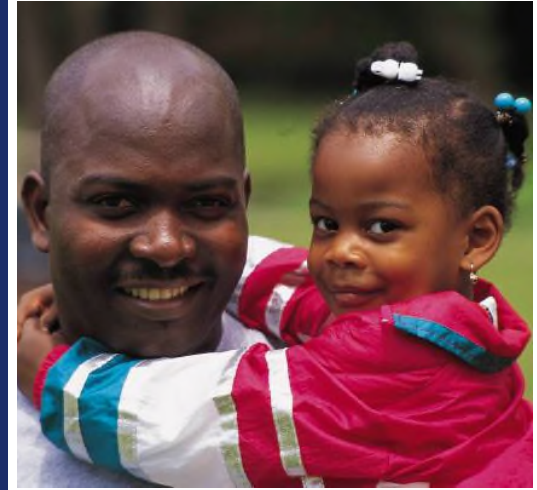


Child Care and Development Fund Plan 2022-2024

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Section 1

- **Lead Agency**

WV DHHR

- **Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Administrator**

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- **CCDF Policy Decision and Authority**

All program rules and policies are established at the state level.

- **Coordination with Child Care Resource and Referral Systems**

Six regional Child Care Resource and Referral agencies manage subsidy case management and payment processing, as well as professional development and technical assistance to child care providers.

1.8 Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan

Child Care Resource and Referral agencies, Child Care Centers, Family Child Care Facilities, and Family Child Care Homes are required to have disaster preparedness and response plans.

2.0 Family Engagement, Outreach, and Consumer and Provider Education Information

In order to comply with the requirements in Section 2, the Lead Agency will:

- Inform families of financial assistance and the availability of care through Child Care Resource and Referral agencies, local DHHR offices, and the Lead Agency's website.
- Promote positive behavioral interventions and support and provide information on social-emotional behavioral health through behavioral consultants, brochures, and websites.
- Partner with DHHR's Help Me Grow and Birth to Three programs to increase access to developmental screenings.
- Provide parents with a history of substantiated complaints on child care providers upon request.
- Provide a consumer education website.

Section 3

Provide Stable Child Care Financial Assistance to Families

- Asset testing – Families are not eligible for assistance if assets exceed \$1,000,000.
- Children are eligible for subsidy if:
 - Between the ages of 0 weeks through age 12; or
 - Over age 12 through 18 and have special needs; or
 - Over age 12 through 18 and are under court supervision.
- Parents/guardians must participate in a qualifying activity:
 - Job training
 - Educational program
 - WV Works
 - Employment
 - Child Protective Services
 - Job search

Section 3, cont.

Income Eligibility

Maximum entry eligibility set at 150% of FY 2019 Federal Poverty Level; exit eligibility set at 185% of FY 2019 Federal Poverty Level.

Family Size	100% of SMI* (\$/Month)	85% of SMI* (\$/Month) [Multiply (a) by 0.85]	(IF APPLICABLE) (\$/Month) Maximum "Entry" Income Level if Lower Than 85% of Current SMI*	(IF APPLICABLE) (% of SMI*) [Divide (c) by (a), multiply by 100] Income Level if Lower Than 85% of Current SMI*
1	\$3218	\$2736	\$1561	48.5%
2	\$3944	\$3353	\$2114	50.2%
3	\$4872	\$4142	\$2666	51.3%
4	\$5801	\$4930	\$3219	52%
5	\$6729	\$5719	\$3771	52.5%

*State Median Income

Section 4

Ensure Equal Access to High Quality Child Care for Low-Income Children

- Subsidy is primarily provided through a certificate system.
- The Lead Agency will begin developing a process for grant options.
- Parents can choose from a wide variety of child care options:
 - Licensed Child Care Centers
 - Licensed Family Child Care Facilities
 - Registered Family Child Care Homes
 - Relative Family Child Care Homes
 - Informal Family Child Care Homes
 - Out-of-School Time Centers
 - In-Home Child Care – limited use, criteria must be met

Section 4, cont. – Payment Rates

In order to ensure equal access, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration For Children and Families, Office of Child Care states that payment rates should be set at the 75th percentile of the most recent market rate survey.

West Virginia's current base payment rates range from the 75th percentile to the 90th percentile.

West Virginia's Tier II and Tier III rates exceed the 100th percentile.

5.2. Establish Health and Safety Requirements

- **Preservice:**
 - Infectious disease prevention and control
 - Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) and safe sleep
 - Medication administration
 - Food allergy response and emergency reaction
 - Building and physical premises safety
 - Shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment
 - Emergency preparedness and response planning
 - Handling and storage of hazardous materials and bio-contaminant disposal
 - Transportation

Section 5 - 5.2, cont.

- **Orientation** (within 3 months of hire or opening)
 - Pediatric first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification
 - Recognizing and reporting of abuse and neglect
 - Infectious disease prevention and control
 - SUID and safe sleep

5.3.2. Inspections for Licensed CCDF Providers

- Fire inspections not less than annually.
- Perform, not less than annually, an unannounced inspection for compliance with all child care licensing standards.

5.4. Background Checks

- 3 **in-state** checks (current state of residency)
 - Criminal
 - Sex offender registry
 - Child abuse and neglect database
- 2 **national** checks
 - FBI check
 - National Sex Offender Registry (NSOR)
- 3 **inter-state** checks in any other state individual resided in past 5 years
 - Criminal
 - Sex offender
 - Child abuse and neglect registry and database

Section 6

Recruit and Retain a Qualified and Effective Child Care Workforce

The Lead Agency will continue to meet these requirements through support of training and professional development initiatives, such as:

- Professional development teams located at six regional Child Care Resource and Referral agencies
- WV State Training and Registry System
- Apprenticeship for Child Development Specialists
- Articulation agreements with local community and technical colleges

Recruit and Retain a Qualified and Effective Child Care Workforce

- West Virginia Early Childhood Training Connections and Resources
- The Pathway Scholarship for College and Higher Education program
- Coordination with Small Business Development of West Virginia
- Early Learning and Developmental Guidelines

Section 7

Support Continuous Quality Improvement

Lead Agency activities to improve the quality of child care services:

- Quality rating and improvement system
- Improving the supply and quality of child care programs and services for infants and toddlers
- Child Care Resource & Referral
- Facilitating compliance with state standards
- Evaluating and assessing the quality and effectiveness of child care programs and services
- Accreditation support
- Program standards
- Nurse Health Consultants
- Traveling Resource and Information Library System (TRAILS)

Section 8

Ensure Program Integrity and Accountability

The Lead Agency ensures program integrity through:

- Policies and procedures to prevent fraud and misrepresentation;
- Corrective action plans with grantees;
- Cooperation with Investigations and Fraud Management; and
- Participation in the error rate review.

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