



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

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Child Care Administration Overview & Updates

Arizona Head Start Association Quarterly Meeting

August 23, 2019

Agenda

- I. MOU update
- II. Increased funding
- III. CCA fee schedule
- IV. Special needs policy
- V. Data
- VI. Strategic priorities
- VII. CCR&R update



MOU

- The draft MOU has three main areas of focus:
 - Roles
 - Collaboration
 - Process
- Both teams have committed to develop processes and materials to begin collaborations prior to a finalized MOU
 - Oct. 1, 2019: CCA Region 1 & Region 2 will meet with AHSAPM partners to outline criteria related to both programs
 - Oct. 9, 2019: CCA and AHSAPM leadership will reconvene to review criteria and determine next steps for MOU (site visit tentatively planned)



MOU

- Roles
 - How do we inform parents?
 - What is the eligibility criteria for child care subsidy, Early Head Start, and Head Start?
 - What services and supports are offered through EHS and HS?
 - What makes a good match?
 - What selection criteria is ideal?
 - Minimum of 25% DES child care subsidy families
 - How does DES family child care fit in?



MOU

- Collaboration
 - Provide information on Early Head Start and Head Start for CCA team members and DES families
 - Define data that should be shared between CCA and AHSAPM
 - Define how to connect parents most effectively
- Process
 - Define points of contact within CCA and AHSAPM



Increased Funding

- Effective June 1, 2019, **provider reimbursement rates increase** for all DES contracted providers to the greater of either the 50th percentile of the 2010 Market Rate Survey or the 25th percentile of the 2018 Market Rate Survey (on average a 30% increase)
- Effective June 1, 2019, **five percent tiered reimbursement incentive** for child care programs that have a three star rating in the FTF Quality Rating Program and are contracted with the DES
- Effective June 3, 2019, **the child care priority waiting is suspended**, meaning that families that are eligible for child care assistance will be able to begin services immediately (~5,000 additional children served over the year)



Child Care Assistance Gross Monthly Income Eligibility Chart and Fee Schedule

FAMILY SIZE ↓	FEE LEVEL 1 (L1) INCOME MAXIMUM EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 85% FPL*	FEE LEVEL 2 (L2) INCOME MAXIMUM EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 100% FPL*	FEE LEVEL 3 (L3) INCOME MAXIMUM EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 135% FPL*	FEE LEVEL 4 (L4) INCOME MAXIMUM EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 145% FPL*	FEE LEVEL 5 (L5) INCOME MAXIMUM EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 155% FPL*	FEE LEVEL 6 (L6) INCOME MAXIMUM EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 165% FPL*	FEE LEVEL 7 (L7) INCOME MAXIMUM EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 85% SMI**
1	0-861	862-1,012	1,013-1,367	1,368-1,468	1,469-1,569	1,570-1,670	1,671-2,643
2	0-1,167	1,168-1,372	1,373-1,853	1,854-1,990	1,991-2,127	2,128-2,264	2,265-3,456
3	0-1,473	1,474-1,732	1,733-2,339	2,340-2,512	2,513-2,685	2,686-2,858	2,859-4,269
4	0-1,779	1,780-2,092	2,093-2,825	2,826-3,034	3,035-3,243	3,244-3,452	3,453-5,081
5	0-2,085	2,086-2,452	2,453-3,311	3,312-3,556	3,557-3,801	3,802-4,046	4,047-5,894
6	0-2,391	2,392-2,812	2,813-3,797	3,798-4,078	4,079-4,359	4,360-4,640	4,641-6,708
7	0-2,697	2,698-3,172	3,173-4,283	4,284-4,600	4,601-4,917	4,918-5,234	5,235-6,860
8	0-3,003	3,004-3,532	3,533-4,769	4,770-5,122	5,123-5,475	5,476-5,828	5,829-7,013
9	0-3,309	3,310-3,892	3,893-5,255	5,256-5,644	5,645-6,033	6,034-6,422	6,423-7,165
10	0-3,615	3,616-4,252	4,253-5,741	5,742-6,166	6,167-6,591	6,592-7,016	7,017-7,317
11	0-3,921	3,922-4,612	4,613-6,227	6,228-6,688	6,689-7,149	7,150-7,470**	
12	0-4,227	4,228-4,972	4,973-6,713	6,714-7,210	7,211-7,622**		

MINIMUM REQUIRED COPAYMENT

Per child in care	Full day-\$1.00 Part day-\$0.50	Full day-\$2.00 Part day-\$1.00	Full day-\$3.00 Part day-\$1.50	Full day-\$5.00 Part day-\$2.50
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For families receiving Transitional Child Care (TCC) there is no co-pay assigned beyond the 3rd child in the family



Special Needs Policy

- Definition: A child with special needs is defined as a child with a disability that requires increased supervision, modified equipment, modified activities, and/or a modified facility to perform age-appropriate activities within a child care setting
- Special Needs Enhanced Rate Qualification Process for Child Care Providers: The DES contracted child care providers/facilities must maintain Three, Four, or Five Star Quality Rating issued by First Things First or be accredited by one of the DES accepted National Accreditation agencies.



