



2022 – 2024 CCDF Plan Overview: Development, Changes and Your Important Input

A New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services Presentation

Agenda

1. What is the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) & Its Role in Child Care?
2. The Plan as a Road Map: Destination, Journey & Purpose
3. Stakeholder Input: We Want to Hear From You!
4. Plan Components
5. Compliance vs. Transformation & Change
6. Next Steps & Questions



What is CCDF and Its Role In Child Care?

The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) program provides resources to state, territory, and tribal grantees that:

- ▶ **Enable parents with low incomes to work or pursue education and training** so that they can better support their families while at the same time promoting the learning and development of their children; and
- ▶ **Enhance the quality of child care for all children.**



The Plan As A Road Map



Destination, Journey & Purpose

- Major goal: Create an **integrated system of child care for working families with low incomes**
- To be approached in a **cross-cutting, integrated manner**
- Purpose:
 - Track & assess **progress (reporting/accountability)**
 - Determine **need for technical assistance (TA)**
 - Determine **compliance** with specific requirements



PLAN Components

1. Define **CCDF Leadership and Coordination** with Relevant Systems and Funding Sources
2. Promote **Family Engagement** through Outreach and Consumer Education
3. Provide **Stable Child Care Financial Assistance to Families**
4. Ensure **Equal Access to Child Care** for Income-Eligible Children
5. Establish Standards and Monitoring Processes to **Ensure the Health and Safety of Child Care Settings**
6. Recruit and Retain a Qualified and Effective **Child Care Workforce**
7. Support **Continuous Quality Improvement**
8. Ensure Grantee **Program Integrity and Accountability**

Compliance vs. Transformation & Change



Stakeholder Input



- ▶ General Purpose - Government
- ▶ State Advisory Council^{1,2}: Council for Thriving Children; Child Care Advisory Council
- ▶ WFAJ (Whole Family Approach to Jobs) – Child Care and Committee
- ▶ Head Start Directors Association
- ▶ Advocacy Groups (Mom’s Rising; ELNH; New Futures; etc.)
- ▶ PDG
- ▶ DHHS (DEHS bureaus – Housing Supports², Employment Supports², BFA-TANF², all others), Public Health², DCYF foster care², Medicaid/CHIP², BCMH²Employment Security)

¹ Input Required; ² Coordination Required

Stakeholder Input *continued*

- ▶ CCRR²/NHAN²/ACROSS²
- ▶ Pyramid Model State Leadership Team
- ▶ DOE²: Part B/619 , CACFP, McKinney-Vento liaisons, Part C²
- ▶ Head Start Collaboration Office²
- ▶ Child Care Licensing Unit²
- ▶ Emergency Management and Response²
- ▶ EHS/CC Partnerships
- ▶ Watch Me Grow (dev. screening)
- ▶ MCH HV
- ▶ Higher Education
- ▶ Private Foundations/Businesses/Regional Coalitions





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Key Sections: What Would You Like to See Included?

Section 3 - Provide Stable Child Care Financial Assistance to Families

- 3.1 Eligible Children and Families
- 3.2 Family Contribution to Payments
- 3.3 Increasing Access for Vulnerable Children and Families
- 3.4 Continuity for Working Families

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- ▶ Your name (optional)
- ▶ Who you represent
- ▶ Your suggestions



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Section 4 - Ensure Equal Access to Child Care for Income-Eligible Children

- 4.1 Maximize Parental Choice and Implement Supply Building Mechanisms
- 4.2 Assess Market Rates and Analyze the Cost of Child Care
- 4.3 Establish Adequate Payment Rates
- 4.4 Implement Generally Accepted Payment Practices and Ensure Timeliness of Payments
- 4.5 Establish Affordable Co-Payments

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Section 6 - Recruit and Retain a Qualified and Effective Child Care Workforce

- 6.1 Professional Development Framework
- 6.2 Training and Professional Development Requirements
- 6.3 Supporting Training and Professional Development of the Child Care Workforce with CCDF Quality Funds

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Next Steps: Dates to Remember

- Plan Draft Published: 7/16/21
- Public Hearing: 7/19/21
- Feedback Until (5 p.m.): 7/22/21
- Plan Submitted: 7/23/21

