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The Fair Start for Kids Act and Trauma-Informed Care

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Purpose



To create a framework for early learning providers to receive trauma-informed supports.

Background

Fair Start for Kids Act (Section 304) says: DCYF will provide trauma-informed supports to aid eligible providers including the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP), Early ECEAP, licensed & certified providers, Early Achievement coaches, and license-exempt providers

Awards can be used for:

- Additional compensation for individual staff who have an infant and early childhood mental health or other child development specialty credential
- Trauma-informed professional development and training
- The purchase of screening tools and assessment materials
- Supportive services for children with complex needs that are offered as fee-for-service within local communities
- Other related expenses



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More background

How much money is there?



DCYF has roughly \$3 million dollars to award in the fiscal year to compensate early learning professional trauma-informed skills, knowledge, and education. I also investing additional money to support trauma-in training and screening and assessment.

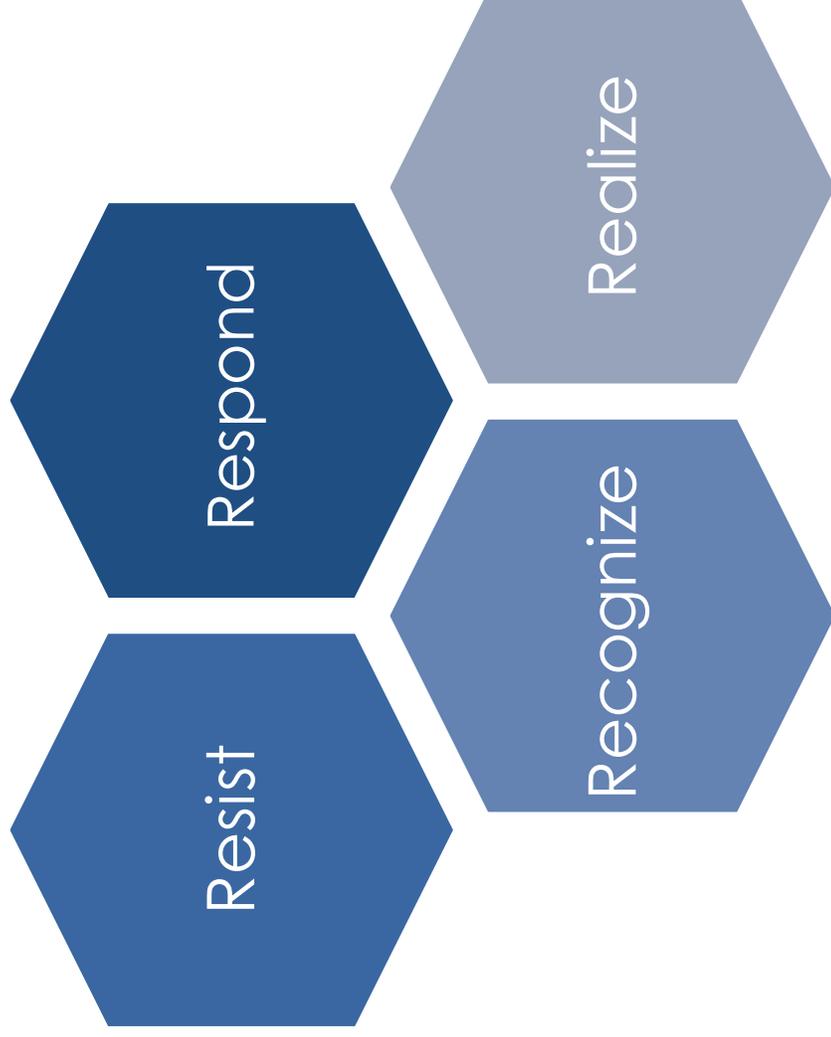
How will the money be distributed?



We'd like to hear from IPEL how DCYF should comp providers for receiving trauma-informed training an education.



What constitutes a trauma-informed approach? SAMHSA's Four "R's"



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What supports would help early childhood providers be more trauma-informed?

The Fair Start for Kids Act names the following:

- Professional development – Do you know of specific training topics that would be helpful so providers have what they need to help children and families who have experienced trauma?
- Screening and assessment— Are there supports that could be used with screening or assessment?
- Other?

Thank you!

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