Special Needs Policy

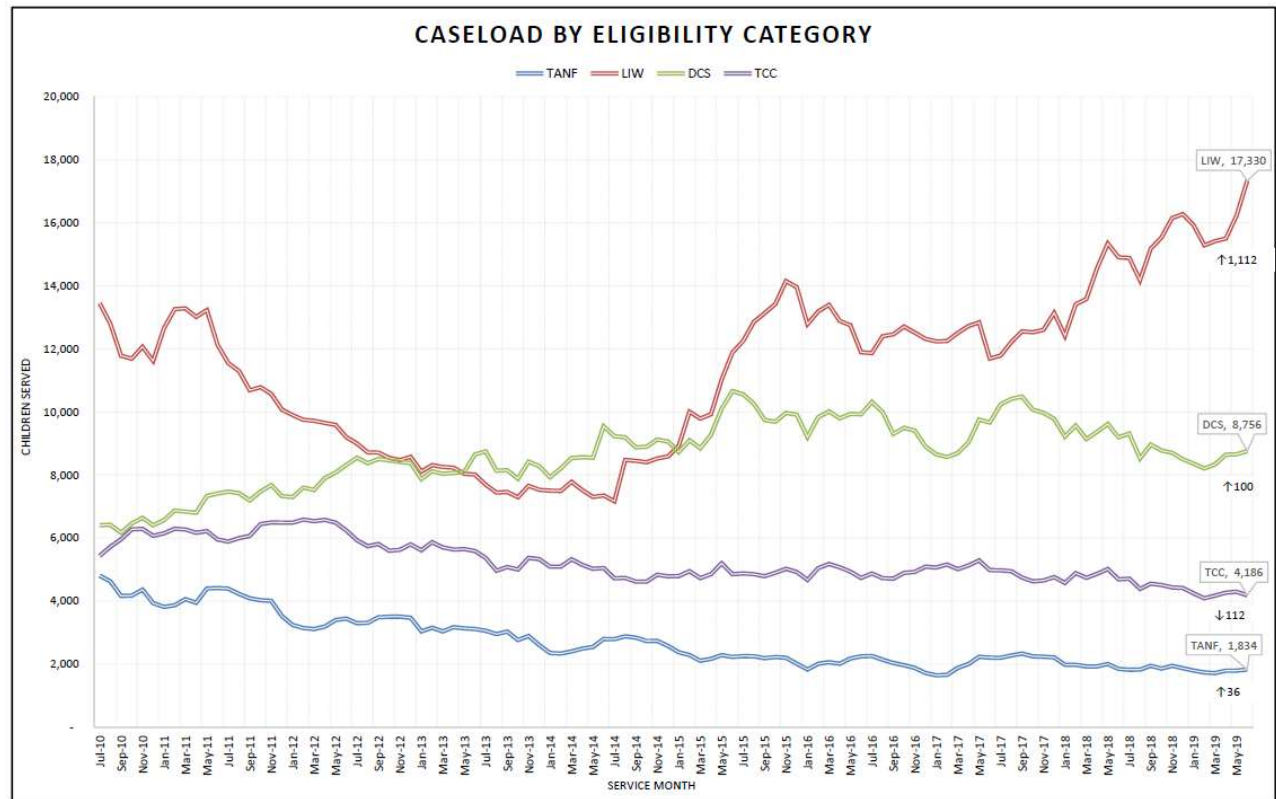
- Verification Documents for Qualification of Special Needs Enhanced Rate:
 - Written notification from DCS or Tribal CPS
 - Individualized Education Program (IEP)
 - Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)
 - Individualized Support Plan (ISP)
 - 504 Accommodation Plan
 - Behavioral Health Service Plan or Mental Health Treatment Plan
 - Diagnosis made by an approved medical personnel
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI) from Social Security Administration



