



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF

EDUCATION

Meeting:	State Early Childhood Development Coordinating Council (SECDCC)	
Date/ Time:	July 20, 2022 2-3:30 p.m.	
Location:	Microsoft Teams	
Agenda Items		
I.	Welcome	Sara Mead Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE)
Early childhood educator workforce		
II.	Early Childhood Educator Pay Equity Fund	Sara Mead Katrina Van Glasse and Ruthie Tesfaye AidKit
III.	DC Leading Educators Toward Advanced Degrees (DC LEAD)	Dr. Buen Abo OSSE
IV.	SECDCC Program Quality committee	Brenda Harris Kids Comprehensive Services, LLC
Health		
V.	Pediatric immunizations	Heather Burris DC Health
VI.	LEA Immunization Attendance Policy (No Shots No School)	Kyle Flood OSSE
VII.	Medicaid and preparing for the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency	Caitlin Brandt Department of Health Care Finance
Closing		
VIII.	Member updates and public comment	All
IX.	Wrap-Up/Next Steps/Adjourn	Sara Mead

Next SECDCC Meeting: Oct. 26; 2-3:30 p.m.



State Early Childhood Development Coordinating Council

July 20, 2022

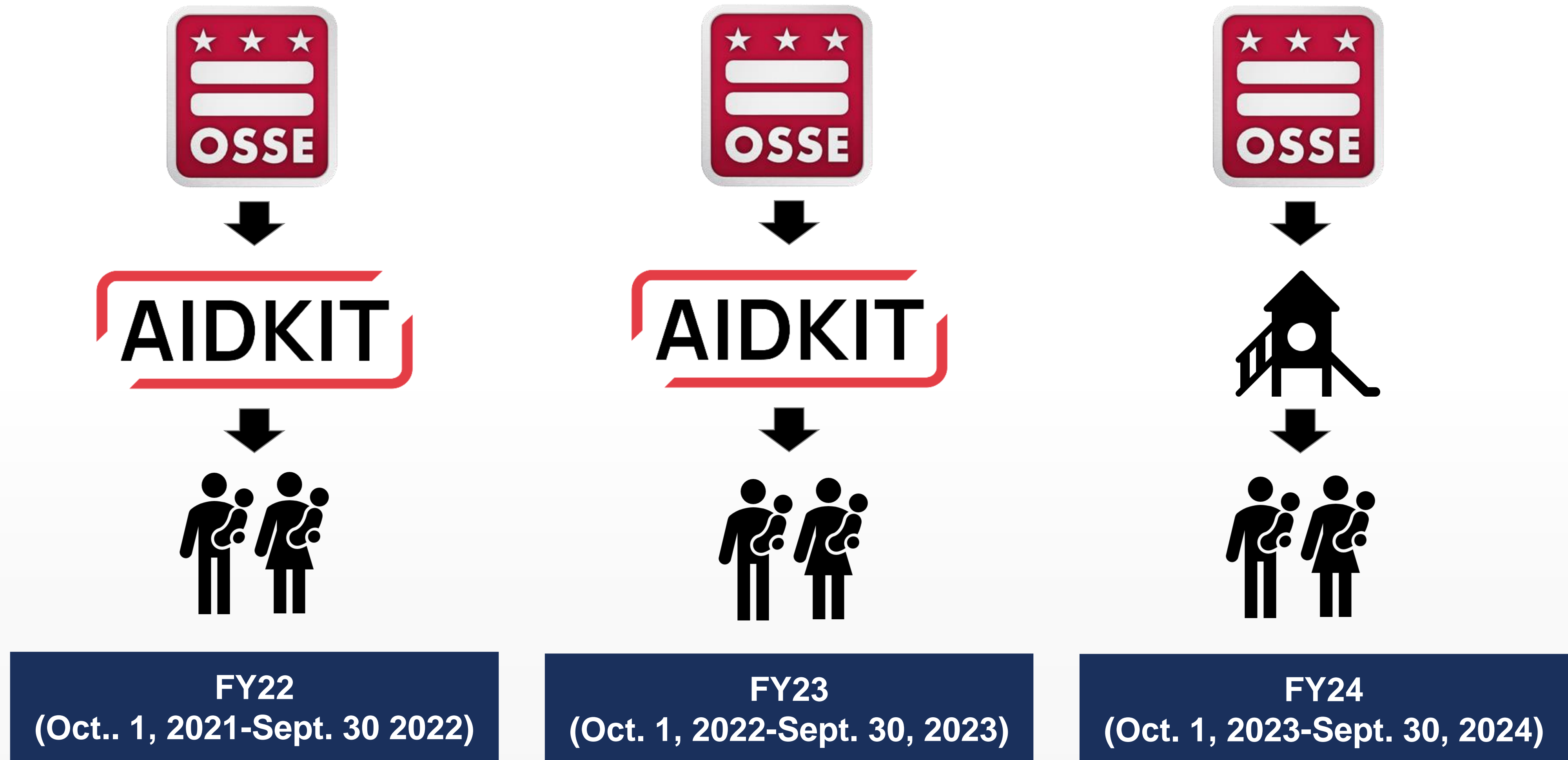
Agenda


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- DC Leading Educators Toward Advanced Degrees (DC LEAD)
- SECDCC Program Quality committee update
- Pediatric immunizations
- Medicaid and preparing for the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency
- Member updates and public comment
- Wrap-up/next steps/adjourn



Early Childhood Educator Pay Equity Fund

Increasing Compensation for District Child Care Educators: 2022-2024



A woman in a red apron and black hairnet is cooking in a large pot in a kitchen. Other people are visible in the background, also working in the kitchen.

“Receiving this grant made me feel seen, that I mattered. That finally, for the first time, I was recognized in this country.”

RECENTLY UNEMPLOYED, UNDOCUMENTED WORKER, WHO RECEIVED A GRANT FROM LEFT BEHIND WORKERS FUND VIA AIDKIT.

ABOUT AIDKIT

PROGRAMS SERVED BY



Left Behind Workers Fund Direct Cash Aid

Left Behind Workers Fund Rental Aid

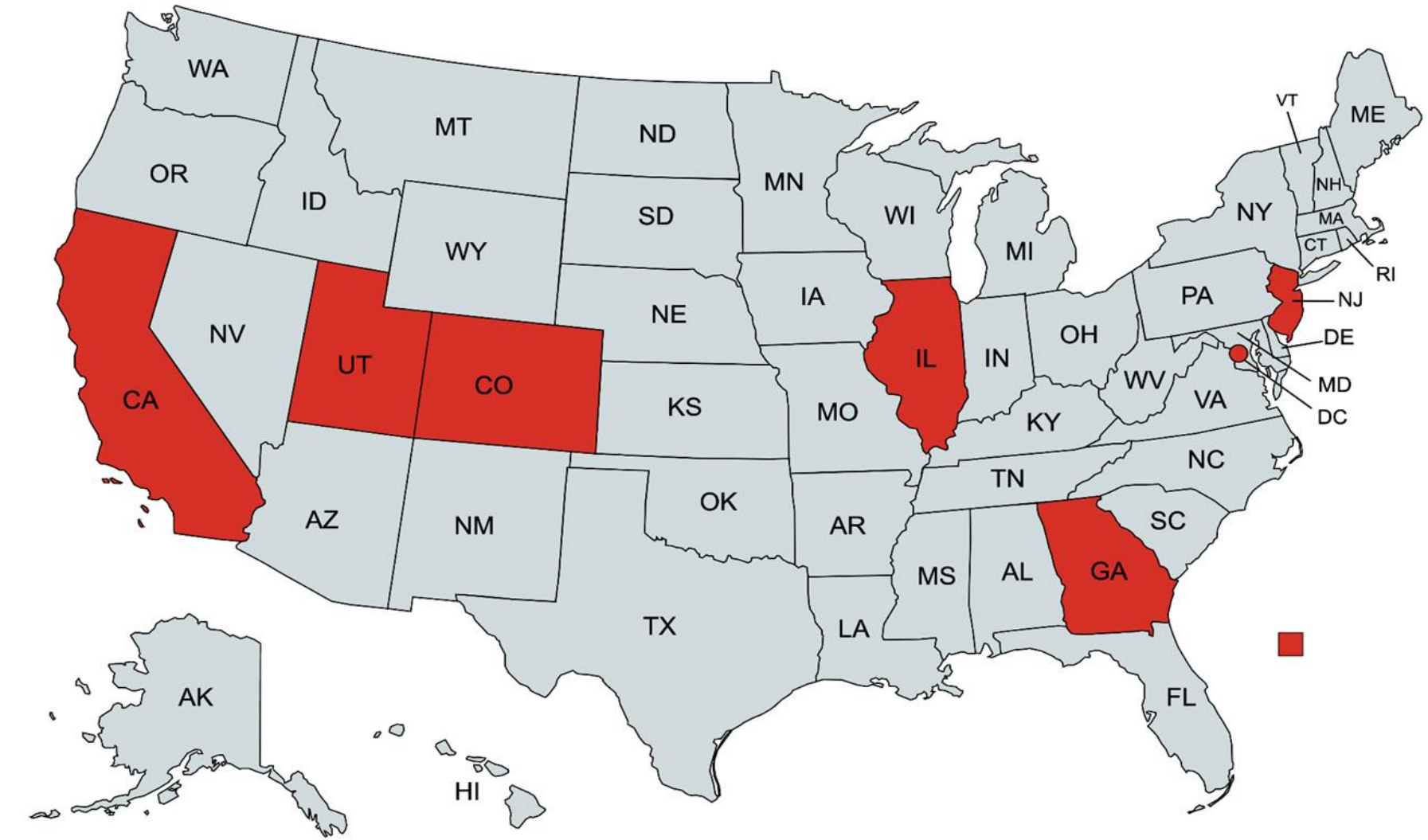
Mile High United Way Direct Aid for Child Care Providers

