
Child Care and Development Fund Plan

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Today

- Background and Purpose
- CCDF Plan Process and Timeline
- CCDF Plan Overview
- Feedback
- Next Steps

CCDF is...

- Federal funding for child care subsidies and quality improvement
- Overseen by Administration for Children and Families Office of Child Care (OCC)
- Work support with increasing emphasis on family outcomes
- The federal fund source for DCYF early care and education initiatives
 - Child Care Subsidy Programs
 - Licensing
 - Early Achievers
 - Professional Development



CCDF Plan Purpose

- Washington's application for CCDF funds
- A compliance document
- Description of statewide early care and education (ECE) systems
- If approved by OCC, CCDF funds are awarded for the next year
- Covers October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027



CCDF Plan Process

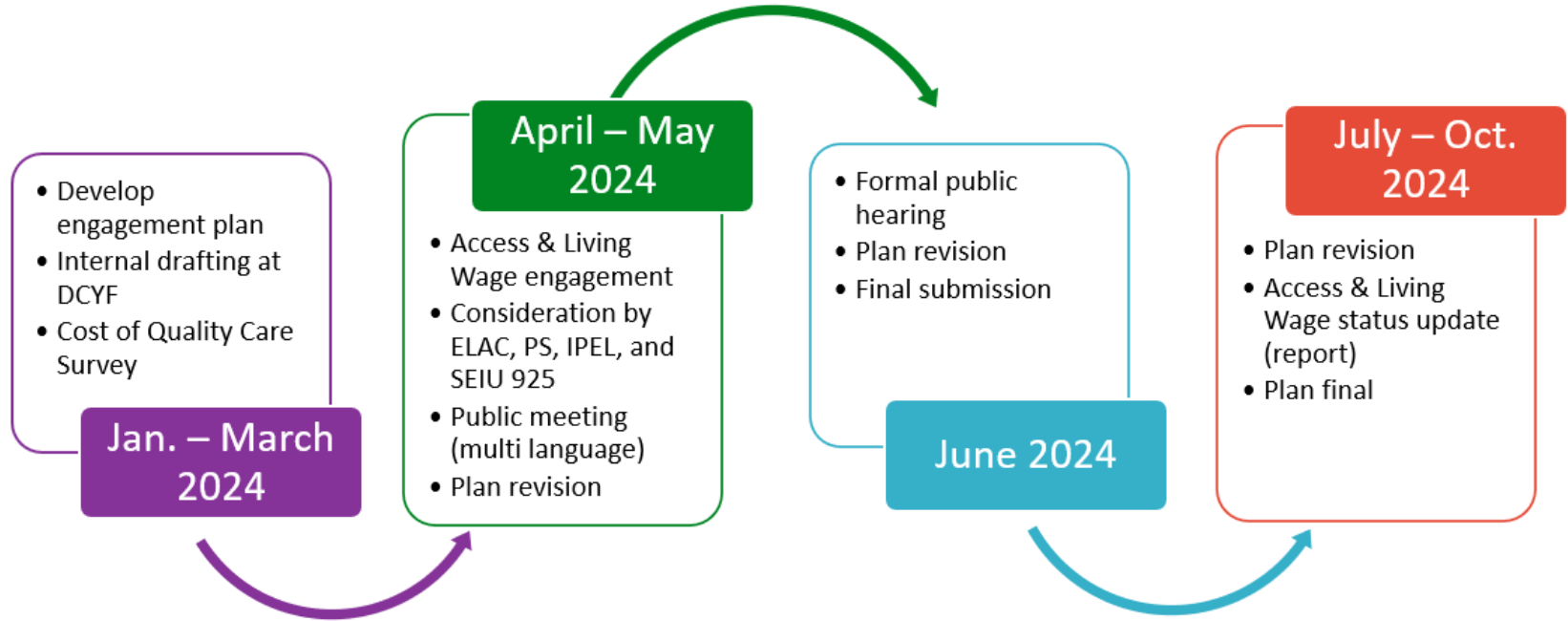
DCYF Must:

- Complete Plan on October 1, 2024
- Submit a draft plan by July 1, 2024 for OCC review
- Hold a formal public hearing on draft Plan at least 20 days before submitted
- Engagement with stakeholders and Tribal Nations in developing the Plan

Plan engagement is...

