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Multi-Site/ Multi-State Community Providers	Our (((Collective))) Voice	 9000+ Centers Nationwide
State Child Care Associations		 All 50 states and D.C.
Educational Service Providers		 1 Million+ Children

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ECEC Members

Multi-State/Multi-Site Providers

State Child Care Association Providers

Educational Services Providers

ECEC is collaborative, unified, and credible Provider Voice that benefits all Children and Providers of high-quality programs and services.

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The New CCDBG Law

Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG)

- Passed by 113th Congress with up to 2 years implementation phase (2015- 2017)
- Includes new provisions that strengthen health and safety protections, address continuity of care & payment practices that are family friendly & fair to providers

Project Overview

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WHAT DOES THE FIELD THINK?

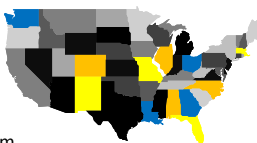
- Examine the implementation of the new CCDBG law across a range of program types and states in order to gather lessons learned and inform the process moving forward.

Participant Pool

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- Licensed Family Child Care Homes
- Independent Tax-Paying Centers
- Faith-Based Centers
- Sponsored Non-Profit Centers
- Corporate Tax-Paying Centers
- Head Start Programs
- School-Based Public Pre-K Program



Project Phases

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- 1) Article summarizing key provisions of CCDBG and what child care providers need to know published in May/June 2015 Exchange Magazine issue
- 2) A survey administered by phone to all participants in May-June 2015 to learn how barriers are being addressed and ongoing issues
- 3) [Expand participant pool using Exchange online platform and ECEC Membership](#)
- 4) Article summarizing project findings published in the September/October 2015 issue of Exchange Magazine

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Phase 1: Exchange Article

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Ten Things Every Provider Should Know About the New CCDBG Law
 by Rachel Dennis

The law states that the state has a goal to ensure that every child in the state has access to a high-quality early care and education program. The law also states that the state will ensure that every child in the state has access to a high-quality early care and education program that is affordable, accessible, and of high quality. The law also states that the state will ensure that every child in the state has access to a high-quality early care and education program that is culturally and linguistically appropriate.



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CCDBG Top 10

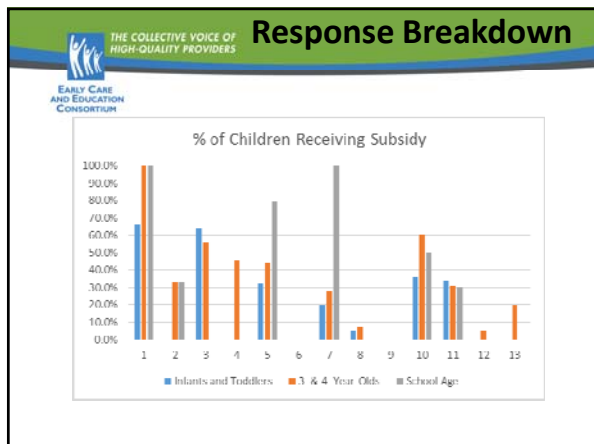
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1. Expanded Annual Health and Safety Inspections
2. More Comprehensive Criminal Background Checks
3. Additional Health and Safety Training
4. Statewide Disaster Plans
5. Strengthening the Continuity of Care
6. Focusing on Targeted Services to Infants and Toddlers
7. Increasing State Investments in Quality Improvements
8. Meeting Family Care Needs
9. Supporting Provider Business Practices
10. Engaging Parents and Increasing Their Access to Information

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Phase 2: Survey Design

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- Program demographics: # of subsidy children served; age groups; program partnerships
- What provisions within newly reauthorized CCDBG law do you think will have the greatest impact on your program?
- What do you think are the greatest challenges are to implementing the new CCDBG law effectively?
- What program impacts or outcomes would you like to see accomplished in the next year based on new provisions within the CCDBG law?



