



Child Care Development Fund - 2020-2022 Plan

Highlights of Significant Changes



Early Childhood Education Center
Open Forum* - May 2, 2019
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Education Board Room

- To inform the Community of potential changes to the CCDF Plan
- To gather public input into our services
- Current CCDF Plan is available for public viewing
- Suggestions will be presented to the Education Board for consideration to the CCDF 2020-2022 Plan

Open Forum meets the CCDF Public Hearing requirement

Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Open Forum Agenda

- ▶ Presentation: 25 minutes (hold comments until finished please)
- ▶ Open for Public Comment
- ▶ Limit your comments to < 5 minutes to allow all to speak
- ▶ Written feedback forms are available for additional comments

Child Care Development Fund Plan



- ▶ Goal: Support low income working families by providing child care assistance
- ▶ Major Funding source for ECEC
- ▶ Parents must be working or in school/job training full time
- ▶ Children must be Native and under 13 years old to qualify

Three Potential Changes to CCDF Plan for 2020 - 2022

- ▶ ECEC AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAM:
 - ▶ Definition of Indian Child
- ▶ ECEC ONLY:
 - ▶ Categorical Eligibility
 - ▶ Aligning Eligibility with Head Start/Early Head Start

Definition of Indian Child

applies to both programs

- ▶ CCDF allows tribes to define Indian Child for eligibility purposes
- ▶ Our current definition is: any child under the age of 13 years who is enrolled in a federally recognized tribe (FRT)
- ▶ This excludes children with < 25% blood quantum
- ▶ Some parents think ECEC should change its definition to allow children with at least one parent (or grandparent) who is enrolled in a FRT to be eligible

Categorical Eligibility - ECEC only

- ▶ All Native Children would be eligible for CCDF subsidy as follows:
 - ▶ Child must be living in our service area
 - ▶ Child must be under the age of 13 years
 - ▶ Child must meet our definition of Indian Child
 - ▶ There is no income cap (eligibility is not dependent upon family income)
 - ▶ There is no work/school/job training requirement
 - ▶ Parents pay a copayment based upon family size and income
 - ▶ Must enroll highest needs children first

Benefits & Implications of Categorical Eligibility

Benefits:

- ▶ All ECEC enrolled children are eligible for Extended Day services from 7am - 6pm
- ▶ Increase in student retention: fewer students withdrawn due to change in parent's work/school status
- ▶ Enrollment/Family advocates spend less time re-determining annual eligibility

Implications:

- ▶ Potential increase of Extended Day students - require more classroom staff
- ▶ Potential that children on the wait list would be waiting longer
- ▶ Staff Development time would be limited

Aligning CCDF Eligibility with Head Start/Early Head Start Eligibility

ECEC only

- ▶ Preschoolers remain eligible for up to 2 years
- ▶ Infants and toddlers remain eligible for up to 3 years
- ▶ Eligibility is re-determined when toddlers apply to preschool
- ▶ Increased continuity of care for children and families
- ▶ Enrollment/Family advocates spend less time re-determining annual eligibility
- ▶ Increase in student retention: fewer students withdrawn due to change in parent's work/school status
- ▶ Potentially children would be on the waiting list longer

Questions?

Head Start/Early Head Start News

- ▶ Early Childhood Education Center applied for and has been awarded a duration grant.
 - ▶ This increases the annual amount of the grant to just over \$2,000,000
 - ▶ Provides funds to the annual number of contact hours required by the Head Start Performance Standards
 - ▶ Head Start 1020 hours annually (currently providing approximately 995 hours)
 - ▶ Early Head Start 1380 hours annually (currently providing approximately 1115 hours)
 - ▶ Increase of service hours for Early Head Start and Head Start for our site.

Thank you for coming!