

CCDF FY 2018 Allocation Table for States and Territories Based on Appropriation

This is a message from the California Department of Education (CDE), Early Education and Support Division (EESD).

Dear Early Learning and Care Partners,

I wanted to share with you information from the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child Care (OCC) related to allocations of Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) funds in light of the increased budget appropriation for fiscal year (FY) 2018. The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018 includes \$5.226 billion in discretionary funding for the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) program. This is a \$2.4 billion increase from the discretionary funding for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2017. Combined with the mandatory funding that was awarded in October, FFY 2018 funding for the CCDF program is \$8.143 billion. California's federal CCDF allocation for FFY 2018 is now \$827,230,552, which is an increase of \$231.649 million from FFY 2017.

Due to the late notice in receiving our funding amount and the timing of the Governor's May Budget Revise, the plan is to have a robust input process in the summer. This lets us be more thoughtful on the use of these additional, discretionary funds. At this time, we don't expect these will be part of the 2018-19 state budget.

Per a recent OCC discussion with Shannon Christian, this additional funding provides an opportunity for lead agencies to invest in some of the expensive systems-building and infrastructure efforts that have come with implementing CCDBG reauthorization. These efforts include purchasing equipment for doing fingerprinting for background checks, building more consumer-friendly websites, and developing data systems that allow for integration across agencies. This funding also provides an opportunity to support quality improvement efforts for informal child care that may currently be excluded from or underrepresented in such initiatives as quality rating and improvement systems and professional development.

This substantial increase in federal resources devoted to child care is a major milestone that presents significant opportunities. We look forward to working with partners and stakeholders as we continue to implement the CCDBG in California and increase access to quality early learning and care for California's most vulnerable children and families.

Thank you for all you do!

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