



**Child Care Development Fund State Plan  
Resource Guide  
FY 22-24**

The District is currently updating its three-year Child Care Development Fund State Plan, which provides an important opportunity for parents, child care providers, educators, and advocates to influence DC's plans for child care for the next three years. Under 3 DC is sharing these resources on the Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) and the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) to help you get involved in the District's state planning process this summer. This guide includes an overview of CCDBG and CCDF, the 2019 DC State Plan, an update on current funding for the Child Care Subsidy Program, and upcoming opportunities to voice your opinions and concerns to District leaders.

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## **Learn More About the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) State Planning Process**

### **Overview of The Child Care Development Block Grant and Fund and Why It Matters**

[Child Care and Development Block Grant \(CCDBG\) & Child Care and Development Fund \(CCDF\) Overview](#)

*A summary overview of CCDBG and CCDF and description of their key differences. This outlines the planning process for most states and the key areas of early childhood development that should be considered in the creation of state plans.*

### **History and Purposes of CCDBG and CCDF**

[History and Purposes of the CCDBG and CCDF | Early Childhood Training and Technical Assistance System](#) *Describes the history and purposes of the CCDBG and CCDF, and outlines the specific areas of the plan that support children and families.*

### **Federal Government's Role in tCCDBG and CCDF**

[The Child Care and Development Block Grant: Background and Funding](#) *Provides a detailed background on the legislative history and progress of CCDBG. It also provides a summary of the federal government's role and responsibilities in relation to the program. This is not a quick read, but provides a comprehensive look at CCDBG.*

### **How To Get Involved in the CCDF State Planning Process**

[Opportunities to Advocate for Equitable Child Care Policies through the State CCDF Planning Process What are State CCDF Plans?](#) *Outlines what is included in state plans, the importance of community engagement in the process, and key state policies to be considered in the plan.*

## DC's CCDF State Plans: Past, Present, and Future

### **PAST: 2019 CCDF State Plan:** [OSSE's 2019 CCDF State Plan](#)

*The District of Columbia's 2019 - 2021 Child Care Development Fund State Plan. It offers a detailed description of OSSE's systems and policies for implementing the DC Child Care Subsidy Program. An important foundational document for understanding what DC is already doing through its state plan*

### **PRESENT: 2021 Planning Template: CCDF Plan Preprint:** [Child Care Development Fund \(CCDF\) Preprint](#)

*In this document, the federal Administration for Children and Families provides states with clear guidelines by the federal government on how to approach plan development. It includes checks and balances for integrity, equity and community engagement in the planning process. A foundational document to understand what information DC must submit in order to be eligible to receive federal funds.*

### **FUTURE: 2022 - 2024 DC State Plan (Proposed):** [OSSE's 2022-2024 Draft DC State Plan](#)

*OSSE recently published a draft version of the 2022 - 2024 CCDF State Plan for the District of Columbia. It includes how the agency plans to spend CCDF funds over the next three years, and the District's plans for child care during that period.*

## DC's Child Care Budget (Fiscal Year 2021)

**Table 1:**

Category	Source	Funding	Amount
Child Care Assistance	Local	TANF Matching Funds	\$22 M
		CCDF State MOE & Matching	\$7.2 M
		Unrestricted local subsidy funds	\$34 M
	Federal	CCDF Mandatory	\$4.6 M
		CCDF Matching	\$3.1 M
		CCDF Discretionary	\$9.6 M
	Federal (Interdistrict)	TANF Direct Spend	\$37 M
SNAP & SSBG		\$255,000	
Subtotal - Subsidy			\$117 M
Other Child Care Funding	Local	Local funds for DEL initiatives	\$3.5 M
		PKEEP	\$9.7 M
		21st Century Grants	\$6.3 M
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$137 M</b>
CCDF Relief	Federal		\$42.6 M
Stabilization Funds*	Federal		\$48.3 M

Source: Office of the State Superintendent of Education. Retrieved 4/28/2021.

\*Stabilization dollars include monies received from the federal government from the CARES Act to the most recent package, the American Rescue Plan.

## How To Get Involved

### 1. Testify at the CCDF State Plan Public Hearing

**Date:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021 - 10am - 11:30am

**Location:** GoToWebinar - [Public Hearing Registration Link](#)

**Description:** The public hearing on the District's CCDF plan is open to all members of the DC early learning community, including program directors, educators, parents, and advocates.

To testify online at the live hearing on May 25 at 10am, ***please register using the link provided above and contact Christina Crayton, early childhood education policy officer at [Christina.Crayton@dc.gov](mailto:Christina.Crayton@dc.gov)*** to inform her of your intent to provide oral and written testimony. Persons who testify are encouraged to provide a copy of the written testimony for the record. Testimony provided on May 25, 2021 during the hearing, whether verbal or written, must only address the draft CCDF Plan and should last no longer than three minutes. Persons not registered to testify will be allowed to testify as time permits.

If you require accommodation, including language access, please contact Christina Crayton, early childhood education policy officer at [Christina.Crayton@dc.gov](mailto:Christina.Crayton@dc.gov) or 202-257-3995, at least five business days prior to this event.

### 2. Submit Written Testimony

If you are not able to testify live, we highly encourage you to submit written testimony that will be kept on the DC record for OSSE to review during its revision process for the proposed state plan.

To submit written testimony, please contact [Christina.Crayton@dc.gov](mailto:Christina.Crayton@dc.gov) by June 1, 2021.

Under 3 DC is available to support you with written and verbal testimony. Please contact [jbowman@dckids.org](mailto:jbowman@dckids.org) for more information.

### 3. Submit Public Comment

If you wish to submit a public comment on the proposed state plan, please email [ossecomments.proposedregulations@dc.gov](mailto:ossecomments.proposedregulations@dc.gov) or complete the [form](#) by June 1, 2021.

## **FAQs**

### **What are CCDBG and CCDF?**

The Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) refers to the federal law that authorizes the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) program. CCDF is a federal program that provides states with funding, oversight, and accountability to help ensure low-income families have access to high-quality, affordable, and accessible early childhood education and care.

### **Who is responsible for updating the CCDF state plan?**

The state's lead child care agency. DC's lead agency is the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE).

### **How often is the DC state plan renewed?**

The Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Reauthorization Act of 2014 requires state lead child care agencies to submit a plan every three years.

### **What are the key sections of CCDF state plan?**

- Define leadership and coordination
- Promote family engagement
- Provide stable financial assistance to families
- Ensure equal access to low-income children
- Establish health and safety standards
- Recruit and retain a qualified and effective workforce
- Support continuous quality improvement
- Ensure program integrity and accountability

### **How can the CCDF state plan be used to improve early care and education in DC?**

The District can use its CCDF state plan to improve our early care and education system. The CCDF program gives states broad flexibility in how they determine which families are eligible to receive child care subsidies. Additionally, states are required to establish provider payment rates that will enable providers to cover health, safety, quality, and staffing costs -- also known as the cost of care. Finally, the CCDF state plan presents an important opportunity for the District to address workforce challenges exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes plans to increase access to training, professional development, and post-secondary education to recruit and retain a qualified and well-compensated workforce.