

Illinois Department of Human Services

Child Care Advisory Council: May 26, 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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- Please remember to stay on mute if you are not speaking.
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- 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 – 2:15 pm: Full Council
 - Welcome and Introductions
 - IDHS Updates
 - Finalize FFY2022-2024 CCDF State Plan Recommendations

Break: 2:15 – 2:30 pm

- 2:30 – 3:40pm Committees
 - Discussion: federal child care COVID-19 relief funds
- 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

FFY 2022-2024 CCDF State Plan: Finalizing CCAC Recommendations

1. Committee overview presentations
2. Review poll results
3. Discuss questions or concerns on any of the recommendations

CCDF State Plan Recommendations: Poll Results

CCDF State Plan Recommendations: Items for Discussion?

CCDF State Plan 2022-2024: Next Steps

June

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

July



July – September

- July 28: CCAC meeting, including review of State Plan submission
- Communication from/with OCC
- Prepare for implementation

October

Implementation (upon OCC approval)

COVID-19 Relief Funds for Child Care: Update

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 and guidance
ARPA CCDBG	\$496.85 million	Sept 2023	Sept 2024	Received notice of award; awaiting guidance
ARPA Mandatory CCDBG	\$20 million	Same as all mandatory CCDBG funds		

COVID-19 Relief Funds for Child Care: Update

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.
 - Personnel costs
 - Rent, utilities, facilities maintenance, and insurance
 - PPE, cleaning, and health and safety practices
 - Equipment and supplies
 - Goods and services
 - Mental health services
 - Paying for past expenses
- 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, supply building, technical assistance
- “Other”

COVID-19 Relief Funds for Child Care: Ideas heard so far

Child Care Stabilization

Child Care
Restoration Grants:
tapered amounts

Child Care
Restoration Grants:
expanded amounts

Educator bonuses

Educator
scholarships

Facilities
improvements

System Supports

Early childhood
enrollment
campaign

Business skills
technical assistance
for providers

Regional and
community systems

Data systems
modernization

Family child care
network expansion

Child care provider
contract pilot

Narrow Cost
Analysis

CCAP Improvements

Eligibility: increase
exit threshold

Eligibility: decouple
care and work
schedules

Rates: continue
attendance
exemption

Eligibility: create
initial job search
window

Rates: increase
toward cost model

Co-pays: lower co-
pays

Others
recommended by
the CCAP Policy
Committee

Questions for Committee Discussion

- What is happening to child care in your community?
 - Is there persistent unenrollment?
 - Are families hesitant to return? Why? What types of families?
 - Have many providers closed?
 - Are there wait lists? For which ages?
 - Something else?
- What do providers in your community need?
 - Financial support to combat low enrollment?
 - Qualified teachers to combat the shortage of educators?
 - Incentives to recruit and retain educators, such as bonuses and scholarships?
 - Support for facilities improvements and lead abatement?
- What do families in your community need?

• More providers to meet the demand for child care?

• Specific services to meet specific needs – what kinds?

- More support in paying for child care than pre-pandemic?

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*
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Public Comment

Upcoming Meetings

- 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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