Quality Activities (Set Aside Funds):	\$26,757,667
◦ Infant and Toddler (Targeted Funds):	\$1,526,569
◦ Quality Expansion Funds (Targeted Funds):	
◦ School-Age/Resource and Referral (Targeted Funds):	

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) for Child Care

◦ TANF - Total Child Care Expenditure:	\$18,976,754
◦ TANF - Direct Expenditure on Child Care:	\$3,905,567
◦ TANF - Transfer to CCDF:	15071187

Source(s): 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>

ChildCare Tax Credits

◦ Tax Credit Federal Total Amount Claimed:	\$435,582,000
◦ Tax Credit Federal Number of Claims:	279,770
◦ State/Territory Tax Credit Available - 2015:	No
◦ State/Territory Tax Credit Refundable:	No

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

◦ CACFP Funding:	\$26,249,261
◦ Number of Family Child Care Homes Participating:	1,272
◦ Number of Child Care Centers (includes Head Start Programs) Participating:	352

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:	\$62,292,669
◦ Head Start State/Territory Allocation:	Not available
◦ Number of Children Participating:	4,909

Source(s): National Institute for Early Education Research. (2020). The 2019 state of preschool yearbook. <http://nieer.org/state-preschool-yearbooks/2019-2>

IDEA Part B, Section 619

◦ IDEA Part B Funding:	\$3,634,977
◦ Number of Children Served (Ages 3- through 5-Years-Old):	10,741

Source(s): U.S. Department of Education. (2019). 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:	\$5,697,746
◦ Number of Children Served (Ages Birth through 2-Years-Old):	4,614

Source(s): U.S. Department of Education. (2019). 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:	
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◦ Enrollment (4-year-olds and under):	
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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. (2020). The 2019 state of preschool yearbook. <http://nieer.org/state-preschool-yearbooks/2019-2>

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	\$5,211.00	\$4,429.00	\$2,918.00	56%

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 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Inquiring about whether the child has an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individual Family Services Plan (IFSP) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Establishing minimum eligibility periods greater than 12 months 	
<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 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Providing more intensive case management for families with children with multiple risk factors; 	
<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 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Other: 	<p>An Individualized Education Program may be accepted when determining if a child has special needs. Additionally, the Lead Agency has partnered with Head Start to support Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships when eligible infants and toddlers are enrolled in selected child care programs. These partnerships allow for flexibility for the families and offer additional family supportive services focusing holistically on the family, health and safety and school-readiness. Additionally, the Lead Agency has implemented the use of a tiered payment structure, which allows more flexibility for parents to negotiate pick up times, travel time, etc.</p>
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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

<p style="text-align: center;">Children with Special Needs</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Prioritize for enrollment 	<p style="text-align: right;">Yes</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Serve without placing these populations on waiting lists 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Waive co-payments 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Pay higher rates for access to higher quality care 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Use grants or contracts to reserve slots for priority populations 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Other: 	<p>Families with children who have special needs, who require increased supervision, are prioritized for services through the application process. These families qualify for child care with income up to 85% SMI. They are not subject to the lower entry and exit income eligibility thresholds. They also receive a higher subsidy payment rate for the child with special needs.</p>
<p>Families with Very Low Incomes</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Prioritize for enrollment 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Serve without placing these populations on waiting lists 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Waive co-payments 	<p>Yes</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Pay higher rates for access to higher quality care 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Use grants or contracts to reserve slots for priority populations 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Other: 	
<p>Children Experiencing Homelessness</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Prioritize for enrollment 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Serve without placing these populations on waiting lists 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Waive co-payments 	<p>Yes</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Pay higher rates for access to higher quality care 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Use grants or contracts to reserve slots for priority populations 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Other: 	<p>Homeless families may receive Homeless Child Care Assistance when referred by a homeless agency. The Homeless Child Care program is available to families who are in sheltered care and do not meet the Employment Support Child Care work requirements. A referral must be provided by the recognized homeless agency to approve the Homeless Child Care program. Families may receive up to three months of child care to support activities including, but not limited to, employment, job search, training, shelter search, or working through a crisis situation. After three months, they may transition into Employment Support or TANF child care without having to reapply.</p>
<p>Families Receiving TANF*</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Prioritize for enrollment 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Serve without placing these populations on waiting lists 	<p>Yes</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Waive co-payments 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Pay higher rates for access to higher quality care 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Use grants or contracts to reserve slots for priority populations 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Other: 	<p>The Lead Agency prioritizes TANF families for child care customers through Transitional Child Care. This applies to those who no longer qualify for TANF assistance due to increased earnings. Families may receive Transitional Child Care, funded through TANF, for an additional six months without a copayment. These families continue to receive case management services during this time. When the transitional period ends, the case is reviewed for Employment Support Child Care, funded through CCDF.</p>
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* 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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Programs to serve children with disabilities 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Programs to serve infants and toddlers 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Programs to serve school-age children 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Programs to serve children needing non-traditional hour care 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Programs to serve children experiencing homelessness 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Programs to serve children in underserved areas 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Programs that serve children with diverse linguistic or cultural backgrounds 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Programs that serve specific geographic areas (urban) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Programs that serve specific geographic areas (rural) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Other: 	N/A

