

***Child Care and Development  
Fund (CCDF) State Plan  
FY2014-2015***



**Opportunity for Public Comment**

Office of Child Development and Care

# CCDF Background

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- Lead Agency: Michigan Department of Education (MDE)
- Federal CCDF Funding awarded to Michigan: \$152 million
  - Child Development and Care (CDC) program (subsidy)
  - Child Care Licensing
  - Quality Improvements

# Vision and Goals

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- Vision: More children in low-income families able to access high quality care
- Goals:
  - Ensuring the Health and Safety of Children
  - Building Quality Rating and Improvement Systems
  - Building Strong Professional Development and Workforce Initiatives
  - Building a Child Care Subsidy System that is Child-focused, Family-Friendly, and Fair to Providers
  - Strengthening Program Integrity

# Part 1-Overall Administration

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- Expected funding levels for child care services and related activities
- Department activities implemented to improve program integrity
- Description of consultation sought from partners in the development of the draft state plan
- Description of coordination activities supporting the implementation of CCDF services in Michigan

# Part 1-Overall Administration

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- Critical areas identified by the Office of Child Care:
  - Accountability and Program Integrity (1.3)
  - Public Hearings (1.4.2)
  - Coordination (1.5.1)

# Part 2—CCDF Subsidy Program Administration

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- Information regarding Michigan's child care subsidy program (CDC) operations and administration
- Eligibility criteria for CDC
- Current CDC sliding fee scale and required family contribution levels
- Provider payment rates
- Market Rate Survey information (conducted February-March 2013)

# CDC Subsidy Background

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- The CDC program helps eligible families with child care costs while they are:
  - ✓ Working.
  - ✓ Completing high school/GED courses.
  - ✓ Participating in job training or education programs.
  - ✓ Engaging in family preservation activities (e.g. court-ordered rehabilitative activities).
- Eligible families/children include:
  - ✓ Low-income families—below 122% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines .
  - ✓ DHS Cash Assistance and SSI Recipients.
  - ✓ Foster children in DHS-paid placements.
  - ✓ Children with an active Child Protective Services case at DHS.

# Part 2—CCDF Subsidy Program Administration

- Critical areas identified by the Office of Child Care:
  - Family-Friendly Redetermination Periods and Processes that Support Continuity of Care (2.3.6)
  - Consumer Education(2.2.3 and 2.2.4, 2.2.7, 2.2.8)
  - Payment Practices that support parents (2.7.7 – Lead Agency policies around paying for additional fees that providers may charge parents)
  - Payment Practices that support providers (2.7.8 – how often providers are paid and what methods are used)
  - Payment Policies and Practices that support equal access (tie together 2.7.7, 2.7.8 and 2.7.9)

# Market Rate Survey Summary

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## Licensed/Registered Providers: Hourly Rates for Children Age Birth to 2 ½ Years

Provider Type	Child's Age: Birth to 2 ½ Years (30 months)		
	CDC Hourly Rate \$	MRS Hourly Rate \$ (75 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	CDC as a percent of MRS
Child Care Centers	3.75	5.00	75.0%
Family Child Care Homes	2.90	4.00	72.5%
Group Child Care Homes	2.90	3.50	82.9%
Unlicensed- Tier 1	1.35	2.20	61.4%
Unlicensed- Tier 2	2.20	2.50	88.0%

## Licensed/Registered Providers: Hourly Rates for Children Age 2 ½ Years to 5 Years (not yet enrolled in Kindergarten)

Provider Type	Child's Age: 2 ½ Years to 5 Years (not yet enrolled in Kindergarten)		
	CDC Hourly Rate \$	MRS Hourly Rate \$ (75 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	CDC as a percent of MRS
Child Care Centers	2.50	5.00	50.0%
Family Child Care Homes	2.40	3.50	68.6%
Group Child Care Homes	2.40	3.25	73.8%
Unlicensed- Tier 1	1.35	1.85	73.0%
Unlicensed- Tier 2	1.85	2.00	92.5%

# Part 3—Health and Safety and Quality Improvement

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- Health and Safety
- Early Learning Guidelines
- Program Quality Improvement Activities, including Quality Rating and Improvement Systems (QRIS)
- Professional Development Systems and Workforce Initiatives.

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- Critical areas identified by the Office of Child Care:
  - Health and Safety(3.1) – foundation of quality
  - Licensing Requirements and Effective Enforcement (3.1.1 and 3.1.2)
  - Quality Improvement Activities(3.2 to 3.4)
  - Early Learning and Development Standards and Guidelines (3.2)
  - Program Quality Improvement/QRIS (3.3)
  - Professional Development and Workforce (3.4)

# Timeline

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- May 22-May 29: Webinars and Public Hearing
- June 3: Deadline for comment submission
- June 4-June 30: Review of comments and final revision process
- July 1: Plan due to the Office of Child Care
- October 1: Plan goes into effect

# Submission of Comments

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- **Deadline is COB on June 3**
- Comments through webinar or public hearing
- Written comments to the MDE Office of Great Start-Division of Child Development and Care.
  - By mail to the Office of Great Start-Division of Child Development and Care, PO Box 30008, Lansing, MI 48906.
  - By fax to 517-241-8679.
  - By email to [DHS-CDC-ADMIN@michigan.gov](mailto:DHS-CDC-ADMIN@michigan.gov).