

Child Care Development Block Grant

December 2014

Federal Requirements	State Policy	Statutory	Administrative Rule	DWS Policy
<u>SUBSIDY</u>				
<i>Child care services in the form of</i>	Subsidy available to families	35A-3-310		
·CCDBG recommends subsidy equal to 75% of the Local Market Rate	Beginning in FY15, all providers paid by market rate receive at least 60% of that			X
·Subsidy available for special need populations	Differential subsidy rates are paid to providers caring for children with		R986-700-717	X
	child care for homeless families for up to 3 months w/in 12 month period		R986-700-712	
<i>Child care services provided on a sliding</i>				
·CCDBG recommends providing subsidy to families up to 85% of State Median	UT provides subsidy to families at 56% of SMI, up to 70% of SMI		R986-700-707	X
·CCDBG recommendations include establishing no co-payment for families	no co-payment for families in FEP			X
	UT does not require co-payment for families receiving transitional assistance			X
<i>Substantial portion of funds used to provide assistance to low-income</i>	"Employment Support Child Care" to families who are income eligible		R986-700-709, 710	
	up to two years of education support child care while parents are pursuing		R986-700-711	
	Beginning in FY15, "Job Search Child Care" available for parents who were working at least 32 hours/week and lose job			X (and preparing for new federal law)
<i>Outreach to ensure families receiving CCDF and general public are aware of the availability of child care</i>	<i>Care About Childcare</i> statewide network is responsible for outreach in communities; OCC utilized funds to	35A-3-203		
<u>QUALITY</u>				
<i>Minimum of 4% must be expended to improve child care quality and availability, include comprehensive consumer education activities, activities to increase parental choice, resource and referral services, provider grants</i>	UT funds extensive Child Care Resource & Referral network, <i>Care About Childcare</i> , and its related website. This system allows providers to voluntarily participate in the state's Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS)	35A-3-203; 35A-3-206		
	Parental choice is promoted through <i>Care About Childcare</i> network and website by allowing parents to review all licensed child care providers, view provider quality indicators and select			X
	Quality Improvement grants are offered to providers and enhance quality licensed child care settings through Technical Assistance Coaching, evidence-based quality assessments and the purchasing of needed materials	35A-3-203(8),(9); 35A-3-205		X
	OCC funds the Child Care Professional Development Institute (CCPDI) at the <i>Care About Childcare</i> USU site. CCPDI administers the state professional development program including career training for child care providers to establish skills to provide developmentally and emotionally	35A--3-203		X

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	OCC works in partnership with the Utah Afterschool Network to implement a evidence-based quality tool in all Utah afterschool programs receiving funds	35A-3-203, 205		X
	Coordinate and Collaborate with USOE to administer and monitor grants to child care providers receiving funds through the School Readiness Initiative; provide TA and coaching to these	53A-1b-105, 106		
<i>CCDBG requires OCC to expend funds on Quality Expansion activities equal or</i>	Requirement primarily met through activities outlined above.			
	OCC funds on-site coaching and TA to providers regarding behavioral and emotional wellness, as well as training	35A-3-203, 205		X
<i>CCDBG requires OCC to expend funds on Infant and Toddler Quality Improvement activities equal or greater</i>	OCC funds Infant and Toddler Consultants throughout the state to provide technical assistance to licensed	35A-3-203, 205		X
	Specialized training and coaching for providers caring for infants and toddlers in the areas of child behavior and development, as well as assist	35A-3-203, 205		x
	Infant and Toddler grants to improve quality in licensed centers providing care to infants and toddlers; grants include TA from Infant/Toddler Consultants, funds for professional	35A-203, 205		x
<i>Required to expend funds on School Age programs and Child Care Resource & Referral System, includinghotlines</i>	Requirement is met by the statewide CCR&R network, <i>Care About Childcare</i> which includes a statewide consumer	35A-3-203		X
	Provides grants to afterschool programs to improve quality and ensure children	35A-3-203, 207		X
	Collaborate with USOE to provide grants to afterschool programs serving	53A-17a-171		
REGULATORY AND ADMINISTRATION				
<i>Licensing, Health and Safety Requirements</i>	OCC collaborates with the Department of Health, Child Care Licensing to conduct all provider inspections, criminal background checks and ensure	26-39-301 <i>et seq</i> ; 35A-3-310.5,	R986-700-705, 751, 753-756	
<i>Quality Control and Assurance</i>	DWS OCC provides all necessary administration to ensure that CCDF funds are expended appropriately and	35A-3-204		
<i>Administrative costs may not exceed 5%</i>	OCC administers its programs, regulations, policies, etc well below the	35A-3-205		X

Goals of CCDBG:

- (1) all each State maximum flexibility in developing child care programs and policies that best suit the needs of children and parents within such State;
- (2) Promote parental choice to empower working parents to make their own decisions on the child care that best suits their family's needs;
- (3) encourage States to provide consumer education information to help parents make informed choices about child care;
- (4) assist States to provide child care to parents trying to achieve independence from public assistance; and
- (5) assist States in implementing the health, safety, licensing and registration standards established in State regulations.

Source: CCDBG, CFDA 93.575

*The Child Care Development Block Grant was reauthorized and signed by the President in November 2014. The Utah OCC is awaiting guidance on future requirements.