

Department of Children and Families Responses

Directed at KDHE but are within DCF's Scope:

- What is the budget for Child Care Licensing Employees at the state level?
 - The total amount of Discretionary CCDF funding allocated to KDHE in our FY23 agreement for CCL services is \$4,287,767, and \$1,942,677 of that amount is specifically for salaries including fringe benefits. KDHE may provide the overall funding and staffing support for childcare licensing.
- How much federal Child Care funding are we getting?
 - Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) FY23 Allocations
 - Mandatory: \$9,811,721
 - Matching (state): \$20,700,371
 - Discretionary: \$67,235,470
- What Regulations need to change to maintain federal funding?
 - Below are the regulation changes needed to maintain federal funding being addressed by KDHE to correct some items of non-compliance.
 - Consumer Education – Posting Monitoring and Inspection Reports in accordance with 45 CFR 98.33(a)(4). The Lead Agency does not post on the consumer education website information on corrective actions taken by the State and the childcare provider for CCDF-eligible licensed providers.
 - Group Size Limit in accordance with 45 CFR 98.41(d)(1). The Lead Agency does not have group size limits for School Age providers.
 - Prevention/Response to Emergencies due to Food and Allergic Reactions in accordance with 45 CFR 98.41(a)(1)(iv). The Lead Agency does not have requirements for the prevention of and response to food and allergic reactions for School Age Providers and for the response to food and allergic reactions for Licensed and Group Day Care Homes, and Preschool and Child Care Centers.
 - Shaken Baby Syndrome, Abusive Head Trauma, and Maltreatment requirement in accordance with 45 CFR 98.41(a)(1)(vi). The Lead Agency does not have requirements for prevention of shaken baby syndrome and prevention of abusive head trauma for Licensed and Group Day Care Homes, and Preschool and Child Care Centers.
 - Emergency Preparedness and Response Planning in accordance with 45 CFR 98.41(a)(1)(vii). The Lead Agency does not have emergency preparedness and response planning requirements that includes all components for licensed CCDF-eligible providers.
 - Statewide Disaster Plan Components in accordance with 45 CFR 98.16(aa)(2). The Lead Agency's Statewide Disaster Plan does not include requirements for licensed CCDF-eligible providers to have procedures in place that address all required components.
 - Pediatric First Aid and CPR in accordance with 45 CFR 98.41(a)(1)(x). The Lead Agency does not have requirements in place for School-Age Providers (appropriate to provider setting and age of children served) that include pediatric first aid and CPR.
 - Pre-Service/Orientation Training for Providers in accordance with 45 CFR 98.44(b)(1). The Lead Agency does not have requirements for pre-service/orientation training for Licensed Providers that include all 11 required health and safety topics, and orientation training is not required for Licensed School Age Providers.
 - Ongoing Training for Providers in accordance with 45 CFR 98.44(b)(2). The Lead Agency does not have ongoing training and professional development requirements that maintain and update health and safety training standards for Group and Day Care Home Providers, and School Age Providers.
 - Inspections for Licensed Providers in accordance with 45 CFR 98.42(b)(2)(i). The Lead Agency does not monitor compliance for all Health and Safety topics for all Licensed Provider types. The Lead Agency's key indicator document does not cover the full complement of required health and safety topics.

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DCF Directed to DCF for Follow-Up:

- A list of community partners who we've tapped to assist with the backlog/applications/processing?
 - The general backlog of economic support applications was eliminated by 9/26/23. This backlog was for applications received prior to January 24, 2023. As of last week, the oldest application date being opened for processing was for mid-August. This is the list of existing community partners. We are working to better engage K-State Extension, Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCA, and area food pantries to increase access to services.
 - KC Region
 - Catholic Charities (KC and Overland Park)
 - Avenue of Life KCK
 - NE Region
 - Jayhawk Aging (Topeka)
 - Community Action (Topeka)
 - Wichita Region
 - Eagles Nest, Inc. (Winfield)
 - International Rescue Committee (Wichita)
 - Hope Center (Pratt)
 - SW Region
 - Catholic Social Services
 - First Call for Help (Hutchinson)
 - Child Care Aware (Hutchinson)
 - NW Region
 - Breadbasket (Manhattan)
 - Public Library (Junction City)
 - Salina Grace Community Resource Center