



State Early Childhood Development Coordinating Council (SECDCC)

July 31, 2018

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Legislative Update
- III. Update on the Development of the District of Columbia (DC)
FY 2019-2021 Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)
State Plan
- IV. Access to Quality Child Care Facilities Expansion Grant
- V. Announcements
- VI. Public Comment



Today's Objectives

- Learn about the results from the Mayor's FY 18 Access to Quality Child Care Facilities Expansion Grant
- Review Legislative Updates
- Provide an update on the District's CCDF State Plan



DC Access to Quality Child Care Program



LIIF: 34 Years of Investment and Impact

National Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) that creates pathways of opportunity for low income people and communities.

Our Mission

LIIF is a steward of capital for healthy communities and families.

Our Integrated Approach





LIIF's ECE Work

\$130 million supporting 270,000 spaces

Capital Investments

Capacity Building

**Policy, Advocacy,
Research**

AQCCE Program Updates

A young child with dark skin and short hair is standing in a wooden play structure, possibly a crib or a small fort. The child is wearing a pink and white horizontally striped long-sleeved shirt and bright pink pants. They are holding a small yellow and blue toy in their hands. The background shows a classroom setting with wooden furniture, including a chair and a table, and a window with a view of the outdoors. The floor is light-colored wood.

**\$8.1 Million in
Sub-grants**

**1000 New Infant &
Toddler Slots**

**Program Open
Through September
2020**

AQCCE Funding Purpose

- This funding is provided through DC Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) and is available to eligible early care and education center based providers.
- Sub-grants will support the planning and development of viable, well-designed child care facilities and sites within DC.

AQCCE Program Goals

- Increase access to quality child care by adding 1000 new Infant/Toddler spaces
- Provide 50% of funding to programs serving subsidized children
- Align grants to district priorities and supply/demand studies
- Partner with district housing development and other district initiatives
- Help projects leverage funding from other sources
- Create efficiencies in facilities development through coordination between OSSE (Licensing) and DCRA
- Facilitate advisory body



Progress to date

Sub-Grants:

- 30 applications submitted in April and May
- 5 Sub Grants awarded, totaling \$1,150,000
- 150 new infant/toddler slots created
- 25 applications in pipeline

TA:

- 70 child care agencies received TA to date
- 5 Housing developers received TA regarding potential childcare sites

Partnerships:

- Coordinating weekly interagency meetings between OSSE (Licensing) and DCRA
- Leveraged funding with Bainum/RF Quality Initiative in Wards 7 & 8



TA Provided

- General facility development
- Assessing feasibility for program expansion
- Planning for program sustainability
- Business and strategic planning
- Budgeting and cash flow projection
- Real estate linkages
- Lease negotiation
- Board development
- Fund development/capital campaign
- Revenue diversification
- Linkages between DCRA, Licensing and child care operators
- Linkages between developers and child care operators
- Linkages between community development organizations and child care operators (DC Main Streets, Open Architecture Collaborative)
- Linkages between Bainum Family Foundation/The Reinvestment Fund and child care operators
- Site Visits

Facility Guidance

Best Practices include:

- More space than required by licensing (75-100 sq/ft per child for raw space)
- Well ventilated
- Natural light
- Clean sightlines/good supervision
- Transition space between indoor and outdoor activities
- Child sized fixtures
- Room for napping
- Kitchenettes
- Extra Sinks (including for adults - separation for food prep and diapering)
- Outdoor environment with soft surfaces and green elements
- Bathrooms attached to classrooms

AQCCE Program Advisory Committee

Provides Program Guidance

- Diverse Group of Stakeholders
- Representatives from
 - *LIIF*
 - *OSSE*
 - *Community Stakeholders*
 - *Providers*



Learnings from the Field

DC Experience

- More “ready” projects than anticipated
- Most applicants have at least one other child care site
- Programs are entrepreneurial in approach
- Need outweighs funding available
- Lots of space available through housing development opportunities, DCPS vacant space and within charter schools, but development timelines may not align with this funding opportunity
- Projects take time and need a lot of TA support

