

**Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Child Care Plan
May 6, 2020**

1. Temporary child care assistance for low income unemployed Missourians

- Up to 90-day temporary child care benefit for Missourians searching for work
 - DSS will work with the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial relations to verify eligibility using UI claim information and work search requirements.
- On average DSS finds 5,000 households annually ineligible for child care benefits because there is no allowable reason for care. Based on this information and the current state of the economy, estimated households served @ 7,500 through December 2020
- \$14,377,500 estimated maximum cost
 - 7,500 households eligible x 1.5 children per household x \$426 avg monthly benefit x 3 months

2. Transitional child care – simplify and expand

- Implement simplified transitional benefit
- Two Benefit Levels
 - 80% of full subsidy benefit for families with incomes greater than 138% FPL to 176% FPL
 - 60% of full subsidy benefit for families with incomes greater than 176% to 215% FPL
 Increases the amount of benefit families are eligible to receive; the maximum FPL does not increase from current program limit.
- **Temporarily (from May 1 through August 31) make transitional child care available to all eligible Missourians even if they were never eligible for full child care benefits – this policy change should open up child care for low income first responders and other essential employees.**
- Estimated 7,452 additional children served monthly
- \$3.2 million per month / \$12.8 million May 1 – August 31

3. One-time payment to providers remaining open, providing services to essential personnel

- Payment scaled based on provider capacity.
- Estimated 40% of all types of child care providers remaining open to provide child care
- Assume all child care providers remaining open cared for at least one child of essential personnel.

Payment Tiers Based on Capacity	Total Capacity	Estimated Facilities Remaining Open	One Time Payment	Estimated Total Cost
Less than 10	702	281	\$1,000	\$280,800
10 to 19	946	378	\$2,000	\$756,800
20 -99	884	354	\$3,500	\$1,237,600
100 to 199	388	155	\$6,500	\$1,008,800
200 Plus	67	27	\$7,500	\$201,000
				\$3,485,000

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4. Pay a stipend for all licensed or licensed exempt providers who provide care during non-traditional hours, regardless of whether they provide subsidy care – April through June

- Traditional hours are 6 am through 7 pm Monday through Friday
- Non-Traditional are providers who provide care outside of these hours
- Would not apply to registered/non-licensed providers
- \$100 per licensed slot per month
- Currently 284 providers care for 12,579 children during non-traditional hours (Includes non-state subsidized programs)
- Assumes that another 10% would move to non-traditional hours (28 providers and 1,258 children)
- Total Providers 312/Total Children 13,837
- Cost -
 - \$1.4 million per month
 - Cost for April –June \$4.2 million

5. Pay Child Care providers for full authorization – April 1 – June 30 service dates

- Subsidy providers would be paid for child care slots regardless of attendance
- Since DSS does pay in arrears, the payment on authorizations for three months gives subsidy child care providers additional funding to return to operating at full capacity.
- Currently, there are 2,400 providers
- Average cost per month for Child Care subsidies would increase from \$12.3 million to \$18.9
- \$6.6 million per month cost / \$19.8 million cost April 1 – June 30

6. One-time grants to higher education institutions for on-campus child care programs

- Set aside \$10 million
- Working with Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development on scope of work based on input, need of higher education institutions
- Competitive process
- Require grantees to provide a certain percentage/number of slots for subsidy families

CARES Act CCDBG Spend Plan	
Item	Cost
Temporary Child Care Assistance	\$14,400,000
Transitional Child Care	\$12,800,000
One Time Payment for Facilities that Remained Open	\$3,500,000
Non-traditional Hours	\$4,200,000
Full Authorization	\$19,800,000
Expanding Capacity at Higher Ed Institutions	\$10,000,000
Total:	\$64,700,000