Utah Left Behind Workers Fund Direct Cash

Adams County Low Income COVID Positive Aid

Adams County Vaccine Equity Fund

Miracle Money



Grand Lake Business Relief Fund

Denver Basic Income Project

Excluded New Jerseyans Fund

In Her Hands Guaranteed Income Project

Refugee Cash Assistance Colorado

Chicago Resilient Communities

DC Early Childhood Educators Pay Equity Fund

Delivering Aid Efficiently and Effectively

35K

Grants

\$48M

Dollars disbursed to date

\$130M

Funds committed to be
disbursed

9

Government entities

PARTNERING WITH

62

Community-based
organizations

10

Private foundations

DELIVERED TO

Undocumented
workers

Child care providers

Low income COVID-
positive workers

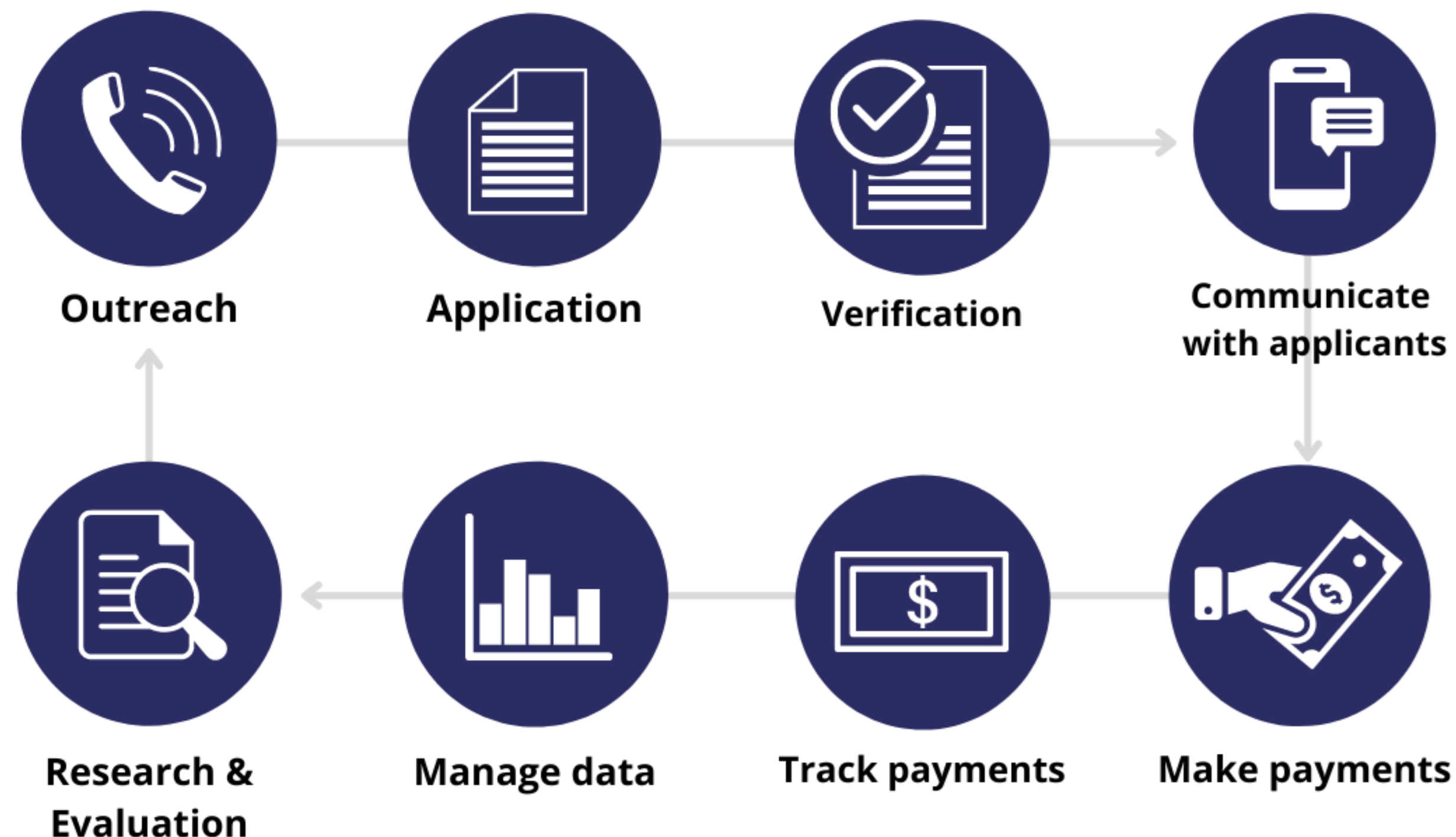
Small businesses
affected by wildfires

Individuals
experiencing
homelessness

Refugees

Closed-Loop, Integrated System

Scalable and vertically integrated infrastructure for end-to-end tracking



Avoid Common Pitfalls

- Application crashes
- Difficult or inaccessible applications
- Inequitable distribution of funds
- Backlogs of applicant support requests
- Untenable manual screening and review workloads
- Repetitive and inefficient processes

CORONAVIRUS

More Than 50,000 Low-Income Angelenos Apply for Pre-Paid Debit Cards on First Day

Applicants should act quickly, with the application window available just two days.

By **City News Service** • Published April 14, 2020 • Updated on April 15, 2020 at 2:04 am



New California Relief Program for Undocumented Overwhelmed By Demand

May 26, 2020 · 1:44 PM ET

ERIC WESTERVELT



MARISA PEÑALOZA



3-Minute Listen

+ PLAYLIST



NY's Excluded Workers Fund Excludes Many It Was Supposed to Help, Advocates Say

AUTHOR
Daniel Parra



DATE
August 26, 2021



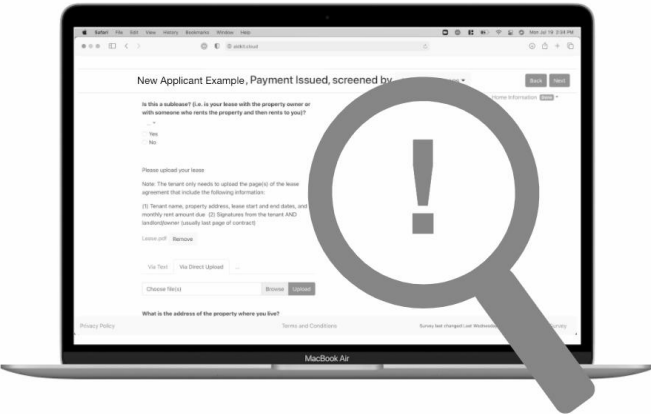
Balancing Inclusion with Integrity

INCLUSION



Ensures cash assistance reaches people who are typically excluded.

INTEGRITY



Integrated fraud protection and real-time validation.