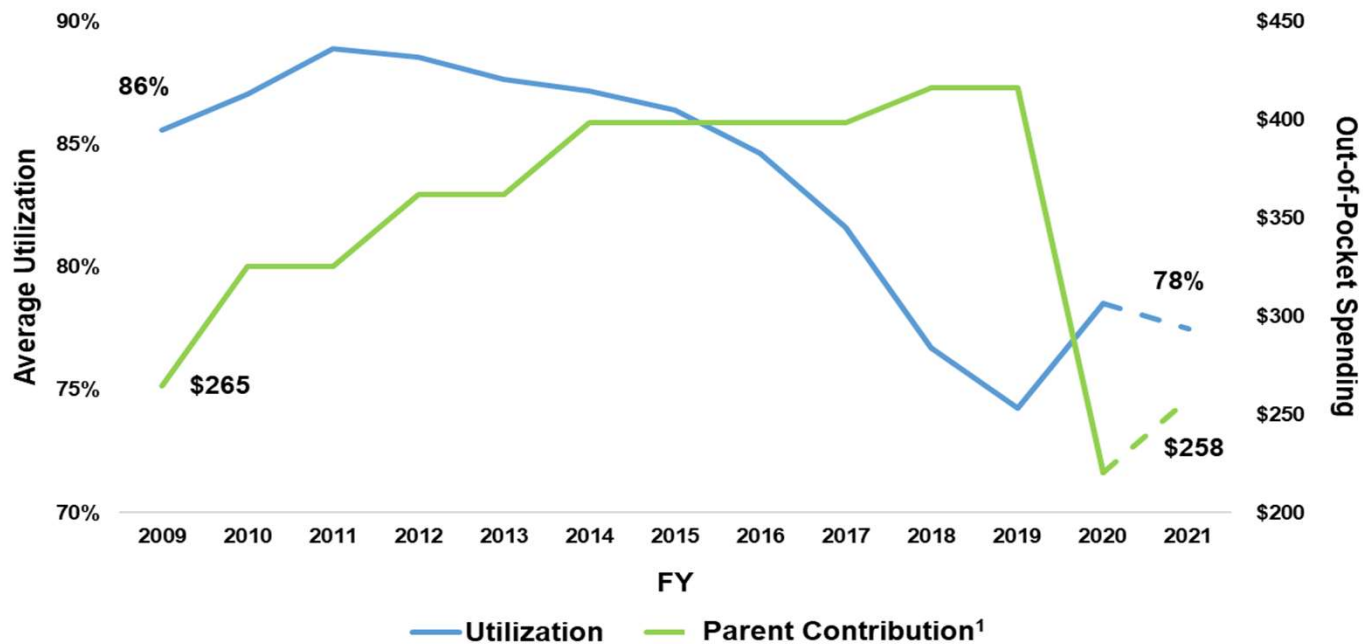
Child Care Assistance Caseload by Population

- **TANF:** (FM) Includes families with an open TANF Cash Assistance case and parents participating in the DES Jobs program
- **Transitional Child Care:** (FM) serves families transitioning off TANF Cash Assistance for parents with incomes at 85% State Median Income or below
- **Department of Child Safety:** Includes children with DCS involvement and includes in-home and out-of-home placements
- **Low-Income Working:** Families whose household income is at or below 165% of the federal poverty level

