



Child Care Assistance Program and
Child Care Development Grants Overview
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Child Care Assistance Program - Basics

Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) has two primary goals:

- Help families pay for child care so that parents can work or go to school
- Help ensure that children are well cared for and prepared to enter school ready to learn

30,000 children are served throughout the state (15,000 families)

- 68 percent are children of color or American Indian children
- 60 percent are age 5 or younger

Child Care Assistance Program- Funding

State Fiscal Year 2018 = \$ 266,637,241 million:

\$ 125,720,005 million, Federal share (CCDF and TANF transfer)

\$ 137,976,000 million, State share

\$ 2.94 million, County share

Child Care Assistance Program - Administration

- Administered at the local level; counties, sub-contracted agencies and two tribal nations (White Earth and Red Lake)
- Supervised by DHS - Develops policy and oversees implementation
- DHS oversight includes: training, forms, manuals, reporting and audits, and offering technical assistance and guidance
- Families apply to their local agency, where determinations are made
- Providers submit bills to the local agency, but payments are issued by DHS

Child Care Assistance Program - Eligibility

- A family of 3 must earn less than \$3,288 per month to qualify
- Family of 3 would be ineligible at redetermination if income exceeds \$4,687 per month
- Parents must be in activity (work, school, job search, etc.)
- Parents must cooperate with Child Support
- Serves children through age 12 (age 14 if special needs)

Income entrance & exit levels

	47% entrance level (at application)	67% exit level (at redetermination)	85% exit level (during eligibility period)
Two person household	\$31,939	\$45,531	\$57,763
Three person household	\$39,455	\$56,244	\$71,354
Four person household	\$46,970	\$66,957	\$84,946
Five person household	\$54,485	\$77,670	\$98,537
Six person household	\$62,001	\$88,384	\$112,129
Seven person household	\$63,410	\$90,392	\$114,677
Eight person household	\$64,819	\$92,401	\$117,225

Copayment Examples

Family size of three

Gross annual income	Biweekly copayment amount
\$14,890	\$0
\$21,200	\$24
\$44,250	\$117