National Experience

- ECE programs are chronically underfunded, true cost of quality is not supported
- Challenging for providers to undertake facilities projects without supplemental funding
- Providers are operating small businesses with thin margins, and need capacity to increase sustainability (budgeting, HR, marketing)
- Infant-toddler care expensive, mixed-revenue models work best
- Targeted, renewable funding sources are needed in times of increased development

Looking Forward

- Sub-grant applications continue to be accepted on a rolling basis
- Project pipeline is under review to ensure program meets it's goals
- Interested providers can call LIIF directly for more information
- This fall, there will be some funding available for Family Child Care Homes if they need help expanding from a small to a large home and intend to serve more infants and toddlers through the expansion
- Next Program Advisory Meeting will be scheduled around the 3rd week of September.
- Trainings on facilities development are being scheduled for the Fall and Spring
- Training for Developers on “Best Practices for Child Care Facilities”

Questions/Discussion





Announcements



Update on the District of Columbia's FY 2019-2021 Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) State Plan



Update on DC's CCDF State Plan

- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Child Care (OCC) released the FY2019-2021 **Final CCDF State Plan Preprint** on June 1, 2018
- Final State Plan due to OCC, Aug. 31, 2018
- FFY2019-2021 Plan is effective from Oct. 1, 2018 to Sept. 30, 2021

Public Engagement and Comments

- **DC's Public Hearing and Community Forums**
 - DC Register Notice published on Friday, April 27, 2018
 - Official Public Hearing held on Monday, May 21, 2018
 - Three community engagement forums
 - Public comment period (May 1- June 1, 2018)
- **Additional Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement**
 - Conducted a total of 20 external stakeholder meetings
 - Child development providers, families, philanthropy, advocates, policymakers, etc.



Overview of Public Comments

Section 1. CCDF Leadership and coordination with relevant systems

- Leverage SECDCC and its committees and other stakeholders and partners to advance key priorities (e.g. Early Childhood Integrated Data System, Cost Modeling Report)

Section 2. Promote family engagement through outreach and consumer education

- Expand provider network/supports and clarify information for serving children with special needs (i.e. accessing Healthy Futures, Strong Start)
- Support Parent Cafes “Train the Trainer” model
- Include vacancy information on My Child Care DC and through the Child Care Resource and Referral agency

Section 3. Provide stable child care and financial assistance to families

- Ensure definitions and eligibility criteria are clear and allow for broadest inclusion of all families
- Increase the number of providers participating in the Quality Improvement Network (QIN)
- Align eligibility policies for adult learners and expand options/sites to apply for the child care subsidy program

Overview of Public Comments

Section 4. Ensure equal access to high-quality child care for low-income children

- Expand the Quality Improvement Network
- Pay providers based on enrollment not attendance
- Target funding to providers in high need areas
- Professional development for directors/owners on the Cost Model process and outcomes

Section 5. Promote standards and monitoring processes to ensure the health and safety of child care settings

- Leverage public/private funds to assist facilities in meeting licensing requirements
- Establish OSSE “Licensing Liaisons” to facilitate compliance with regulations and shift to higher quality programming

Section 6. Recruit and retain a qualified and effective child care workforce

- Expand resources for degree programs, evaluate programs and target funding to compensation
- Identify ways to recognize and celebrate early education workforce
- Address barriers for recruiting and retaining a qualified workforce

Section 7. Support continuous quality improvement

- Early Childhood Integrated Data System
- Support centers in maintaining accreditation
- Enhance wraparound supports for child development facilities (i.e. mental health consultation, screenings)



DC's Cost Estimation Model

Cost Estimation Model Update

- The District received approval from the Office of Child Care to use the alternative cost estimation model methodology to inform rate setting as part of the FY2019-2021 CCDF state plan.
- The alternative cost estimation model methodology was presented to the SECDCC on April 5, 2018 and the DC Association for the Education of Young Children (DCAEYC) on May 9, 2018.
- More than 25 early care and education leaders attended the DCAEYC meeting, representing family and center based child development providers.
- The participants provided input on the following cost estimation model cost drivers and revenue streams:
 - Enrollment efficiency
 - Bad debt assumptions
 - Types of personnel employed
 - Average square footage cost in the District
 - Available revenue streams

