

Illinois Department of Human Services

Child Care Advisory Council: April 27, 2021

Grace B. Hou, Secretary



State of Illinois

Welcome and Introductions

If you are a Council member, please introduce yourself by typing the following into the chat:

- Name
- Role
- Organization
- Location

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Virtual Meeting Etiquette

- Please remember to stay on mute if you are not speaking.
- Please feel welcome to turn on your video!
- We recommend dialing in via phone and connecting your phone to your video to avoid internet connectivity issues.
- Send a private chat to Lanette Woodard if you are having technical difficulties.
- Make sure your Zoom name is your own.
- There will be time for comments from the public at the end of the meeting.

Agenda

- 1:00 – 1:45pm: Full Council
 - Welcome and Introductions
 - IDHS Updates
- 1:45 – 3:40pm Committees
- 3:40 – 3:55pm Regroup and Discussion
- 3:55 – 4:00pm Public Comment

Child Care Advisory Council Charge

The Child Care Advisory Council is a group of invited stakeholders who **assist the Office of Early Childhood by providing input on specific issues, questions, and concerns related to child care.** The Advisory Council is not constrained by legal requirements or preoccupied with governance matters.

Child Care Advisory Council 2021 Focus Areas:

- Illinois' Child Care and Development Fund 2022-2024 State Plan
- Illinois' COVID-19 relief strategy for child care

Creating a Division of Early Childhood

On Friday, April 16, Governor Pritzker and Secretary Hou announced that the Department of Human Services will be creating a Division of Early Childhood, which will launch in July 2021.

Purpose: to strengthen and make more cohesive IDHS's existing child care, home visiting, and early intervention services.

Watch the press conference:

<https://www.facebook.com/2012219015559115/videos/141793421223318>

Read the press release: <https://www2.illinois.gov/Pages/news-item.aspx?ReleaseID=23150>

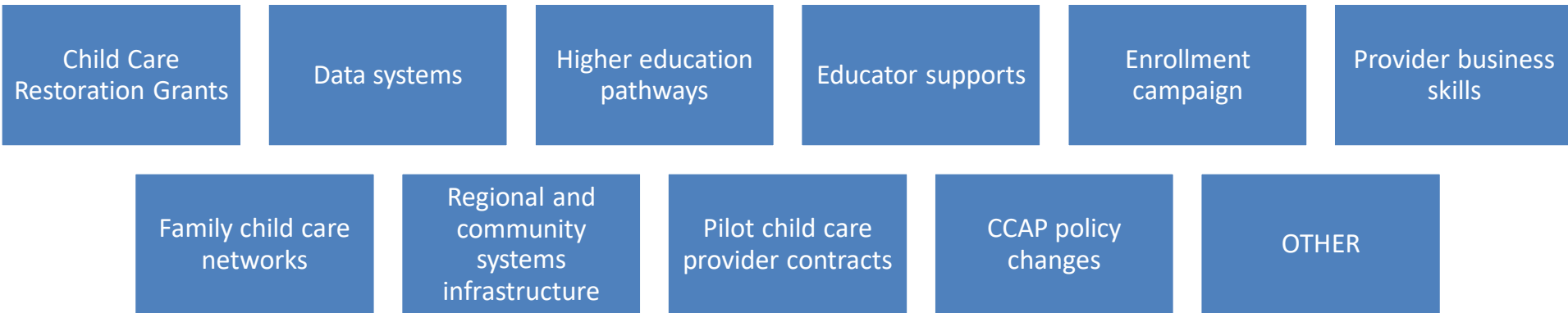
COVID-19 Relief Funds for Child Care

Federal Relief Fund	Estimated Amount	Obligate	Liquidate	Status
CRRSA	\$331.95 million	Sept 2022	Sept 2023	Received award and guidance
ARPA Stabilization	\$796.27 million	Sept 2022	Sept 2023	Received award; awaiting guidance
ARPA CCDBG	\$496.85 million	Sept 2023	Sept 2024	
ARPA Mandatory CCDBG	\$20 million	Same as all mandatory CCDBG funds		

Based on what we know so far, funds can be spent on:

- Anything allowable under CCDBG and CCDF if related to COVID-19
- Direct child care services
- Virus mitigation policies and practices
- Grants or assistance to stabilize child care providers: grants, contracts, reimbursement rates, etc.
- Assistance to providers not participating in the subsidy system prior to the pandemic
- Relief for families struggling to pay for child care: co-pays, eligibility, educator compensation, etc.
- Online training and scholarships
- Administrative and systems investments
- “Other”

COVID-19 Relief Funds for Child Care



- DHS should **prioritize** investing in _____
- DHS should use **one-time federal funds** for _____
- DHS should invest in _____ **first**
- To support **providers** through the pandemic, DHS should invest in _____ with federal funds
- To support **parents** through the pandemic, DHS should invest in _____ with federal funds

CCDF State Plan 2022-2024

Timeline / Important Dates

□ April

- **16th Share approved draft with ELC and CCAC for comment**
- 26th Send notice for Public Hearing
- 27th Share Plan with the public

□ May

- **10th – Comments due from ELC and CCAC**
- 17th – Public Hearing
- 17 – 28 Public Comment Period
- **26th – Meet with CCAC to review comments and draft plan**

□ June

- 1 -18
 - as appropriate, incorporate public comments
 - Finalize plan and edits
 - Secure final IDHS approvals
- 21-30
 - Submit the Plan to OCC

CCDF State Plan 2022-2024

Timeline / Important Dates –Cont'd

July



July – September

- Communication from/with OCC
- Prepare for implementation

October

- Implementation (upon OCC approval)

Committees

- **Family engagement**
 - *Chairs: Shauna Egeh, Jamilah R. Jor'dan*
 - *IDHS Representative: Kisha Davis*
- **CCAP Policy**
 - *Chairs: Brenda Eastham, Chris Tokarski*
 - *IDHS Representative: Carolyn Marmolejo*
- **Quality and Workforce**
 - *Chairs: Laurie Rhodes, Marcy Mendenhall*
 - *IDHS Representative: Cindy Wall*

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Public Comment

Upcoming Meetings

- May 26, 2021 from 1:00-4:00pm
- July 28, 2021 from 1:00-4:00pm
- September 22, 2021 from 1:00-4:00pm
- November 17, 2021 from 1:00-4:00pm
- January 26, 2022 from 1:00-4:00pm

For more information on the CCAC:

<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=118674>

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