Child Care Assistance Program - Subprograms

MFIP Child Care

- For families receiving MFIP
- Forecasted– no waiting list

Transition Year

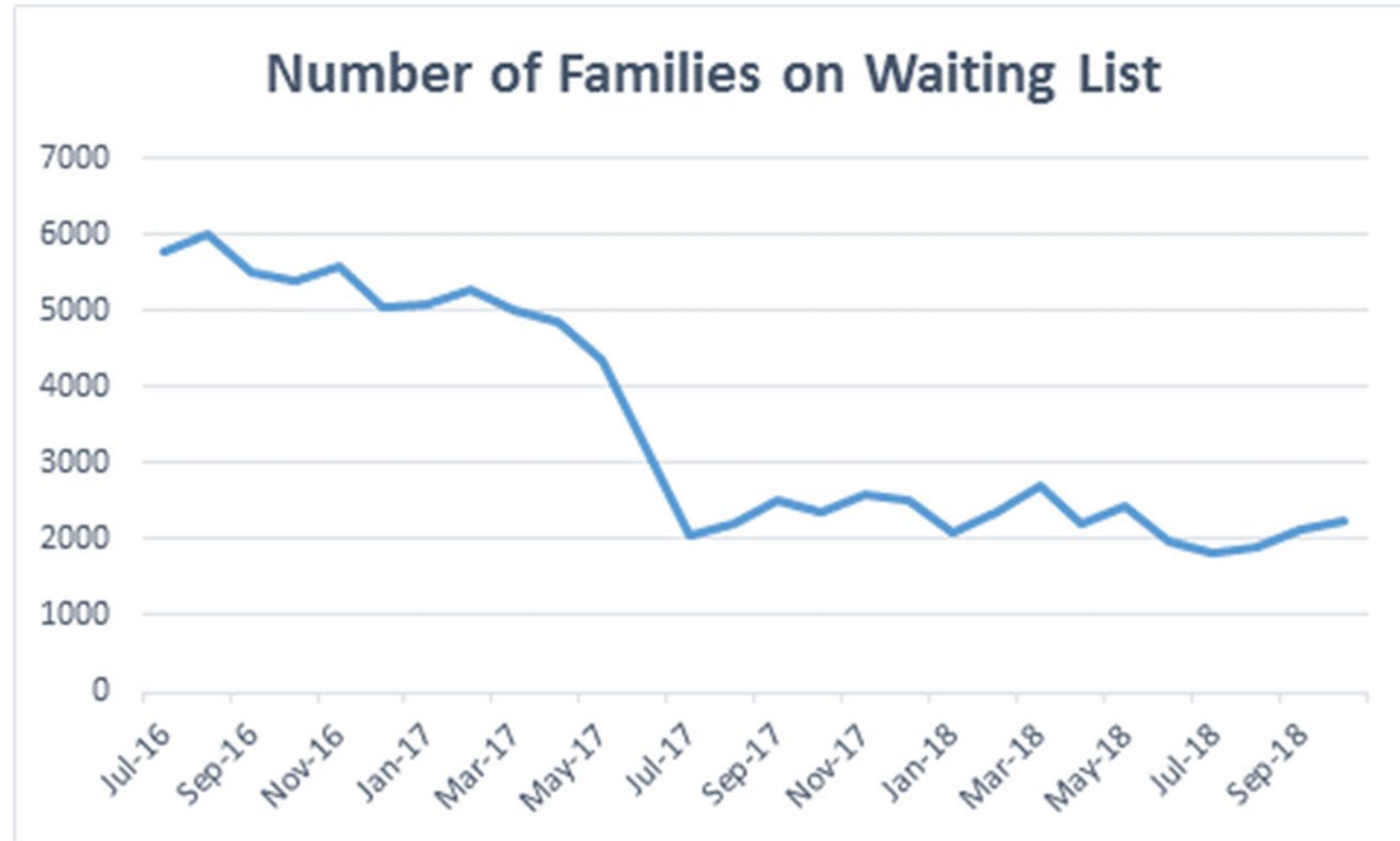
- For families after their MFIP case closes
- Serves families until BSF funding is available
- Forecasted – no waiting list

Basic Sliding Fee (BSF)

- Other families with low incomes
- Capped allocation – some areas have waiting lists