Cost Estimation Model Update

- The Division of Early Learning convened a Cost Model Working Group to update the 2015 cost model methodology.
- The DEL working group includes national experts
- The assumptions in the model have been updated to reflect changes since 2015:
 - Child care subsidy reimbursement rates
 - Minimum Wage and Living Wage requirements
 - Implementation of the Paid Family Leave tax
 - CACFP reimbursement rates
 - Uniform Per Student Funding Formulae (UPSFF) for Pre-K Enhancement program
 - Salary estimates through the Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates for the District of Columbia

Cost Estimation Model Update

- Working group developed scenarios to reflect the cost difference in providing care for children taking into account:
 - Size of facility
 - Capital Quality tier rating
 - Participation in programs that enhance revenue:
 - Quality Improvement Network
 - Pre-K Enhancement and Expansion
 - Shared Service Alliance

Cost Estimation Model Update

- The final 2018 Cost Model Report will be published in Sept. 2018.
- The report will provide the cost of providing care in the District by age group, setting and quality level.
- The FY19 subsidy rate increases will be informed by the results of the 2018 Cost Model Report.



Legislative Update

Committee on Education

- **Under Review**

- B22-0355 – Bolstering Early Growth Investment Amendment Act of 2017
- B22-0443 – Child Water Safety Amendment Act of 2017
- B22-0079 – Dyslexia and Other Reading Disabilities Screening and Prevention Pilot Program Act of 2017
- B22-0313 – Healthy Students Amendment Act of 2017

- **Current Law**

- B22-0026 – Early Learning Equity Amendment Act of 2017
- B22-0594 – Student Fair Access to School Act of 2017
- B22-0050 – Child Development Facilities Regulations Amendment Act of 2017
- B22-0103 – Child Care Study Act of 2017
- PR22-0626 – Child Development Facilities: Licensing Approval Resolution Act of 2017

Committee on Health

- **Under Review**
 - B22-0751 – Newborn Screening Amendment Act of 2018
 - B22-0687 – Adverse Childhood Experiences Task Force Act of 2018
 - B22-0666 – Women, Infants, and Children Program Expansion Act of 2018
 - B22-0808 – Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative Act of 2018
 - B22-0399 – Infant Mortality Reduction Program Act of 2017
 - B22-0350 – Home Visiting Services Pilot Program Establishment Act of 2017
- **Passed the Council**
 - B22-0232 – School Health Innovations Grant Act of 2017 (**Current law- S2A**)
 - B22-0172 – Maternal Mental Health Task Force Act of 2017 (**Current law- S2A**)
 - B22-0203 – Birth-to-Three for All DC Act of 2018 (**Not yet law- S2A**)

Committee on Human Services

- **Under Review**
 - B22-0227 – TANF Child Benefit Protection Amendment Act of 2017

Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety

- **Under Review**
 - B22-0255 – Child Neglect and Sex Trafficking Amendment Act of 2017

Committee on Labor and Workforce Development

- **Under Review**
 - B22-0530 – Child and Youth Safety Amendment Act of 2017

Committee on Transportation and the Environment

- **Under Review**
 - B22-0076 – District of Columbia Child Development Facilities Expansion Amendment Act of 2017
- **Passed the Council**
 - B22-0029 – Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention Amendment Act of 2017
(Current Law- Partial S2A)

FY 2019 Budget

- \$14M – Child Care Subsidy Program (New \$10M, Continuation \$4M)
- \$2M – Early Learning Equity Amendment Act (Recurring Funding)
- \$4.2M – Enhanced Special Education Services Amendment Act of 2014 (Removes S2A)
 - Shortens the timeline for conducting initial evaluations
 - Decreases the age triggering secondary transition requirements from 16 to 14
 - Expands eligibility for Part C/Early intervention services
- Early Learning Tax Credit
 - Up to \$1,000 per child, ages 0-3, enrolled in a D.C. licensed child care facility
 - Not for families whose children are not recipients of subsidy or eligible for universal pre-K
- Higher Education Incentive Program Amendment Act
- \$1.6M – Better Access for Babies to Integrated Equitable Services Act of 2018, or the B.A.B.I.E.S bill (Funds pilot)

Questions?

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Public Comment



Thank You!