



Child Care Program Update

Status of Relief Funding

Division of Public Assistance

Child Care Program

28 July 2021

Relief Funding Appropriations

- Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260, signed December 27, 2020
- The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, signed March 11, 2021
- DHHS, Administration for Children and Families (ACF) authorizes to States and Tribes using Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act allocation formula and provisions

CRRSAA Funding

- **\$18.8MM for**
 - Direct Child Care Services (Subsidies)
 - Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices
 - Grants to Stabilize Child Care Providers
 - Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic
 - Other

Letter to ACF

https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/occ/CRRSA_60_Day_Report_2021_Alaska.pdf

ARPA Funding

- **\$73MM**
 - **\$45MM** Child Care Stabilization Grants
 - **\$28MM** Supplemental | Discretionary funds
 - Expand access to high quality care
 - Improve equity of Child Care system

Use of Relief Funding

- Child Care Stabilization Grants (applications available Aug. 2021)
- Free training for providers through **thread**
 - July 1 through FY22
- SEED ROOTS wage bonus for child care workforce -- award applications available Dec. 2021
- Parent Co-Pays for June through September 2021

Planning efforts

- Highest priority: Stabilization grants
 - This requires the use of an application for providers. Applications will be available August 2021.
- Planning efforts continue with intent to employ strategies in fall and winter 2021:
 - Oversight & support for adoption and use of stabilization and discretionary funds.
 - Working alongside Child Care and Development Fund programs in other states.
 - Utilizing the Early Childhood Alaska, Strategic Direction for 2020-2025 to develop strategies.
 - Gathering input and feedback from child care providers, partners, and stakeholders.

Resources

- Division of Public Assistance <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa>
- thread <https://www.threadalaska.org/>
- ACF Office of Child Care <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ>



What questions do you have?

Thank you!

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