

Good morning,

I wanted to provide follow-up information requested by committee members during Tuesday's informational briefing on Child Care. I've also attached the below information as a PDF. *2.25 DCF Follow-Up Information on Child Care Subsidy*

The there was a question on current spending of Child Care across agencies. The specific ask of DCF is a breakdown of the total dollars spent since 2020 on Child Care.

- *See CCDF Expenses FY2020-26.pdf for total dollar breakdowns.*
- *Federal funding was sent out to DCF/Lead Agencies with directives on specific allowable uses in one-time allocations for one-time expenditures which were required to be provided through the subsidy program and to providers. See CCDF Recovery Funds.pdf for explanation of federal funding in each spending bill.*

There was a question related to the additional requirements for licensed providers to become a DCF enrolled provider.

- Most licensed providers only have a few additional requirements for DCF enrollment.
 - We look at past participation in DCF program for fraud, and check for fraud-related crimes that don't prevent licensing. We also check for adult abuse & neglect findings.
 - There is also a course on DCF enrollment that KCCTO offers that must be completed.
 - In addition to drop-in provider inspection required for DCF enrollment, the provider's license would need to meet the Health and Safety requirements in [45 CFR 98.41](#) and have those requirements enforced.
 - There are requirements around the establishment of the standards for health and safety as required per 45 CFR 98.41.
 - There are requirements for the monitoring of the completion of pre-service or orientation training on the health and safety requirements per [45 CFR 98.44](#) . This includes the proper training of the staff that do

the monitoring, the one pre-licensure inspection for compliance with health, safety, and fire standards, and not less than annually, an unannounced inspection for compliance per [45 CFR 98.42](#).

There was a question about CCDF federal oversight.

- Monthly status calls with Region VII Office of Child Care
- ACF-118: CCDF State Plan (submitted triennially)
 - Describes how the Lead Agency administers CCDF programs in conformance with legislative regulations
- ACF-218: Quality Progress Report (submitted annually)
 - Captures the Lead Agency's progress on how CCDF quality funds were expended
- ACF-696: Financial Report (submitted quarterly)
 - Reports estimates and expenditures for the Mandatory Fund, the Matching Fund, and the Discretionary Fund
- ACF-800: Aggregate Data Report (submitted annually)
 - Provides unduplicated counts of children and families served through the CCDF
- ACF-801: Case-Level Data Report (submitted quarterly)
 - Provides case-level data on the families and children served through the CCDF
- Error rate reports to measure, calculate and report improper payments and identify strategies for reducing future improper payments
 - SDAP: Sampling Decisions, Assurances, and Fieldwork Preparation Plan
 - ACF-403: Record Review Worksheet
 - ACF-404: State Improper Payments Report
 - ACF-405: State Improper Payments Corrective Action Plan
- CCDF Federal Onsite Monitoring (conducted triennially)

- Pre-Visit
 - The OCC Monitoring Team and the State work collaboratively to identify State -specific approaches that ensure that the monitoring effort captures data about the State’s compliance with the CCDF regulations within the context of the State’s CCDF Plan and child care system structure. The OCC Monitoring Team begins data collection and analysis in this phase, including completion of an extensive review of written materials provided by the State.
- Onsite
 - The OCC Monitoring Team visits the State. During the visit, the OCC Monitoring Team collects data in person through in-depth technical interviews with, and demonstrations by, the State and its partners, as well as through guided reviews of subsidy and licensing/monitoring case files. The onsite data collection can both supplement the pre-visit data collection and provide on-the-ground validation of evidence collected during the desk review
- Post-Visit
 - The OCC Monitoring Team analyzes evidence from all three phases and makes preliminary determinations of the State’s compliance with each regulation monitored. OCC makes a preliminary compliance determination which is shared during the Virtual Exit Conference with the State. The State has the option to respond to the preliminary compliance determination. Following the State’s (optional) response, OCC disseminates a final compliance determination letter.

Thank you,

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