CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT TRANSITION

ECPC UPDATE
JUNE 9, 2021
Agenda

• Fourth Quarter Progress
• Upcoming Activities
• Questions & Comments
Fourth Quarter Progress: Ensuring a Smooth Administrative Transfer
CDE & CDSS Collaboration

• Contracts: CDE will execute pending 2021-22 agreements under their existing process. CDSS will issue apportionments for the July 1, 2021 agreements after the enactment of the 2021-2022 Budget Act and availability of funding.

• CDE and CDSS developed Trailer Bill Language (TBL) to transfer child care program statutes from the Education Code to the Welfare and Institutions Code while also updating the Health and Safety Code to implement the transition.

• Website: CDE and CDSS are collaborating on a website for the Child Care & Development Division and the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

• Key Milestones and Transition Timeline: now live on our website.

• FAQ Document: now live on our website, will be updated regularly with new questions and answers.
Staffing Update

- Approximately 185.7 CDE staff will be transferring to CDSS on July 1, 2021.

- The May Revision is funding 79 additional positions to support California's Child Care and Development System as well as to implement program enhancements and to achieve a whole-child/whole-family approach to child care.

- The Department of Finance has approved Budget Change Proposals (BCPs) for CDE and CDSS to ensure programs will have adequate staffing support.
Stakeholder Engagement

- Quarterly Update Calls
- CCDF State Plan Public Input Sections
- Contractors Meetings
- Parent Engagement
- Tribal Child Care Association of California
- Child Care Providers United
Child Care & Development Transition Plan

The final version of the plan is posted on our website and was submitted to the legislature on March 30, 2021. Thank you to everyone for the constructive feedback to strengthen this plan, which is comprised of the following sections:

1. Workforce and Logistics
2. Administrative Transition – Continuity of Operations
3. Programmatic Transition – Continuity of Services and Partnerships
4. Continuous Planning and Engagement
5. Program Integration and Enhancements
6. Child and Adult Care Food Program – Continuity of Operations, Services, and Partnerships
7. Alignment with Recommendations from the Master Plan for Early Learning and Care: Making California For All Kids
8. Budget/Fiscal Outlook
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

• The USDA approved the transfer of the CACFP program from CDE to CDSS

• The CACFP program will be its own branch alongside the CalFresh & Nutrition Branch in the Family Engagement and Empowerment Division
Federal Relief Funding

Following the ratification of an agreement between the Child Care Provider’s United (CCPU) union via Assembly Bill (AB) 82 (Chapter 6, Statutes of 2021), federal relief funding was allocated to:

• Extend existing child care vouchers for essential workers, at-risk children, and children with disabilities and special health care needs and create new vouchers for these children.
• Fund $525 per child stipends for subsidized child care providers.
• Increase providers’ paid nonoperational days from 14 to 30 days.
• $156 million was earmarked for new and extended AP voucher slots as well as administration costs.

Senate Bill (SB) 85 (Chapter 14, Statutes of 2021) further allocates funding to provide $525 per child stipends to providers of the Emergency Bridge Program for Foster Children; stipends will be released this month.

The May Revision includes a second pandemic relief package of $579 million, which includes:

• A tiered licensed provider one-time stipend based on licensing capacity of between $3,500 and $6,500.
• A third round of per-child stipends for subsidized child care providers.
• Family fee waivers for eligible families beginning July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.
• A one-time $25 million investment in the California Child Care Initiative Project (CCIP) to build capacity of new licensed family child care homes, targeting child care deserts.
• A one-time $10.6 million investment in the California Inclusion and Behavior Consultation (CIBC) project for early childhood mental health consultation.
• 16 paid nonoperational days for use starting July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.
• Continued hold harmless for reimbursement based on enrollment regardless of attendance through June 30, 2022.
Upcoming Activities

- Meeting for contractors affected by the transition: June 24th, 2021
- Launch of the Contract Landing Page
- Programs transferred over to CDSS on July 1, 2021
Next Steps

• Survey for additional feedback:  https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KXNJ2LN

• Stay tuned for more webinars and technical assistance calls before the transfer takes place on July 1, 2021
Thank You

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