- ### Program Impacts
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- Increased Opportunities for:**
- Investing in overall program quality
 - Strengthening health and safety
 - Training and professional development
 - Improving Continuity of Care
 - Increasing access, especially for underserved families, and infants and toddlers
 - Improving the “image” of child care

- ### Challenges
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- State-Level Challenges Include:**
- Ensuring action and accountability
 - Enhancing communication loops
 - Preventing trade-offs between investments in access versus quality
 - Meeting increased costs, e.g. fingerprinting and staffing
 - Sustaining overall funding for these improvements
 - Leveraging these change with system levers, including QRIS and parent engagement initiatives

Challenges

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Program-Level Challenges Include:

- Ensuring **all** eligible providers can benefit from new resources and strengthened provisions
- Keeping communication lines open to inform state planning and policy implementation
- Educating parents about the value and impact of high-quality early care and education
- Continuing to function within fiscal constraints

In Their Own Words

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"The other challenge is convincing the state to bring the early childhood experts to the table for their experience and knowledge."

"We know that student outcomes will improve as children have continuity of care."

"I think probably one of the greatest outcomes for all of us could be that programs that are actually able to implement these changes need to be celebrated in a really public way."

"...to have a national platform from which to promote access to high quality early education and care is just tremendous."

Outcome Goals

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Providers want to...

- Participate in communication, feedback and questions
- Improve access to technology for families
- Rely on adequate staffing in state programs = expedite & simplify
 - *Fingerprinting, background checks, licensing surveyors, etc.*
- Publicly promote **high quality** programs
- Provide field-based expertise, knowledge, and best practices

Give a voice to the providers

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The President's Proposed Budget

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- **CCDBG**
 - ✓ **\$82 billion increase** in mandatory funding over 10 years to ensure all low- and moderate-income working families (up to 200% of federal poverty guidelines) with children ages under 4 years have access to quality, affordable child care
 - ✓ **\$100 million increase** in discretionary funding to States and local Communities to develop, implement, evaluate new, innovative models of providing care
 - ✓ **\$266 million increase** in discretionary funding to
 - ✓ help States implement the policies required by the new
 - ✓ bi-partisan Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014
- **Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships: \$650 Million**
- **Preschool Development Grants: \$750 Million: \$500 M increase**
- **Preschool for All: \$5 Billion increase in the cigarette tax**


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Meeting State Challenges

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- **Investing in Infrastructure, e.g. staff:**
 - ✓ **California**
- **Investing in Quality Improvement:**
 - ✓ **Louisiana**
- **Keeping High-Quality Community Providers Integral to Pre-K Initiatives:**
 - ✓ **Minnesota**
- **Improving Provider Payment Practices:**
 - ✓ **North Carolina**
 - ✓ **Massachusetts**

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Phase 3: Survey Expansion

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Subject: **Survey Expansion on CCDBG**
Date: 9/17/2015, 7:18 AM

Dear provider partners, what you get depends on how you give. And what you give is...
For the past year, Exchange and the Early Care and Education Consortium have been working together to promote the implementation of the recently reauthorized Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG). In the September issue of Exchange we featured an article on how you, as a representative of your state or local community, are helping to shape the future of the program. In general, providers (and parent advocates) about the new CCDBG law. They indicated that you were being forward to changes in the way to improve the quality of their programs to better serve the needs of the children and families they care for. Participants in the June 12-month anniversary equity assessment, and the more recently forward to the increased training and technical assistance opportunities.
Your group participants also noted a number of implementation priorities, such as:
• providing trade offs between investments in direct service quality;
• meeting investment costs, particularly around non-subsidized and optional kindergarten;
• integrating these changes with existing federal funds, including Title I and parent management activities;
• ensuring all eligible providers can benefit from the new investments and opportunities.
Now we're looking out for all of you to share your insights on the implementation of CCDBG. Please help us by completing our new **CCDBG Implementation** survey. Then watch for updates in future issues of Exchange and ExchangePartner.

Phase 4: Summary Article

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