



Iowa Department of Human Services

# Child Care Assistance

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# Child Care Assistance (CCA) Appropriation

- Supports low income families with working parents, parents gaining work skills, or parents going to school
- Supports the regulation of child care providers
- Supports quality improvement activities for child care providers

# SFY'15 State and Federal Investments

\$36.3 million



\$83.1 million





# CCA Program For Low Income Families in SFY'15

- An average of 21,205 children served monthly
- An average of 13,365 families served monthly
- 4,996 child care providers received CCA payments



# Reauthorization of the Child Care and Development Block Grant

- S. 1086 - Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014 enacted 11/19/14 and addresses three components of the child care program
  - Eligibility and payment
  - Regulation and monitoring
  - Training and quality improvement efforts
- Iowa's CCDF State Plan is due 3/1/16



# Major Components with a July 1, 2016 Implementation

- 12 Month Eligibility (cost estimate: \$3,718,044)
- Exit Eligibility (cost estimate: \$1,250,101)
- Tiered Reimbursement (cost estimate: \$686,591)
- Job Search (cost estimate \$1,545,264)
- Quality Set Aside (cost estimate \$800,000)



## Major Components with a September 1, 2016 Implementation

- Conduct onsite, pre-license/registration monitoring
- Conduct an annual, unannounced visit of all providers receiving funding under CCA, including non-registered and license-exempt providers
- Establish pre-service or orientation training requirements for all providers serving families eligible for CCA



## Requirements with a Fall 2017 Implementation

- By 9/30/17, Iowa must implement additional national criminal background checks
- By 11/19/17, Iowa must have both monitoring and complaint reports accessible on the website



# What's Next on the Federal Level

- On 12/24/15, states received Notice of Rulemaking for the Child Care and Development Fund rules
- States must provide written comment on the proposed rules by 2/22/16
- DHS is currently reviewing the rules and identifying areas for public comment

# Questions