FOUNDATION OF TRUST

Early Childhood Educator Pay Equity Fund

Program Overview

AidKit's Role in Early Childhood Educator Pay Equity Fund

- AidKit was chosen as the intermediary to disburse the supplemental payments directly to early childhood educators in the District
- Eligible early educators will apply and receive funds directly from AidKit
 - Applicants who meet eligibility criteria and provide all required documentation should expect to receive funds

Key Eligibility Criteria:

- Be currently employed in a child development facility licensed by OSSE, with employment starting on or before May 16, 2022;
- Be employed in an eligible role; and
- Work at least 10 hours a week at a child development facility in an eligible role.

Payment Amount: varies between \$5,000 - \$14,000

- Determined based on staff type and employment status (e.g., full time or part time)

Partnerships & Coordination with Local Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)

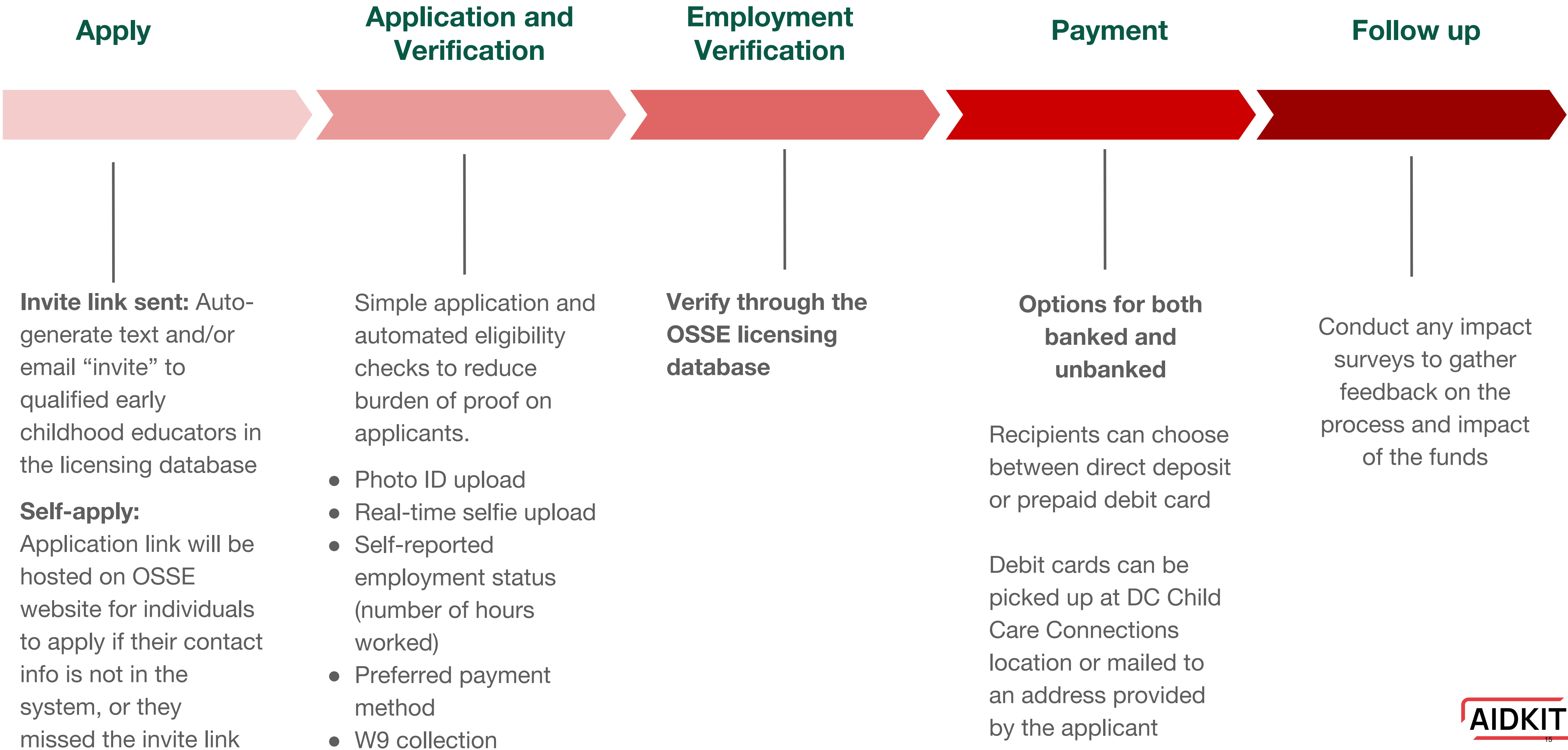
Ways we engage with CBOs

- User testing
- Community outreach (e.g., information sessions)
- Direct applicant support
- In-person payment distribution

DC Community Partners

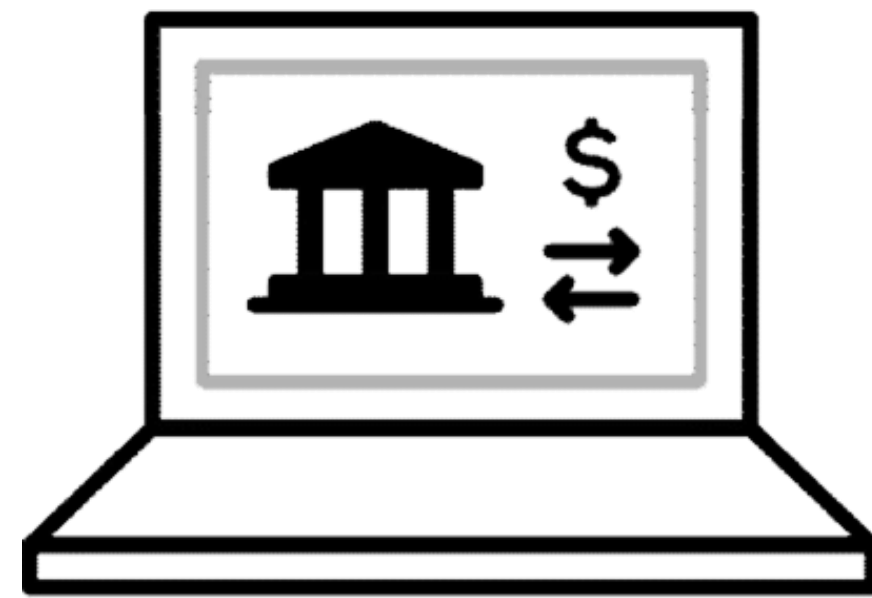
- DC Family Child Care Association
- Multicultural Spanish Speaking Providers Association
- Under 3 DC
- DC Child Care Connections
- Capital Quality