Basic Sliding Fee waiting list

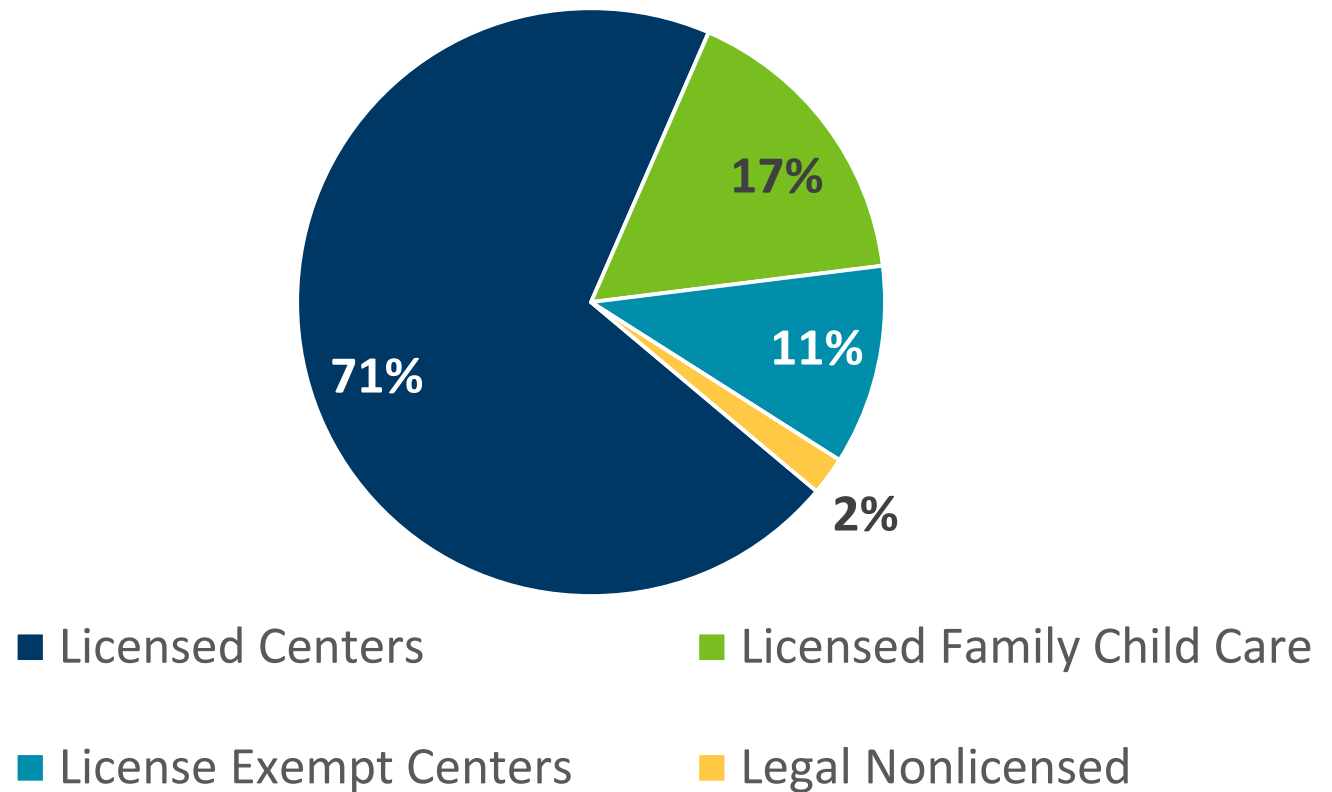
2,041 families on the Basic Sliding Fee child care waiting list in November 2018 (about 4,000 children)



Child Care Assistance Program - Providers

- Parents choose a child care provider who accepts CCAP
- 3,265 providers are paid each month

Type of care used by CCAP children in SFY18



Processes for providers

- Registration- fill out forms, provide policies
- Licensed & certified providers – training requirements are met
- Legal nonlicensed family providers, who are not monitored by licensing, must have background studies and take training before they can register
- Receive authorizations & billing forms
- Bill via paper voucher or MEC² PRO
- Paid by check or direct deposit, most often within 10 days or less

Some key policies affecting providers:

- Attendance record keeping (daily records, kept on site)
- Bill within 60 days of service
- Charge what is charged to all families
- If a child misses care more than 7 days in a row, or attends less than 50% in a month, let the local agency know. They will follow up.

Child Care Assistance Program - Payments

- Payments are made directly to child care providers for eligible children.
- CCAP pays the provider's charge or the maximum rate, whichever is less.
- Parents pay a copay to provider. Copay is based on income and family size .
- Providers may charge the parent for charges not covered by CCAP.
- CCAP reimburses for up to 10 holidays and 25 absences in a year, more if there is a medical exemption.

