Outside the Sandbox Redux: Changes to Improve the Child Care Subsidy Program

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Presentation Overview

- Child Care Subsidy Program Overview
- Review of Subsidy Regulations
- Survey Results
Child Care Subsidy Program Overview
Child Care Subsidy Program

• Districts were allocated $799 million in Federal and State funds in SFY 2017-2018

• 192,000 children in 120,000 families served during FFY 2015-2016

• 41,000 providers cared for subsidized children during FFY 2015-2016

• Approximately 126,000 children in 75,000 families received child care subsidies each month
Subsidized Children Care in NYS: FFY2016

Family Status

- Temporary Assistance: 48%
- Low Income: 52%
Subsidized Children by Provider Type FFY2016

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<th>Type of Care</th>
<th># Children</th>
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<td>FDC</td>
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<td>GFDC</td>
<td>57,066</td>
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<td>DCC/SACC</td>
<td>69,579</td>
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<td>LE Family &amp; In-Home</td>
<td>43,680</td>
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<td>LE Group</td>
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Review of Subsidy Regulations

Past, Present and Future
Child Care Subsidy Regulation Review
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- Survey of Stakeholders       June 2012
- District Workgroup           July 2012
- Other Feedback/Assessment    May 2013
- Federal Proposed Regulations May 2013
- CCDBG Act of 2014            November 2014
Subsidy Regulation Review Process

November 2014: CCDBG Act of 2014

September 2016: CCDF Final Rule

March 2017: Homeless/Training Regulations

July 2017: NYPWA District Workgroup

June 2016: OCFS Requests Federal Waivers

February-April 2017: Community Forums

May 2017: District Input

Fall 2017- Summer 2018: Review of Feedback with Stakeholders, OCFS Review and Development of Regulations
Reassessment of Subsidy Regulations

Community Forums: April 2017
District/Other Stakeholder Input: July 2017
OCFS Assessment of Feedback: October 2017
Stakeholder Review of Assessment: December 2017
State Review/Approval: February 2018
Publish Proposed Regulations: March 2018
Adoption of Regulations: May 2018
Where to Start:

CCDBG Statutory provisions:

States must develop policies and procedures regarding:

- 12-month period before eligibility redetermination
- Redetermination process cannot unduly disrupt parents’ employment
- 3-month job search period for parents who lose their jobs
- Graduated phase-out of assistance for families whose income has increased, but remains below the federal threshold (85% of the State Median Income)
- Payment practices
Other Regulatory Areas to Reassess

• Set Minimum Hours for Employment & Education
• Legally-exempt Provider Health & Safety Standards
• Program Integrity
• Family Share
• Other
Survey on child care subsidy program

• Conducted on-line June 2017
• Invited LDSSs, CCRRs, and Enrollment Agencies to participate
• 20 questions
  • Eligibility
  • Payment
  • Legally-exempt provider standards
Who responded to the survey?

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<td>Other</td>
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<td>Parent</td>
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<td>Social Services District</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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Responses by organization type

- LDSS: 35%
- CRRR/EA: 23%
- Provider/Organization: 31%
- Advocacy Group: 1%
- Other: 10%
Require a minimum number of hours to be employed?

- Yes: 58.75%
- No: 35.83%
- No Opinion: 5.42%
Change the $1 minimum family share?

- Yes: 32.08%
- No: 51.25%
- No Opinion: 16.67%
Waive the family share for an open protective case?

- Yes: 42.08%
- No: 41.67%
- No Opinion: 16.25%
Change payment structure?

- Weekly: 26.25%
- Daily: 24.17%
- Part-day: 22.92%
- Hourly: 20.42%
- None of the above: 54.58%
Pay for minor siblings to care for other siblings?

- Yes: 20.83%
- No: 72.50%
- No Opinion: 6.67%
Set 18 years as minimum age for legally-exempt provider?

- Yes: 72.50%
- No: 20.00%
- No Opinion: 7.50%
Require legally-exempt group to meet fire/building codes?

- Yes: 91.25%
- No: 3.33%
- No Opinion: 5.42%
Require a SCR clearance for legally-exempt relative care?

- Yes: 91.25%
- No: 5.83%
- No Opinion: 2.92%
General comments from responders

- Funding is insufficient
- Reimbursement rates are too low
- Mandates are not matched with additional funding
- Subsidy process and required paperwork are difficult
- Uniform standards should be established on a statewide basis
The Process

The work is about shaping the requirements to fit the needs of NYS.
Questions
Thank you

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