Application Process



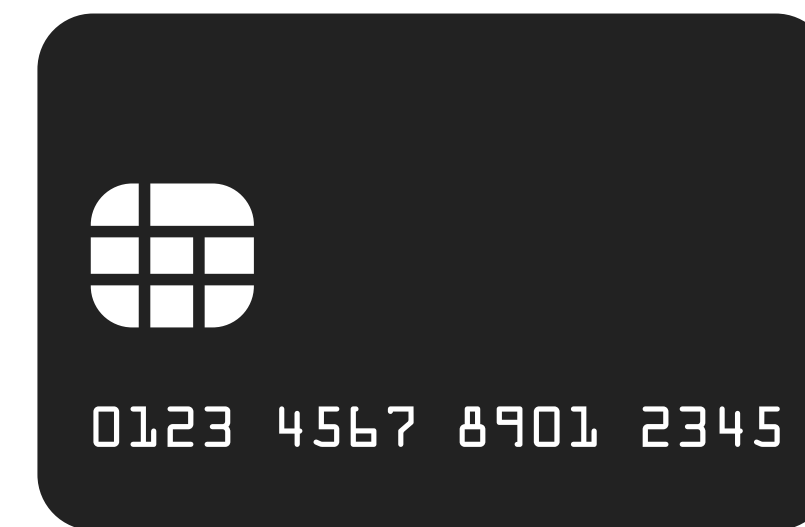
Multiple Payment Options

For both the banked and unbanked



Interbank ACH

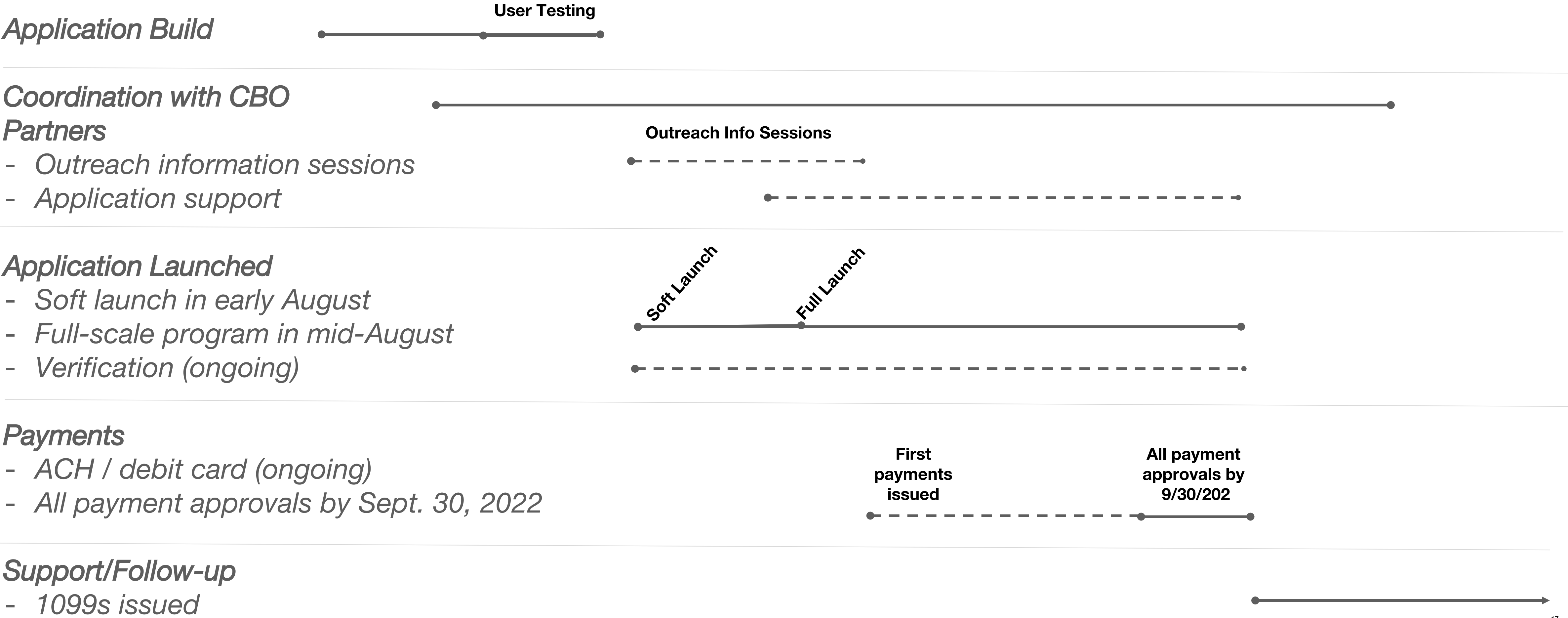
One-day transfer



Pre-loaded card

Refillable, trackable

Timeline





aidkit.org



Early Childhood Education (ECE) Workforce Support Programs

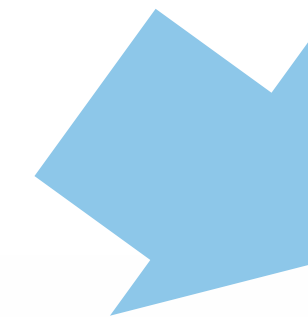
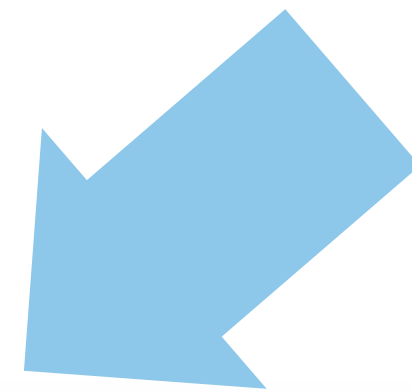
OSSE Funded ECE Workforce Support Programs

- Child Development Associate (CDA) Scholarship Program
 - CentroNía
 - Southeast Children's Fund (SCF)
- Associate and Bachelor's degree support programs
 - Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (T.E.A.C.H.) D.C.
 - DC Leading Educators toward Advanced Degrees (DC LEAD) Program