Child Care Assistance Program - Maximum Rates

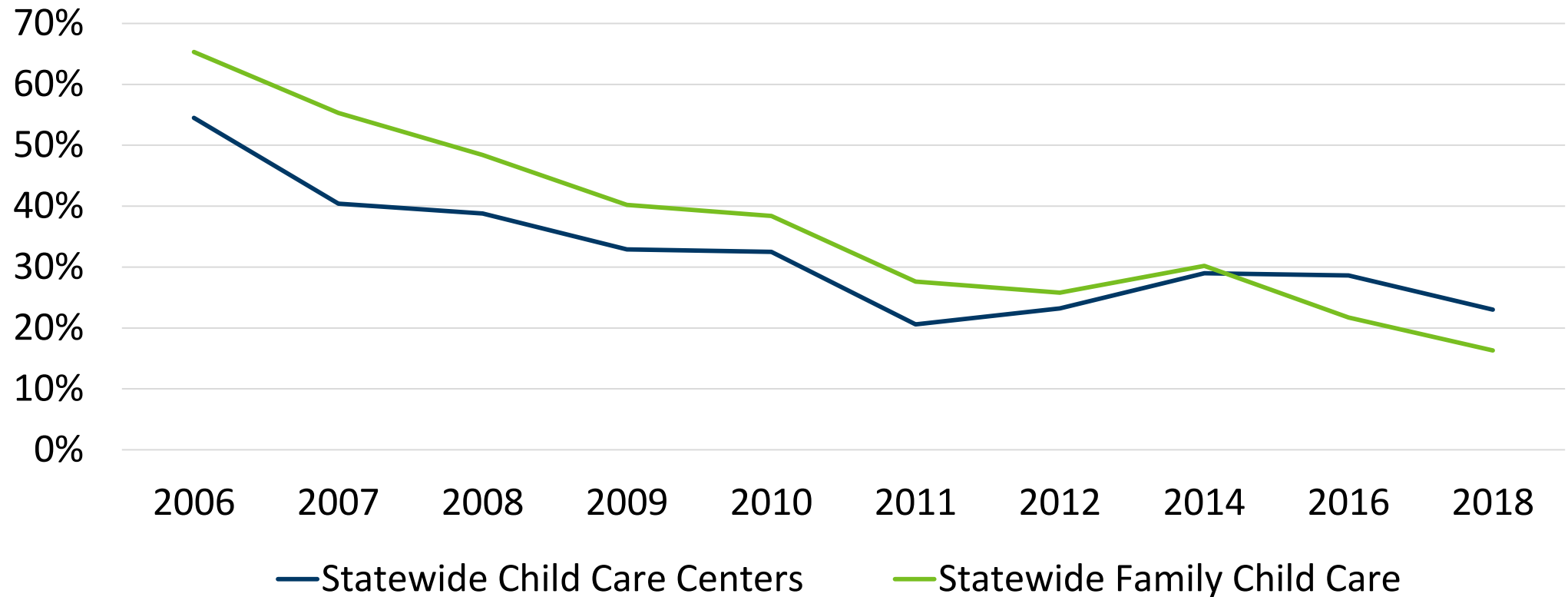
- Maximum rates vary by provider location, provider type, age of child, and unit (hourly, daily or weekly)
- Providers are eligible for 15% or 20% higher rates if they have credentials, are accredited, or have a three- or four-star Parent Aware rating
- Maximum Rates last updated in 2014 (tied to the 2011 survey)
- Based on 2018 rate survey the current maximum rates fully cover:
 - 16 percent of prices charged by family child care providers
 - 23 percent of prices charged by centers

Standard Maximum Rate - Examples

County	Center Weekly Toddler Rate	Family Weekly Toddler Rate
Chisago County	\$165	\$125
Nicollet County	\$145	\$118.31
Washington County	\$225	\$156.17

Child Care Assistance Program – Maximum Rates

Percent of provider prices fully covered by the CCAP standard maximum rates



Child Care Assistance Program - Provider Resources

- Child Care Assistance Program Provider Guide (DHS-5260)
- New email subscription for Child Care Assistance Program providers to share information about changes to Child Care Assistance Program policies and notify providers of issues.
- DHS CCAP provider help line – 651-431-4848 established in March 2017.
- DHS is developing a provider orientation training for Child Care Assistance Program providers. Training will be offered through Develop. Training is expected to be available in Fall 2019.

Child Care Assistance Program - Federal Funding

- The Child Care and Development Block Grant Act (CCDBG) is the primary source of federal funding for child care subsidies and initiatives to support the quality of child care programs
- Federal CCDBG law passed in 2014 required a number of changes to Minnesota's Child Care Assistance Program
- Many changes were enacted by 2017 legislature and implemented in the fall of 2017

Outstanding Federal Requirements

Outstanding items the Child Care Assistance Program is not in compliance with:

- Ensure 12 month eligibility through additional policy changes (many changes were made in 2017)
- Create an expedited application process for homeless families
- Update maximum rates following each market rate survey
- Provide child care providers with due process rights for negative actions related to the Child Care Assistance Program



Child Care Development Grants

- Child Care Facility Grants
- Child Care Resource and Referral Grants
- Child Care Service Development Grants
- Parent Aware Grants
- Migrant Child Care Grants

