

Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) at a glance

A quick guide to the federal CCDF block grant

What is CCDF?

CCDF is a federal block grant that helps ensure families have access to affordable, quality child care in their communities. CCDF dollars are used to:

- Offer child care subsidies to low-income families while parents work, look for work or are in approved job training.
- Improve the quality of child care available to families
- Fund technical assistance from the federal Child Care Bureau to states and territories
- Fund child care research and evaluation activities at the national, state and local levels



How much CCDF funding does Washington get?

In federal fiscal year 2008 (FFY 2008: October 1, 2007, to September 30, 2008), Washington State received about \$110 million in CCDF block grant funding. The state is also required to use some state dollars for CCDF activities. The Department of Early Learning (DEL) is Washington's lead agency for the CCDF block grant.

How does our state use this money?

Child Care Subsidies: The majority of CCDF funding (about 70 percent) goes to pay for child care subsidies through the Working Connections Child Care program, as required in the federal CCDF regulations. CCDF funding also is used for seasonal child care subsidies for families employed in the agricultural industry.

Improving quality: At least 4 percent of CCDF funding must go to improving the quality of child care and offering additional services to families and providers. This includes:

- Child care resource & referral services.
- Professional development and training for providers.
- Child care licensing and monitoring.
- Other activities designed to improve the quality and availability of child care.

Additional funding must go to what are called *targeted quality activities*, including improving the quality of care for infants and toddlers, and improving school-age care. **(See other side for more information about how quality dollars currently are used in Washington.)**

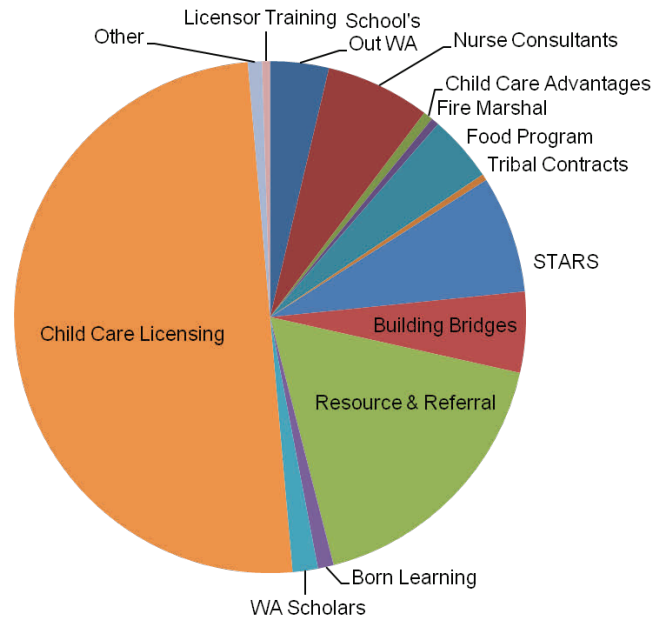
How does our state decide where the funding is spent?

DEL is required to submit a plan every two years to the federal Child Care Bureau that outlines how our state will use CCDF dollars. We create this plan in adherence with the regulations, and by gathering input from partners and stakeholders and using data from our Parent Needs Assessment, our biennial Child Care Market Rate Survey, and other research. Learn more at www.del.wa.gov/government/CCDF/plan.aspx.



For more information on CCDF, visit the Child Care Bureau Web site at
www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb/ccdf/index.htm.

CCDF FEDERAL QUALITY ACTIVITIES IN WA, FFY 2008 *



PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
School's Out Washington	Community-based system for out-of-school time care for children; includes training for staff in school-age programs	592,991 (3.7%)
Nurse Consultants	Training/consultation to providers to support health, safety and development of infants and toddlers. (DOH)	1,065,394 (6.6%)
Child Care Advantages	Technical assistance, grants and loans to providers; promotes employer-supported child care. (CTED)	91,075 (0.6%)
Fire Marshal	Fire and life safety inspections for child care centers; training and consultation for DEL licensors. (WSP)	80,982 (0.5%)
OSPI-Food Program	Training, support & funding for family child care providers who participate in USDA food program.	679,896 (4.2%)
Tribal Contracts	Training & conference services.	59,713 (0.4%)
STARS system/scholarships	Career development system to support professional development.	1,193,594 (7.4%)
Building Bridges	Credit-bearing provider training through technical & community colleges.	809,983 (5.1%)
Resource & Referral	Helps parents find child care; provides training and TA to parents and providers.	2,797,227 (17.5%)
Born Learning	National Born Learning educational information to parents.	164,367 (1%)
Washington Scholars	Scholarships for family child care providers and center teachers.	262,500 (1.6%)
Child Care Licensing	Licensing and monitoring of child care centers and homes.	8,016,023 (50%)
Licensor Training	In-depth training for DEL licensors.	76,550 (0.5%)
Other	Public awareness/consumer information and QRIS.	137,306 (0.9%)

* Federal Fiscal Year 2008—Oct. 1, 2007, through Sept. 30, 2008