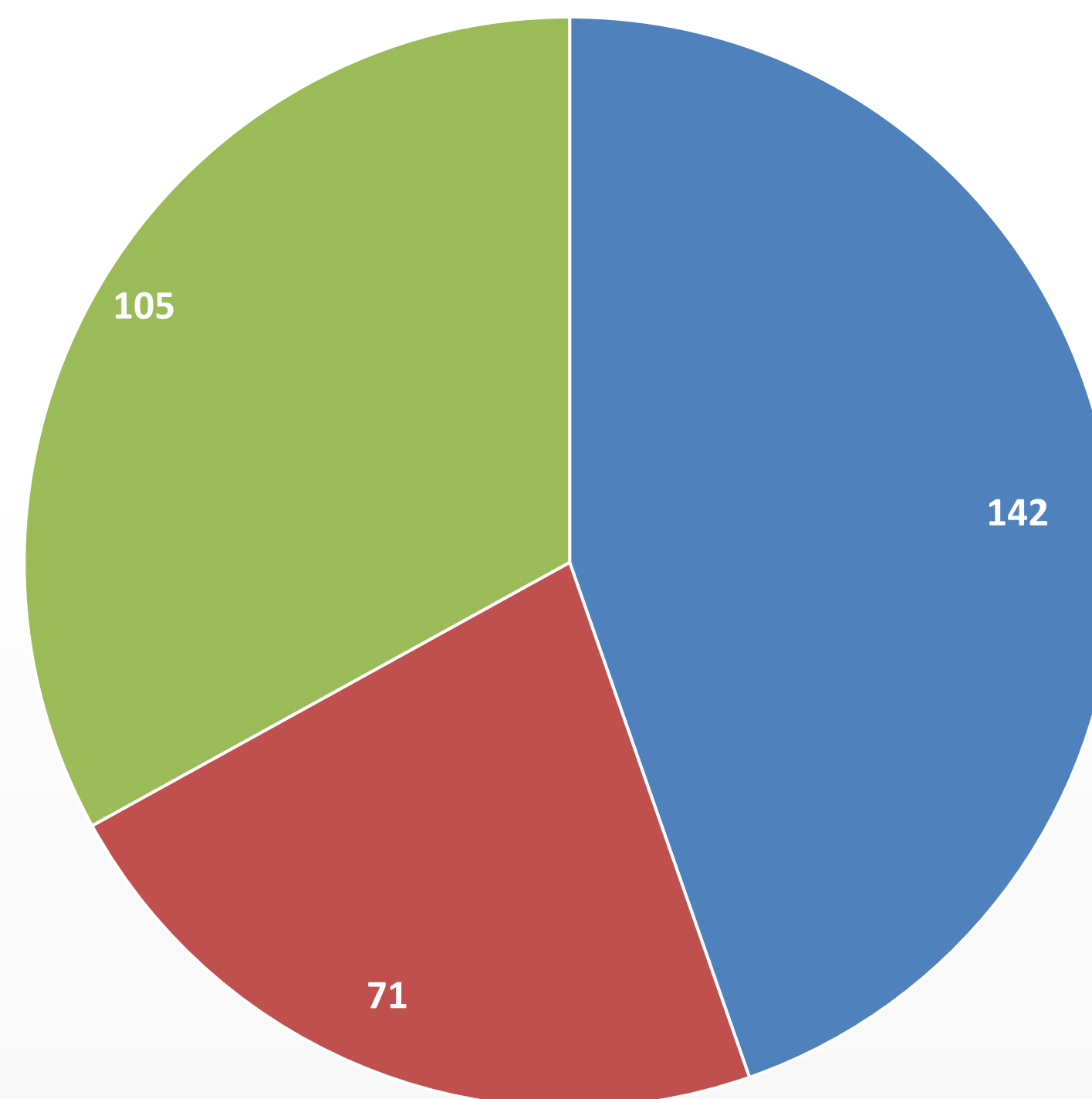


CDA Scholarship Program

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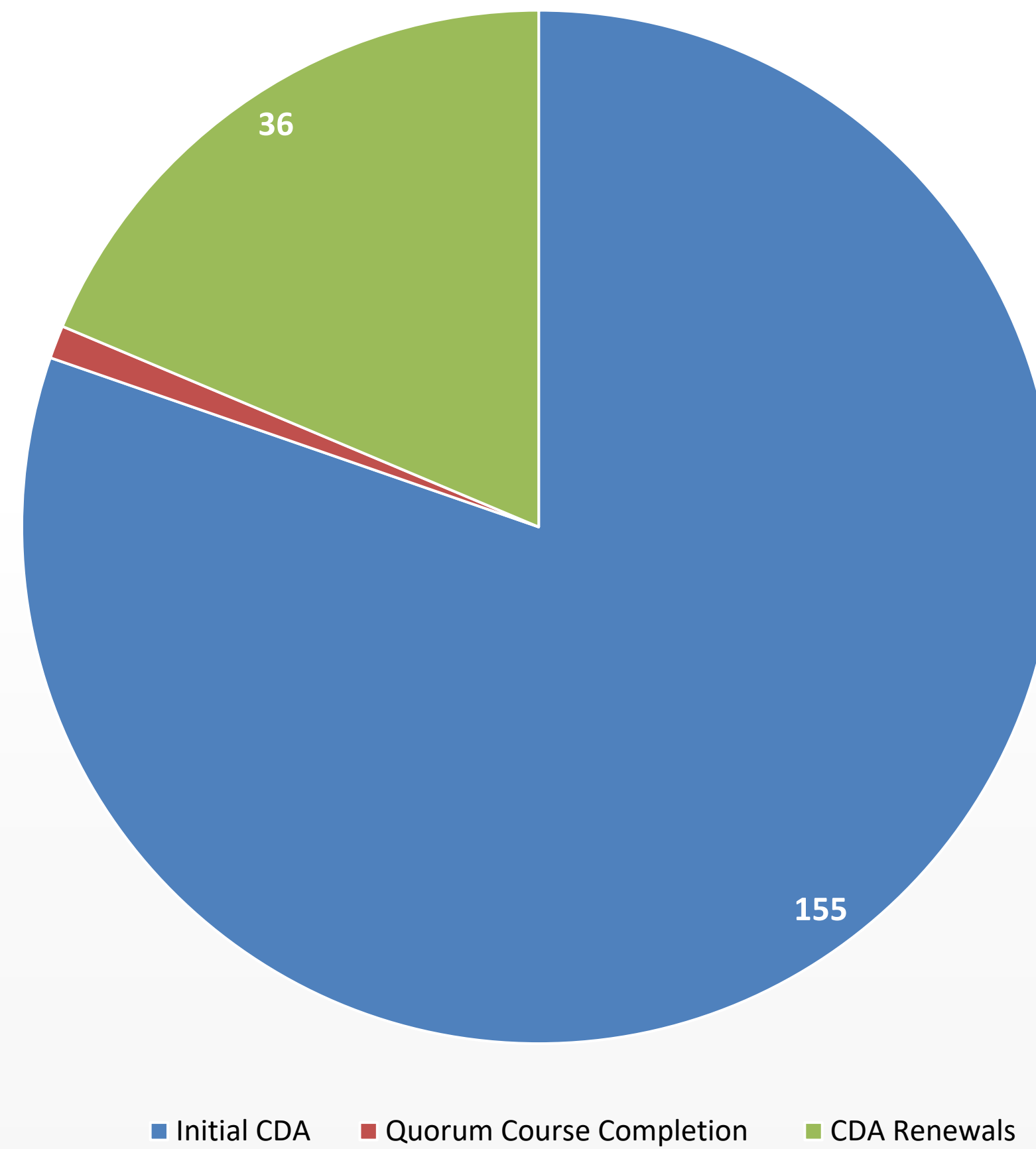
CDA scholars supported in fiscal year 2022 (FY22)



■ Initial CDA ■ Quorum Course Completion ■ CDA Renewals

SCF

CDA scholars supported in FY22



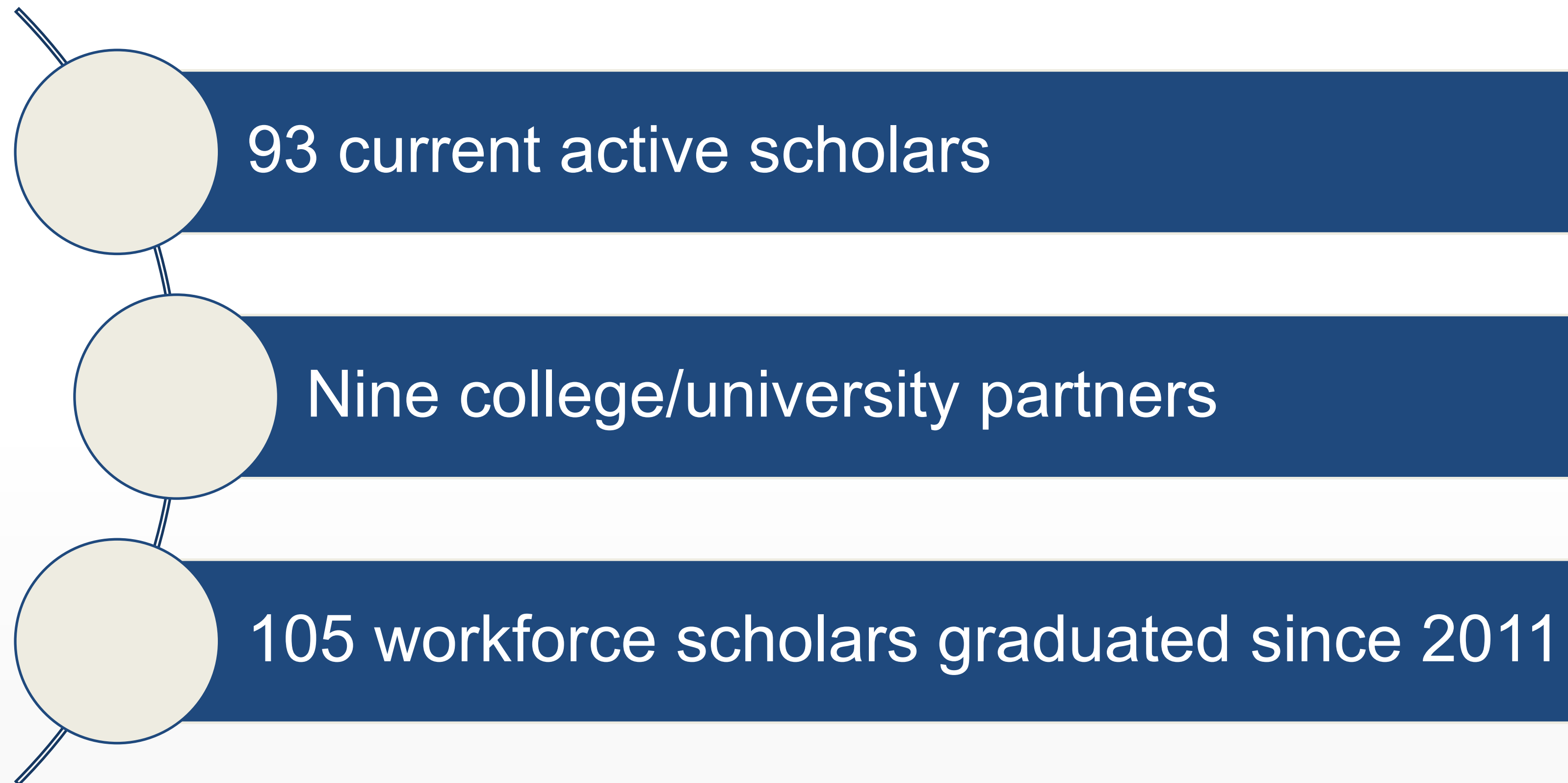
FY23 CDA Training and Preparation Program

- The current grant awarded to CentroNia and SCF will expire on Sept. 30, 2022.
- The FY23 CDA notice of funding availability (NOFA) was released on Wednesday, May 25, 2022.
- The request for application (RFA) was released on Friday, June 17, 2022.
- All grants under this RFA will be five-year awards, beginning on Oct. 1, 2022, and ending on Sept. 30, 2027, contingent upon availability of funds. Each budget period will be one year, with the first period beginning Oct. 1, 2022 and ending Sept. 30, 2023.
- Applications are due no later than Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2022 (3 p.m.).
- Anticipated grant award announcement: September 2022.