Child Care Facility Grants (119B.25)

Purpose: to expand and improve child care quality and availability and encourage private investment in child care and early education

Grantee and services offered:

Grantee: First Children's Finance

Services:

- Community engagement to find right-sized solutions to local child care supply needs
- Loans to child care programs
- Business training and technical assistance

Who is served:

- Communities, licensed child care centers and family child care programs

Funding (SFY18):

\$523,579 (State General Fund -- \$163,000; Federal Child Care Development Block Grant -- \$360,579)

Outcomes (SFY18):

- 225 community members in 10 communities resulting in 279 new high quality, affordable child care slots
- 55 child care programs received technical assistance
- 351 early educators participated in business training
- 8 new child care programs received loans, totaling \$212,244

Child Care Resource and Referral Grants (119B.19)

Purpose: help families find child care and early education programs, help programs improve their practices, and provide professional development opportunities for the child care workforce

Grantees and services offered

Grantees: Child Care Aware agencies

Services offered:

- Child care information and referrals for families
- Professional development and financial supports for the child care workforce
- Grants to support child care programs
- Parent Aware Quality Rating & Improvement System

Who is served:

- Families, child care and early education programs, the child care workforce

Funding (SFY18):

\$6.78 million (State General Fund -- \$1.007 million; Federal Child Care Development Block Grant -- \$5.78 million)

Outcomes (SFY18):

- More than 86,000 unique visitors to ParentAware.org
- Over 73,000 child care professionals participated in nearly 3,400 training events offered statewide on nearly 500 courses. Half of these trainings were offered at no cost.
- Over 495 professionals received higher education scholarships and incentives to work in the early childhood field.

Child Care Service Development Grants (119B.21)

Purpose: to provide grants to child care programs to help them improve their quality, meet requirements, and to start up or expand

Grantee and services offered

Grantees: Child Care Aware agencies
Services offered: Grants to child care programs to help them

- Improve their quality
- Meet basic health & safety requirements
- Address emergency needs
- Start new programs or expand their programs

Who is served:

Licensed and legally unlicensed child care programs

Funding (SFY18):

\$1.274 million (State General Fund -- \$250,000; Federal Child Care Development Block Grant -- \$1.024 million)

Outcomes (SFY18):

- 225 child care centers received grants
- 529 family child care providers received grants

Parent Aware Grants (124D.142)

Purpose: to help families find child care and early education programs, help programs improve their practices, and prepare children for school and life

Grantees and services offered

Grantees: Child Care Aware agencies, Achieve-Minnesota Center for Professional Development, University of Minnesota Center for Early Education & Development, Concordia University Services:

- One to Four Star Ratings issued to programs voluntarily seeking recognition of quality
- ParentAware.org search for families
- Recruitment, coaching and grants to help child care programs improve quality

Who is served:

Families; children ages birth to 5 and not yet in kindergarten; child care and early education programs

Funding (SFY18):

\$10.25 million (State General Fund -- \$1.75 million; Federal Child Care Development Block Grant: \$8.5 million)

Outcomes (SFY18):

- 2,763 programs (or 27 percent) are currently Parent Aware Rated
- Almost 54,000 children birth to 5 attend a Parent Aware Rated program with 82 percent attending a 3- or 4-Star Rated program (CY18)
- 54 percent of children birth to 5 receiving child care assistance attend a Parent Aware Rated program

Video - Parent Aware Coaching



Migrant Child Care (256M.50)

Purpose: to help migrant families access quality child care for their children

Grantee and services offered

Grantee: Tri-Valley Opportunity Council

Services:

- High quality, culturally appropriate child care services for migrant children in Parent Aware Rated Head Start, child care centers and family child care homes
- Transportation for children
- Screening and referral to a wide range of community resources

Who is served:

Migrant families and their children

Funding (SFY18):

\$439,727 (State General Fund -- \$170,000; Federal Social Services Block Grant or Title XX -- \$269,727)

Outcomes:

- 663 children served in SFY 2018

Thank You!

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