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

◦ Programs to serve children with disabilities	
◦ Programs to serve infants and toddlers	
◦ Programs to serve school-age children	
◦ Programs to serve children needing non-traditional hour care	
◦ Programs to serve children experiencing homelessness	
◦ Programs to serve children in underserved areas	
◦ Programs that serve children with diverse linguistic or cultural backgrounds	
◦ Programs that serve specific geographic areas (urban)	
◦ Programs that serve specific geographic areas (rural)	
◦ Other:	N/A

Base payment rates and percentiles

Age	Center	Percentile of most recent MRS	Family Child Care	Percentile of most recent MRS
Infant	\$ 800.00/ month	60th	\$ 600.00/ month	60th
Toddler	\$ 800.00/ month	65th	\$ 600.00/ month	65th
Preschool	\$ 585.00/ month	60th	\$ 550.00/ month	60th
School Age	\$ 525.00/ month	55th	\$ 500.00/ month	60th
Effective date of payment rates: 10/1/2018				
Market rate survey (MRS) date: 11/30/2017				

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	
◦ 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	
◦ 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.	
◦ Differential rate for higher quality, as defined by the state/territory.	
◦ Other differential rates or tiered rates.	
◦ Tiered or differential rates are not implemented.	

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	\$1732.01	\$18	1	\$2,918.00	\$198.00	7

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.	
◦ 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.	Yes
◦ 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..	
◦ Describe contributions/co-payments for families who are receiving or needing to receive protective services	

<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	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Describe:	

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)	4:1	8
Toddler (35 months)	7:1	14
Preschool (59months)	12:1	24
School-age (6 years)	20:1	40
School-age (10 years and older)	20:1	40
If any of the responses above are different for exempt child care centers, describe which requirements apply:	N/A	

Source(s): National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance. (2020). 2017 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	The Utah State Legislature appropriated \$500,000 in general fund to be utilized to support early childhood educators in all sectors to complete their CDA. The funding for the program will end June 30, 2019.
Developing, maintaining, or implementing early learning and developmental guidelines	Yes	Yes		
Developing, implementing, or enhancing a tiered quality rating and improvement system	Yes	Yes		
Improving the supply and quality of child care services for infants and toddlers	Yes	Yes		
Establishing or expanding a statewide system of CCR&R services	Yes	Yes		
Facilitating compliance with state/territory requirements for inspection, monitoring, training, and health and safety standards	Yes	Yes		
Evaluating and assessing the quality and effectiveness of child care services within the state/territorys			Not available	Not available

	Yes/No	CCDF Funds	Other Funds	Other (describe)
Supporting accreditation				
Supporting state/territory or local efforts to develop high-quality program standards relating to health, mental health, nutrition, physical activity, and physical development				
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				

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.
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care.