- Consultation with stakeholders – ELAC, PS, SEIU 925
- Engagement with Tribal Nations – IPEL, roundtable discussion, formal consultation
- Access & Living Wage Proviso listening sessions, survey, focus groups, etc.
- Plan Public Meetings

Process and Timeline



Examples of CCDF Requirements

- Grant spending on quality activities, direct services
- Health and safety monitoring and inspections
- Publishing inspection and monitoring reports to inform families
- Health and safety training for providers
- Background checks for providers
- Approved activities for CCDF subsidized child care
- Income eligibility for CCDF subsidized child care
- 12 month eligibility
- Subsidy Copayments

CCDF Plan Overview - Sections

- CCDF Program Administration
- Child and Family Eligibility and Enrollment and Continuity of Care
- Child Care Affordability
- Parental Choice, Equal Access, Payment Rates, and Payment Practices
- Health and Safety of Child Care Settings
- Support for a Skilled, Qualified, and Compensated Child Care Workforce
- Quality Improvement Activities
- Lead Agency Coordination and Partnerships to Support Service Delivery
- Family Outreach and Consumer Education
- Program Integrity and Accountability

CCDF Plan Overview – What's New

- Plan questions addressing recent new rules
- Appendix on compliance plans
- Reorganization of Plan Sections
- Replacing some narrative questions with checkboxes or charts



New CCDF Rules

- Effective 4/30/24. States may request waivers to extend 2 years
- Requirements new to DCYF
 - Enrollment based pay, and prospective provider subsidy payment
 - ECE services through grants and contracts for underserved geographic areas, infants and toddlers, and children with disabilities
 - 12-month eligibility – children added during eligibility period

New CCDF Rules (cont'd)

New Rules we already comply with

- Capping copays at 7% income
- Paying providers subsidy rates in excess of their private pay rate
- Simplifying subsidy eligibility by allowing enrollment in other programs as verification
- Eligibility process that minimizes disruption to parent employment, education, etc.

New flexibility

- Allows states to consider a child presumptively eligible for subsidy prior to full verification
- Allows states to waive copays for families up to 150% FPL (current limit is 100% FPL)
- CCDF for minor renovations – allowable uses expanded

How to Comment



- See DRAFT Plan on DCYF's [website](#)
- Comment at this meeting, verbally or in chat
Alternatively, use DCYF [Online Comment Form](#) (available in Spanish and Somali) [link]
- Comment at the [June 10 virtual meeting](#) (very similar to this, also with Spanish and Somali interpretation available)
- Today's questions are only examples, you can comment on any topic in the Plan

CCDF Plan/Tribal Engagement Question

How do you recommend DCYF engage with Tribal Nations in finalizing the draft CCDF Plan?

- Through IPEL
- Roundtable discussion
- Formal consultation with Tribes
- Other

CCDF Plan/New Rules Example Questions



Enrollment based and prospective provider payment:

- Some states require a provider to disenroll a child who doesn't attend for a period of time. How do you advise DCYF to approach this issue? Who (family or provider) should be responsible for reporting a provider change?
- Sometimes children are authorized at two providers. How should DCYF handle enrollment-based payment in this situation?



CCDF Plan/New Rules Questions (cont'd)



Grants and contracts:

- Do you have suggestions on using grants or contracts for each of the three groups (underserved geographic areas, infants and toddlers, children with disabilities)?
- How do you advise DCYF to approach the issue of paying for vacant slots under a contracts approach? What is a reasonable time limit for vacancy payments?

12-month eligibility for children newly added to a household:

- DCYF's expected approach is to extend the entire household authorization another 12 months. Do you see any issues with this approach?



DISCUSSION/BREAKOUT

Next Steps

- Comment period open through 6/10 but comment form will stay open indefinitely
- DCYF will revise then submit the Plan on 7/1
- DCYF works with OCC on final revisions
- Plan goes live and is published on DCYF site on October 1, 2024
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