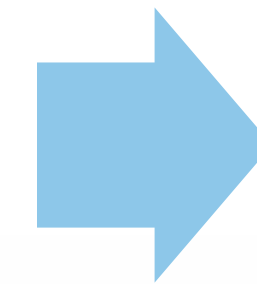
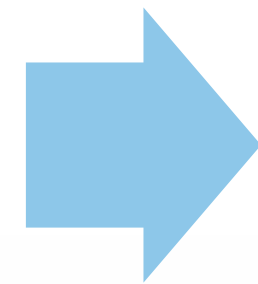


Associate and Bachelor's Degree Support

T.E.A.C.H. D.C.



DC LEAD



DC LEAD



DC LEAD Scholarship and Incentive Program

- Scholarship:
 - Covers the cost of tuition and books.
 - For child care educators who work in licensed child development facilities in DC.
 - Supports staff in meeting the child care facility [minimum education requirements](#) set by OSSE.
- Incentive:
 - Offers a financial incentive of up to \$3,000, based on funding availability to child care educators who meet eligibility requirements.

DC LEAD Application



- OSSE and SCF's websites
- Submit the application
- The application is available in English, Spanish and Amharic
- Scholarship applications are accepted on a rolling basis
- Deadline for applications for the DC LEAD incentive is Sept. 15, 2022

Contact Information

- For questions related to DC LEAD, please contact the DC LEAD team at DCLEAD@sechildrensfund.org or at (202) 561-5500.
- For questions about resources for child care educators, please reach out to the OSSE ECE Help Desk at ECEhelpdesk@dc.gov or (202) 478-5903.



DHCF Briefing on the Restart of the Alliance and Immigrant Children's Program and Preparing for the Restart of the Medicaid Program

Department of Health Care Finance
Division of Eligibility Policy
Caitlin Brandt, Management Analyst
Yemi Geteye, Management Analyst
July 20, 2022



Presentation Overview



- **Brief Overview on Public Health Emergencies**
- **The Importance of Beneficiary Outreach**
- **Alliance and ICP Renewals and Program Changes**
- **Communication Notes and Questions for SECDCC**
- **Final Questions and Next Steps**



Public Health Emergencies

- **THERE ARE TWO SEPARATE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES (PHE) THAT AFFECT DISTRICT PROGRAMS DIFFERENTLY:**
- The District's Local PHE ended on July 15, 2021.
 - *The Alliance and Immigrant Children's Program* both follow local rules. The District chose to extend coverage until this month, July 2022. Renewals have now restarted.
- The Federal PHE was recently extended and will end October 12th if not extended again.
 - *The Medicaid program* follows Federal PHE guidelines.



Why This Matters

- **Outside of Public Health Emergencies, regular program operations include the following rules:**
 - Beneficiaries must report changes that may affect their eligibility
 - Beneficiaries must complete regular renewals to determine if a beneficiary is still eligible.
- **During the PHE, the District chose to provide ‘Continuous Coverage’ for all of its beneficiaries, including Alliance and ICP.**
 - Federal guidance disallows states from terminating coverage for any beneficiary enrolled on or after March 10, 2020, outside of a few exceptions (move out-of-state, death, request to be removed from Medicaid, and technical administrative errors).
- **Health and Human Services has promised a minimum 60-day notice for Medicaid programs before the official end to the PHE.**



The Importance of Beneficiary Outreach



- Working with other District agencies and community advocates, we want to ensure continuity of coverage for as many of our beneficiaries as possible.
- **DHCF will need to conduct outreach to inform beneficiaries about the upcoming need to renew their coverage.**
 - This need is more immediate for our Alliance and ICP programs as renewals have started.
 - Many of these beneficiaries have never been through the renewal process before and won't be expecting it.
- We are particularly concerned about not having accurate beneficiary information, like updated addresses, to effectively communicate with beneficiaries.



Alliance and ICP Renewal Restart Began July 1, 2022



- The Alliance program serves low-income District residents who have no other health coverage and are not eligible for either Medicaid or Medicare.
- The Immigrant Children's Program (ICP) is a program designed to provide health coverage to individuals under the age of twenty-one (21) who are not eligible for Medicaid or other third-party health coverage.
- Alliance and ICP are locally-funded programs that follow the District guidelines
 - The District's public health emergency ended on July 25, 2021
 - Eligibility was extended for these groups **until this month**



Big Changes to Alliance and ICP

- Alliance and ICP are now more aligned with the District's Streamline Medicaid program (Children, Parents/Caretakers, Pregnant Individuals, and Childless Adults)
- **Alliance no longer has a resource test.**
- Effective for all renewals after October 1, 2022, **Alliance certification periods will increase from 6 months to 12 months.** Example: Individuals recertifying by November 30, 2022, will not need to recertify until November 30, 2023.
- ICP already has and will continue to have 12-month renewal periods.
- **A face-to-face interview is NO LONGER REQUIRED for Alliance at recertification or initial application.**



Save Time! Submit Your Renewal Online!



- **Alliance and ICP beneficiaries may submit their completed renewals:**
- **Online:** District Direct allows beneficiaries to complete their renewal, report changes, submit verifications, and view notices online or through the mobile app. Beneficiaries may visit <https://districtdirect.dc.gov/> or download the mobile app through the Apple App Store or Google Play. **Please encourage beneficiaries to complete their renewal online!**
- **By Phone:**
- Call Center (202) 727-5355; Language & Translation Line 1-855-532-5465
- **By Mail:**
 - Department of Human Services | Economic Security Administration
 - Case Record Management Unit
 - P.O. Box 91560 Washington, DC 20090
- **By Drop-off at a Service Center**
- **By Fax:**
- Fax to (202) 671-4400



Communication Notes and Questions for SECDCC



- **We are in the process of hiring a Communications Contractor to provide information to beneficiaries on how to update their current information.**
 - Could create things like fliers and postcards for current beneficiaries
 - Could create Talking Points for you to disseminate knowledge yourself
 - Could do in-person outreach at events or locations with lots of Medicaid beneficiaries
- **We want to know more about your organizations and the communities you serve.**
- **Questions for the Group – Please Contact Us with Any Input**
 - What are the best methods to convey information about social service program eligibility to people you serve?
 - Is there a best time or place to try to reach as many of your beneficiaries as possible to provide them information about the need to renew DHCF eligibility?
 - Do you have recommendations for other organizations/stakeholder groups for DHCF or its contractor to conduct outreach to in order to reach DHCF beneficiaries?



Questions or Follow Up?

- ▶ **Caitlin Brandt (Medicaid)** – Caitlin.Brandt@dc.gov
- ▶ **Yemi Geteye (Alliance/ICP)** – Yemi.Geteye@dc.gov
- ▶ **Taylor Woods (Events and outreach)** – Taylor.Woods2@dc.gov
- ▶ **District Direct** - <https://districtdirect.dc.gov/ua/>
- ▶ **District Direct Training Opportunities** - <https://my.dcas.dc.gov/pub/partner-courses>
- ▶ **Alliance and ICP Renewal FAQ** – <https://dhcf.dc.gov/alliance-icp-renewal-faq>

A photograph of a diverse family of four smiling at the camera. From left to right: a young girl with curly hair, a woman with short hair, a young boy, and another woman with large curly hair. They are all smiling warmly. The background is a plain, light color. A red geometric shape is visible on the right side of the image.

