

CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT:

The Basics



The Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) was reauthorized by Congress on November 19, 2014.

The Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) is a block grant of \$5.3 billion funding to states to provide access to child care services for low-income families and improve access to quality care programs.

Purpose

Support Families



It's simple. Parents cannot work if they do not have access to quality child care. The Child Care Development Fund promotes family economic self-sufficiency by enabling parents to work and be confident in the care for their child.

Improve Quality



New federal guidelines seek to enhance the overall quality of care in early childhood learning programs, including greater protections for child health and safety. High quality care leads to healthy growth and development in children.

Prepare Students



Early high quality care fosters positive development and starts young children off on the right track for future success. By increasing "school readiness" in young learners, more students can start off on a level playing field.

Maine's State Plan is due: March 1, 2016

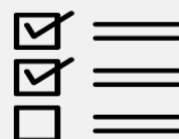


Other stakeholders and statewide partners.

Maine's Department of Health and Human Services will be revising the program and drafting a new state plan in the upcoming months. The new state plan will likely require legislative and/or administrative action in the next year. The overall goal in reauthorization is to increase CCDF child care access, provide greater protection for child health and safety, and improve quality of care.



Training & Professional Development



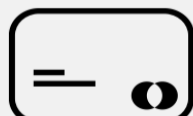
Eligibility Policies



Health and Safety



Increased Quality Spending



Payment Rates & Provider Payment Practices

Highlights of the new federal guidelines.

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