(FM) = Federally Mandated



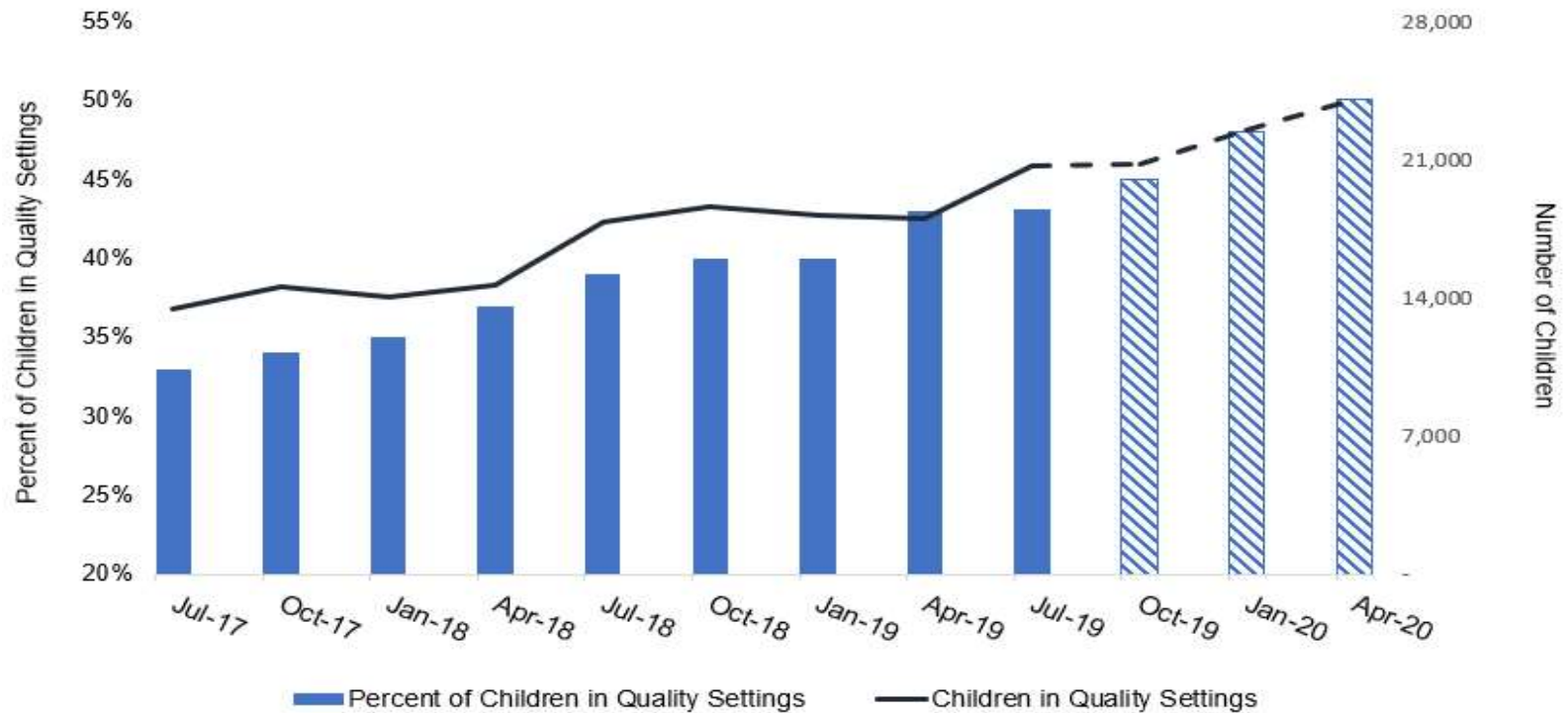
Child Care Average Utilization vs. Out-of-Pocket Spending



1. Parent Contribution based on rates for an infant enrolled in full-time care in Maricopa County



Children in Quality Settings



Increase Children in Quality Settings

- **Project Name:** Increase access to quality, affordable, individualized child care options for DES families.
- **Goal:** Increase the percent of children receiving DES subsidy in Quality Child Care from 43% (19,359) to 49% (23,109) by June 30, 2020.
- **Strategies:**
 - Increase provider network to meet the needs of families served (location, non-traditional hours, quality)
 - Partner with First Things First to Increase Quality of 1 & 2 Star Programs Contracted with DES.



Increase Employment Outcomes for Parents

- **Project Name:** Increase employment outcomes for families receiving Child Care subsidy in cessation period
- **Goal:** Prevent the loss of Child Care subsidy by addressing employment in the cessation period as measured by:
 - Increasing the number of CCA clients that obtain new employment prior to cessation expiration from X% to Y% by June 30, 2020.
 - Deploying a statewide standard process to refer CCA clients to ARIZONA@WORK by March 30, 2020.
- **Strategies:**
 - Develop method to track CCA clients in cessation
 - Develop standard referral process (pilot at Alvernon Office in Tucson)



CCDF State Plan- Status Update

- Arizona's Corrective Action Plan has been accepted by the Office of Child Care as of April 12, 2019 for the following areas:
 - Eligibility Determination Processes (45 CFR 98.21)
 - Equal Access (45 CFR 98.45)
 - Criminal Background Checks (45 CFR 98.43)
 - Consumer Education and Provider Education (45 CFR 98.33)
 - Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan (45 CFR 98.16(aa))



CCR&R Updates

Effective July 1, 2019

Vendor: Child and Family Resources, Inc.

Changes:

- Extended Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-6:00pm, Saturdays 8:00am-12:00pm
- Service Delivery Areas:
 - Maricopa
 - Cochise, Graham, Greenlee
 - La Paz & Mohave
 - Pima & Santa Cruz
 - Gila & Pinal
 - Coconino & Yavapai
 - Apache & Navajo
 - Yuma



CCR&R Updates (cont'd)

- Suspension & Expulsion Prevention Intake/Request for Resources
 - Online form for self-reporting/request for resources
 - Child Care Information Line to conduct Intake and triage to CCA
- In-Person Services:
 - One Community Engagement Specialist available in each SDA to provide assistance to families, providers, & community members
 - Two days in local office/location; three days conducting outreach and community education.



CCR&R Updates (cont'd)

- Expanded Marketing and Outreach Activities
- Establish and lead Quarterly Family Child Care Provider peer support groups and facilitate Peer to Peer discussions
- Conduct annual survey to all providers within each SDA, including providers within tribal communities, to collect business information and determine needs and satisfaction with services.



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