Pediatric Immunization Updates

Heather Burris, Immunization Division Chief, DC Health | July 19, 2022

Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine

For the U5/6 population

COVID-19 Vaccine for Children 6mos – 4/5 Years Old

Summary

- Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, among U.S. children ages 6 months – 4 years of age, there have been
 - Over **2 million cases**
 - Over **20,000 hospitalizations**
 - Over **200 deaths**
- COVID-19 can cause severe disease and death among children, including children without underlying medical conditions
- Future surges will continue to impact children, with unvaccinated children remaining at higher risk of severe outcomes

Baby COVID Vax – Brief Summary of Data

- Similar safety profile
- Pfizer = 3 dose, 80% efficacy after 3rd dose (22% after 2nd dose)
- Moderna = 2 dose, 37-50% efficacy, 3rd dose data coming Summer 2022
 - Possibility of Omicron variant in the Moderna 3rd dose

COVID-19 Vaccine for Children 6mos – 4/5 Years Old

ACIP Recommendation

A **two-dose** Moderna COVID-19 vaccine series (25µg) is recommended for children ages **6 months – 5 years**, under the EUA issued by FDA

Two doses of 25µg Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, 28-days apart

A **three-dose** Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine series (3µg each) is recommended for children ages **6 months – 4 years**, under the EUA issued by FDA

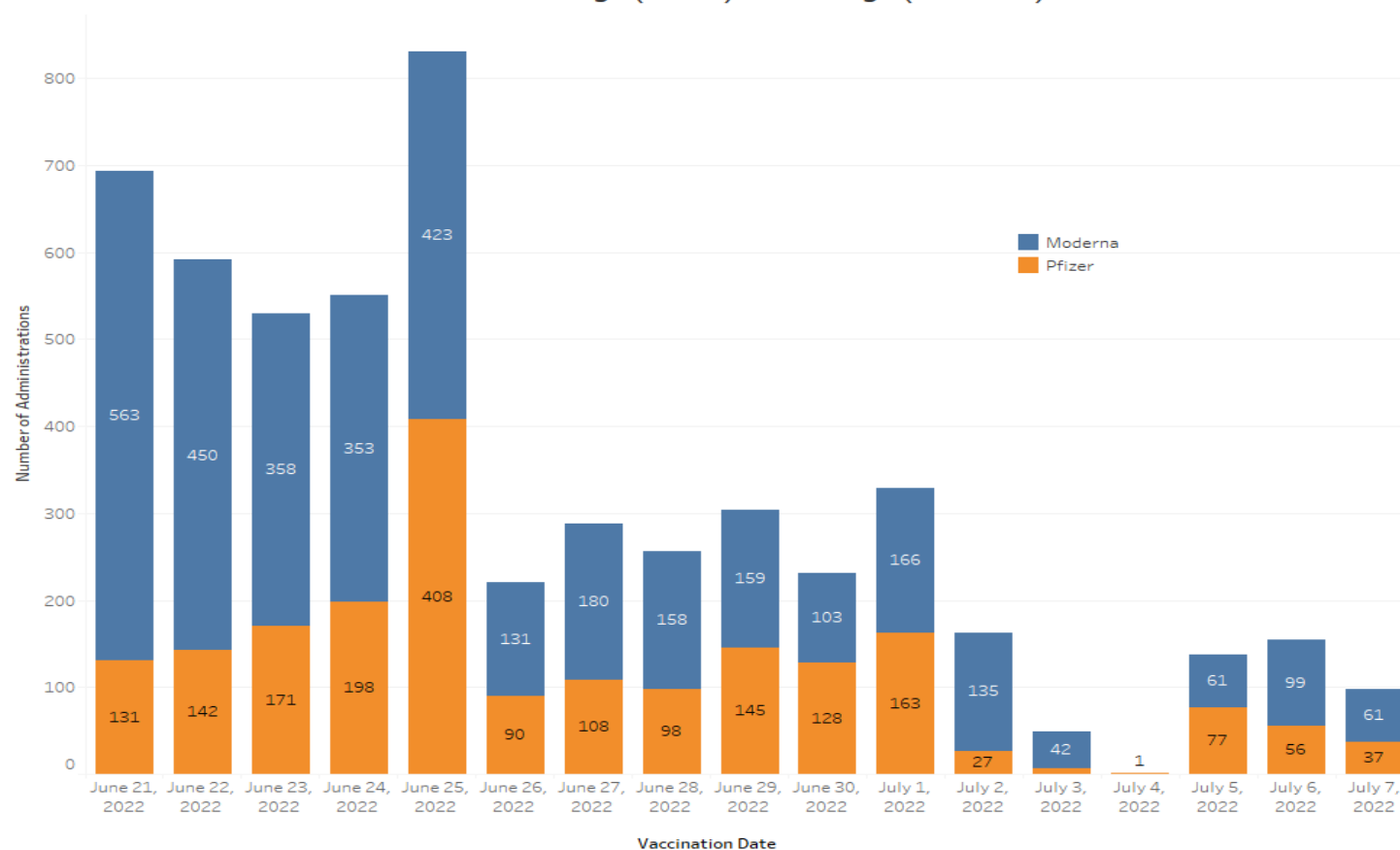
Three doses of 3µg Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine
21 days and at least 8 weeks apart

Under 5-/6-year old Distribution Plan

- Primary Health Care
 - 31 COVID-19 enrolled provider sites have vaccine in the community
 - 23 COVID-19 provider sites with Pfizer (20 are VFC enrolled)
 - 8 COVID-19 provider sites with Moderna (3 are VFC enrolled)
- COVID Centers
 - 8 COVID Centers carrying both products
- Pharmacy Providers
 - Pfizer (7 stores- 1 Safeway, 1 Walgreens, 5 CVS Minute Clinics only)
 - Moderna (1 store- Walgreens)

Under 5/6 COVID-19 Vaccination

COVID-19 Vaccine Administrations for < 5 age (Pfizer) and < 6 age (Moderna)



Residents

TOTAL DOSES
ADMINISTERED WITHIN DC

1,647,360

ESTIMATED % RESIDENTS WITH AT LEAST
ONE DOSE OF PRIMARY SERIES**

99.0%

ESTIMATED % RESIDENTS
COMPLETED PRIMARY SERIES**

78.2%

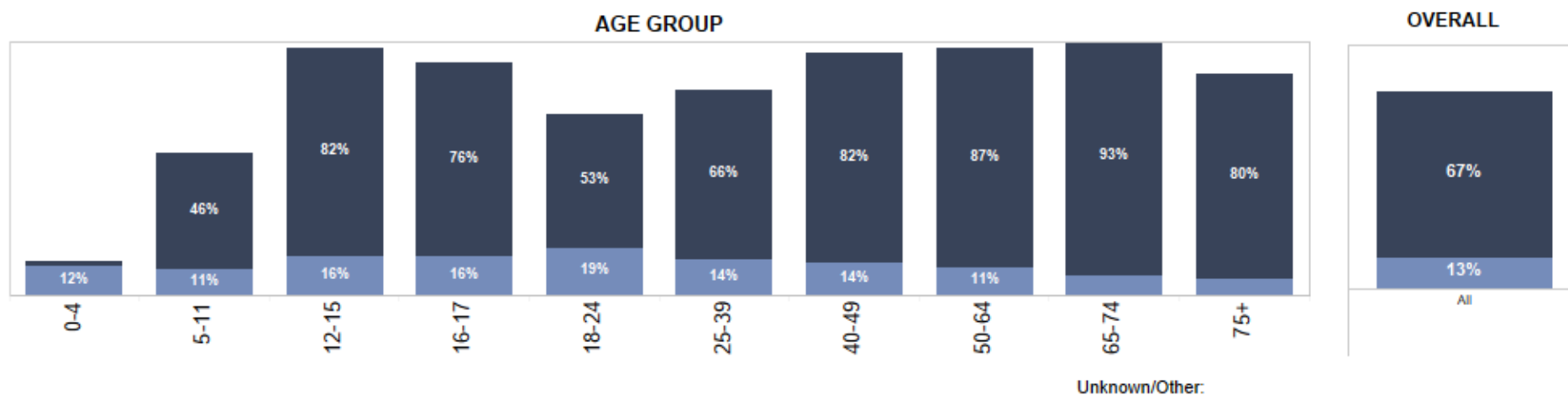
ESTIMATED % OF BREAKTHROUGH
CASES***

7.56%

Coverage (%) by Age Group - Residents

Primary Series Complete
Primary Series Incomplete

Age Group
At least one of Primary Series



		0-4	5-11	12-15	16-17	18-24	25-39	40-49	50-64	65-74	75+	TOTAL
AGE GROUP	Primary Series Incomplete	5,582	5,364	3,492	1,643	13,662	32,827	11,340	11,839	4,126	2,703	92,578
	Primary Series Complete	612	23,153	17,860	7,794	38,104	151,659	68,588	91,496	46,787	29,782	475,835
	At Least One Dose	6,459	28,624	21,399	9,459	51,311	177,981	76,886	99,581	49,956	31,803	553,459
	Up to Date	19	5,064	6,056	3,166	10,756	62,105	33,388	50,250	31,474	21,729	224,007

