



Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) State Plan FY2016-2018

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CCDF Background

Lead Agency

Michigan Department of Education (MDE)

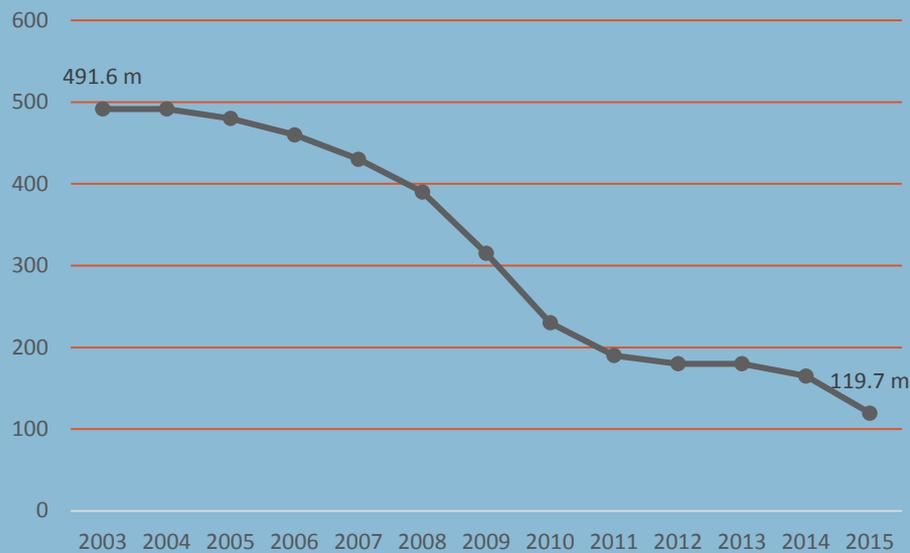
Federal CCDF Funding awarded to Michigan

- Child Development and Care (CDC) program (subsidy)
- Child Care Licensing
- Quality Improvements



Michigan's CCDF Program

Appropriations



Child Care Cases



CCDF Reauthorization

- The Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014 was signed into law on November 19, 2014. Reauthorizes the CCDF program for the first time since 1996.
- CCDF is a \$5.3 billion block grant program that provides funding to States, Territories and Tribes to provide access to child care services for low-income families and improve the quality of child care.
- The CCDBG Act of 2014 renews authority for CCDF through FY2020 and represents a historic re-envisioning of the program
- Focused on better balancing dual purposes – to promote economic self-sufficiency for low-income families and support healthy development and school readiness needs of children.



Enhanced Purposes of CCDF

1. To allow each State maximum flexibility in developing child care programs and policies that best suit the needs of children and parents within that State;
2. To promote parental choice to empower working parents to make their own decisions regarding the child care services that best suits their family's needs;
3. To encourage States to provide consumer education information to help parents make informed choices about child care services and to promote involvement by parents and family members in the development of their children in child care settings;
4. To assist States in delivering high-quality, coordinated early childhood care and education services to maximize parents' options and support parents trying to achieve independence from public assistance;

Enhanced Purposes of CCDF, continued

5. To assist States in improving the overall quality of child care services and programs by implementing the health, safety, licensing, training, and oversight standards established in this subchapter and in State law (including State regulations);
6. To improve child care and development of participating children; and
7. To increase the number and percentage of low-income children in high-quality child care settings.



Scope of Reauthorization

Reauthorization brings significant advancements to the program:

- Makes child care safer by defining health and safety requirements for child care providers, requiring background checks, and inspection to facilities.
- Provides more stability for parents and children through family-friendly eligibility policies.
- Helps parents better understand child care choices available to them by improving accessibility and transparency of information about providers.
- Includes a significant number of changes, some of which are straightforward to implement, while others are complex and will be phased-in over several years.



Key Features of Reauthorization

- Health and Safety
- Criminal Background Checks
- Monitoring
- Training and Professional Development
- Eligibility Policies
- Consumer Education
- Family Engagement
- Increased Quality Spending
- Infants and Toddlers
- Payment Rates and Provider Payment Practices
- Underserved Populations

Key Reauthorization Changes

Key Dates

Criminal Background Checks (658H(j))	Compliance by 9/30/2017: Not later than the last day of the 2nd full fiscal year after enactment (states may request an extension of not more than 1 year).
Monitoring of Licensing and Regulatory Requirements (658E(c)(2)(K))	Compliance by 11/19/2016: Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment.
Posting Results of Monitoring and Inspection Reports (Website) (658E(c)(2)(D))	Compliance by earlier of 11/19/2017 or 1 year after monitoring in place.
State compliance with Priority for Services (658E(c)(3)(B)(ii))	Compliance by 9/30/2016: Not later than September 30 of the first full fiscal year after the date of enactment (ACF will make an annual determination and report thereafter). The requirement to submit this report applies to ACF. However, prior to submission of this report, states will need to provide information to ACF regarding their compliance with priority for services.

Key Reauthorization Changes

Key Dates, Continued

Other Requirements	If a state or territory provides justification for why it cannot certify compliance with one or more of the requirements of the new law in its FY 2016-2018 Plan, ACF may allow the Lead Agency to submit a state-specific timeline for achieving compliance with such provision(s). We expect the need for additional time would be limited to provisions that require significant policy revisions or implementation and that the timeline for implementation would not exceed a 1-year period (i.e., September 30, 2016).
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Implementation Plans

Include:

- Overall target completion date (no later than required effective date)
- Current status
- Specific steps/activities that will be taken to achieve implementation
- Timeline for implementation (state date and end date)
- Agency and/or partners responsible for completing the implementation



Temporary Extension/Waivers

Must include:

- Detail on each area that we are requesting relief
- Describe how the waiver will, by itself, improve the delivery of child care services
- Certify that health, safety, and well-being of children through CCDF will not be compromised
- Describe one or more conflicting or duplicative requirements preventing the implementation



Opportunities for Comments and Input

- State Plan Hearings
 - January
 - **One in person and via webinar**
 - **Two via webinar**
- Presented and collected comments from the OGS Advisory Council
- Comments on the draft plan and implementation plans are being accepted through February 15, 2016
- Final State Plan to be submitted to the Office of Child Care on March 1, 2016
 - **Plan to be reviewed and approved**
 - **Implementation plans to be monitored for completion by due dates**
 - **States to submit amendments to plans as needed to demonstrate compliance**

Questions and Discussion

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