(2019). Report 7.2.1 and 7.2.1-8: 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	
Lead Agency accepts applications at local community-based locations	
Bilingual caseworkers or translators available	Yes
Bilingual outreach workers	
Partnerships with community-based organizations	Yes
Other	
Describe Other:	

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	Yes
Websites that are accessible (e.g., Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act)	Yes
Caseworkers with specialized training/experience in working with individuals with disabilities	Yes
Ensuring accessibility of environments and activities for all children	
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	Yes
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	
Describe Other:	

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

<p>How the Lead Agency ensures that its website is consumer-friendly and easily accessible</p>	<p>The Lead Agency ensures that its website is consumer-friendly and easily accessible in a variety of ways. Most significantly, the website, Care About Childcare (CAC), is reviewed frequently by the Lead Agency and its partners to ensure it is easy to navigate for the user. The user includes providers, parents and the general public. Any necessary changes are made easily and quickly through the Lead Agency’s contracted partner that employs a full-time programmer who exclusively works on the CAC website. The CAC website is available for consumers twenty-four hours a day. The website provides information on quality child care in general, as well as specific information regarding what a consumer may want to look for when visiting programs.</p> <p>In order to support consumers, the website includes a child care provider search feature. All licensed providers with no civil money penalties are featured on the CAC website. Specifically, the search feature allows parents to evaluate several features of a specific provider including the following: the availability of child care; type of child care; hours of operation; whether the provider serves children with disabilities; licensing and monitoring history; and locations of child care providers within a geographic radius of the parent’s workplace or home.</p> <p>In addition, consumers may also utilize the search feature to identify providers that care for children with disabilities; care for infants and toddlers; and provide care during non-traditional hours. License exempt programs and Family, Friend and Neighbor providers may also be searched for in the CAC website to obtain general information about the provider including their licensing record. A consumer may also view a provider’s “marketing page.” The marketing page is at the option of a provider. For providers with marketing pages consumers can evaluate additional features of a program, including photos of the program, program philosophy, mission statements and other information the provider elects to display. Additionally, providers that have chosen to participate in the CAC quality indicator program have quality indicators verified during an unannounced licensing inspection for consumers to view.</p> <p>The website features a parent page which includes links to concise written summaries on quality child care, checklists for selecting quality child care, as well as short video clips with easy to understand guidance on steps parents should take when choosing care. There is a link for parents to contact their local CAC agency if help from a staff member is preferred. In addition to information on child care programs throughout the state, the website includes information on alternative options for child care, such as Head Start programs and license-exempt, afterschool programs for school-age children. Although the information contained on the website is in English, the website contact page includes phone numbers for individuals that speak Spanish to contact if a parent needs assistance from a Spanish speaker.</p>
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<p>How the website ensures the widest possible access to services for families that speak languages other than English</p>	<p>The Lead Agency ensures that the website is accessible for families that speak languages other than English. Specifically, the website is accessible to Spanish speakers, the predominant language spoken apart from English. The website includes clear instruction for Spanish speakers on its “Contact” page. That page includes a statement in Spanish directing individuals that need assistance to call a phone number where they will be able to receive personal and individualized assistance from someone who speaks Spanish. The assistance provided includes navigation of the website but also any resources an individual may need related to child care.</p> <p>In addition, when interpretation or language services are not available in a specific language, Care About Childcare agencies contact interpreters through other agencies, including a refugee community center and an interpretive services agency for assistance.</p>
<p>How the website ensures the widest possible access to services for persons with disabilities</p>	<p>The Care About Child Care website ensures the widest possible access to services for people with disabilities through compliance with the American’s with Disabilities Act. Specifically, the website was examined by WebAIM.org in 2016 and found to be conformant with Level A and Level AA of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines, version II. This examination looks at whether or not a website has audio that describes captions appearing in time with speech, assures non-text content has a text alternative, closed caption viewing is available, and other aspects required by the section 508 of the ADA.</p>

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