Data Definition

Dashboard Last Refreshed: 7/20/2022

DOCIIS 2.0 Updates


Avenue for Regular Feedback

Two locations to provide us direct feedback

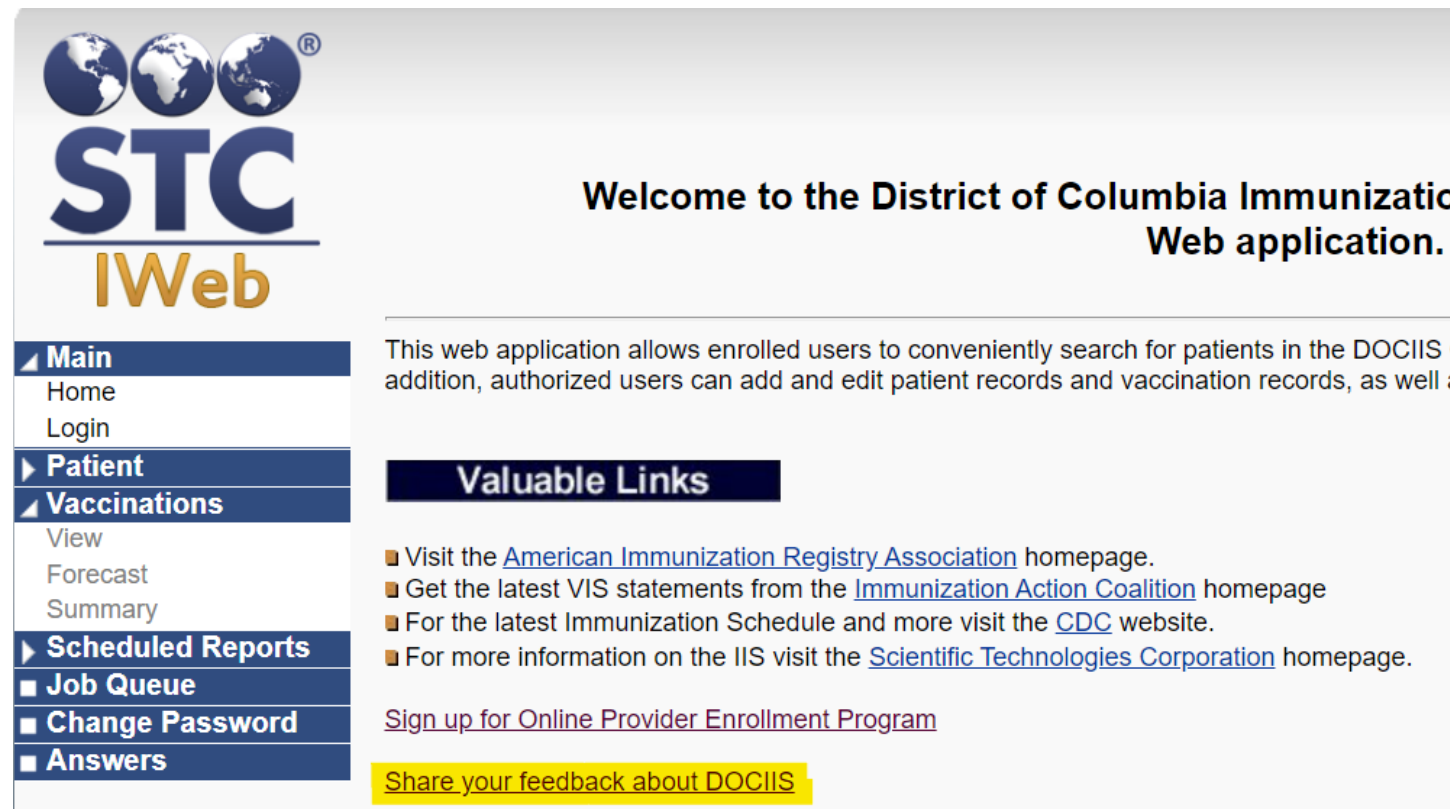
- <https://dchealth.dc.gov/dociis>



Feedback:

- [Share your feedback about DOCIIS](#) 

- DOCIIS Main Page



The screenshot shows the STC IWeb application interface. At the top, there is a logo with three globes and the text "STC IWeb". Below the logo is a navigation menu with the following items: Main (with sub-items Home and Login), Patient, Vaccinations (with sub-items View, Forecast, and Summary), Scheduled Reports, Job Queue, Change Password, and Answers. To the right of the menu, there is a welcome message: "Welcome to the District of Columbia Immunization Web application." Below this, a paragraph states: "This web application allows enrolled users to conveniently search for patients in the DOCIIS (in addition, authorized users can add and edit patient records and vaccination records, as well as...". A section titled "Valuable Links" contains four bullet points: "Visit the American Immunization Registry Association homepage.", "Get the latest VIS statements from the Immunization Action Coalition homepage", "For the latest Immunization Schedule and more visit the CDC website.", and "For more information on the IIS visit the Scientific Technologies Corporation homepage." Below the links, there is a link to "Sign up for Online Provider Enrollment Program" and a highlighted yellow button that says "Share your feedback about DOCIIS".

Training Resources Available

Training aids available on DOCIIS webpage

<https://dchealth.dc.gov/dociis>

DOCIIS Documents

- [District of Columbia Immunization Information System \(I Information Form](#) [PDF]
- [DOCIIS View-Only Instructions](#) [PDF]
- [DOCIIS Data-Entry Instructions](#) [PDF]
- [DOCIIS Quick Guide](#) [PDF]
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How to request the recorded training for new users?

- Immunization Points of Contact should email Nyah Molineaux (nyah.molineaux@dc.gov) for individual training sessions or to receive access to our recorded school nurse training video

Current Office Hours

Day of the week	Mon			Tue			Thu			Fri		
Facilitator	Ledwin			Sonya			Monique			Nyah		
Subject	Date	Time	Link	Date	Time		Date	Time		Date	Time	
Add students to the roster	7/11/2022	10am	Join Here	7/12/2022	11am	Join Here	7/14/2022	12pm	Join Here			
Generate action letter	7/18/2022	11am	Join Here	7/19/2022	12am	Join Here	7/21/2022	3pm	Join Here	7/22/2022	1pm	Join Here
Add a historical dose	7/25/2022	2pm	Join Here	7/26/2022	1pm	Join Here	7/28/2022	10am	Join Here	7/29/2022	1pm	Join Here
Run a compliance report	8/1/2022	3pm	Join Here	8/2/2022	4pm	Join Here						

Religious Exemptions

New process for 2022-2023 academic year

Religious Exemption Process

- Parents/guardians contact the Immunization Program directly for a pre-filled Religious Exemption form
 - We are updating our webpage to include instructions on how to request a religious exemption form
- Form includes a space to describe your "sincerely held religious beliefs" that prevent you from receiving immunizations.
- Immunization program will document exemption in DOCIIS 2.0
 - IPOC will be able to see a student's deferrals, medical, and religious exemptions
 - IPOCs are not able to document exemptions in DOCIIS—must be done by immunization staff
 - **special mention about immunization records and exemption documentation*

No Shots, No School

DC Health Pediatric Immunization Strategy

DC Health Pediatric Immunization Strategy for NSNS

- School-based health center open access
 - July 1 to August 31 by appointment
- VFC/COVID enrolled mobile access for school-located vaccine events
 - Operated by Medstar, Unity, Mary's Center, and Children's July 5 to September 29
 - Targeting schools with high % of students non-compliant
 - Registration link: www.bit.ly/DCHealthMobileUnit
- Mass vaccination sites
 - October 3 to October 22
 - Hosted by community providers in two locations, center city and east of the river
- Partnership with DCPS/DPR, DHCF, Immunize DC

DC Health Pediatric Immunization Strategy for NSNS

- Well-child campaign/NSNS
 - Updated 2022 communications plan and toolkit
 - Sharing with CBOs, Immunize DC, other partners
- Updated [pediatric access map](#) and list of locations on Immunization home page.
- Outreach Attempts
 - Live calls to over 10K families in June
 - Robocalls to non-compliant families this month and next month
 - Personalized mailed letter to non-compliant families
 - DOCIIS letter customized with missing vaccines
 - Post cards
 - 13,000 non-specific postcards mailed by AIM in June
 - DC Health well-child postcards in backpacks



Put Vaccines On Your Back-to-School List

Vaccines are the best protection against vaccine-preventable diseases.

All DC students must have their immunizations **up-to-date before the next school year begins.** COVID-19 vaccines are strongly recommended for eligible age groups.

dchealth.dc.gov/immunizations

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DC Health

For more information on the District's COVID-19 response, visit coronavirus.dc.gov