

**State/Territory Plan  
2022 - 2024**

**4.1.6 Child care services available through grants or contracts.**

**a) In addition to offering certificates, does the Lead Agency provide child care services through grants or contracts for child care slots (658A(b)(1))? Note: Do not check 'yes' if every provider is simply required to sign an agreement to be paid in the certificate program.**

<b>State/Territory</b>	<b>i. How the Lead Agency ensures that parents who enroll with a provider who has a grant or contract have choices when selecting a provider:</b>	<b>ii. The entities that receive contracts (e.g., shared services alliances, CCR&amp;R agencies, FCC networks, community-based agencies, child care providers) and how grants or contracts are promoted by the Lead Agency:</b>	<b>iii. How rates for contracted slots are set through grants and contracts and if they are viewed by providers as a vehicle for stabilizing payments</b>
Alabama			
Alaska			
American Samoa			
Arizona	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arkansas	NA	NA	NA
California	The Resource and Referral (R&R) agencies are required to have written referral policies, which are available to all persons requesting them regardless of income level or other eligibility requirements. The	Alternative Payment Programs (APP), and direct service programs, including General Child Care and Development Programs (CCTR), Family Child Care Home Education Networks (CFCC), Migrant Child Care	Rates for contracted slots are not reviewed by providers as a vehicle for stabilizing payments. The Legislature sets the standard reimbursement rates (SRRs), which is reflected in statute (EC 8265) and

	<p>agencies shall assist parents in choosing a provider by providing parents with information regarding how to select child care services, and the range of possible child care alternatives from which to choose.</p>	<p>Programs (CMIG) and Programs for Children with Severe Disabilities Programs (CHAN) receive contracts to provide early learning and care and development services. These contracts are promoted through a Request for Funding Application (RFA) process. The Lead Agency releases a management bulletin to the Early Learning and Care email distribution list announcing the availability of funds, the application process and requirements, and relevant deadlines. After review by the Lead Agency and depending on the amount of funding available, the funds are awarded to those applicants that met all the requirements defined in the RFA in the priority order set forth in the application.</p>	<p>provisional budget language. To determine a contract maximum reimbursable amount (MRA), the contractor uses the SRR multiplied by the total child days of enrollment. This number sets the amount of the contract agreement between the Lead Agency and the contractor.</p>
<p>Colorado</p>			
<p>Connecticut</p>			
<p>Delaware</p>			<p>Delaware does not currently use a contract for slots model. This is an incentive that was begun within the state as a method to build the capacity of slots</p>

			for infants and toddlers and stabilize payments pre-pandemic. This initiative has been put on hold, but the interest remains among the early care and education community therefore the state intends to revisit the incentive in the future.
District of Columbia			
Florida			
Georgia			
Guam			
Hawaii	<p>The Hawaii Department of Human Services (DHS) has a contracted service with the Department of Education (DOE) to operate after-school care programs at nearly 180 (this number varies by school year) public elementary school campuses statewide. Parent(s) also have the option to select other child care providers if they prefer.</p> <p>DHS also has another contracted service with the DOE, Kealakehe High School. The high school works with teen parent students to advise them of the</p>	<p>The Department of Education or programs operated by the Department of Education receive contracts for after school and teen parent programs. Private child care providers bid on publicly procured contracts. The slots are promoted by the schools and private providers who offer programs by directly informing families about the program and the fee waivers for the after-school child care costs. The application to determine the family's eligibility for the fee waivers is included in the afterschool informational packet</p>	<p>For the infant and toddler child care services for teen parents, the contract costs are determined by estimating the cost for care per child and the number of children that can be served at a particular site or estimating the cost to operate the program at the particular site. The full amount per child is covered by DHS based on the child's enrollment and not based on the child's daily attendance as a stabilization mechanism.</p> <p>For the after-school care fee waivers, the Department of Education with the approval of the Board</p>

	<p>on-site child care services for their infants and toddlers. Parent(s) also have the option to select other child care providers if they prefer.</p>	<p>provided to parents. Hawaii Department of Human Services promotes the slots through the child care resource and referral system by informing families that afterschool care may be available at their child's elementary school if families are looking for school-age care.</p>	<p>of Education sets the monthly cost for the A-plus after school program. The contract between Hawaii Department of Human Services and Department of Education for subsidizing children of TANF eligible families is limited to the monthly per child fee amount that the DOE sets for the A-plus after school program. The Department of Education receives \$120 per eligible child per month for the 2020-2021 school year. The full monthly amount per child is covered by Hawaii Department of Human Services based on the child's enrollment and not based on the child's daily attendance at the after-school sites.</p>
<p>Idaho</p>			
<p>Illinois</p>	<p>Child Care Resource and Referral agencies are required to work with all families seeking child care. Based on the parent's needs, the CCR&amp;R will offer a referral list of providers in their area who are listed on the CCR&amp;R provider database. Vacancy checks are done by the CCR&amp;R and providers may</p>	<p>Contracts are awarded to licensed child care centers, Child Care Resource &amp; Referral Agencies, family child care networks and community-based agencies.</p>	<p>The maximum daily rates for contracted slots are the same as those in the certificate program. Contract Site programs submit a Rate Certification form to the lead agency to determine the rate, up to the maximum, at which, the contracted provider will be paid.</p>

	contact the CCR&R to identify vacancies.		
Indiana			
Iowa	Parents are able to access any child care facility that accepts CCA, throughout the state. The Wrap Around contract expands that pool to providers who aren't necessarily accepting CCA, but provide services to eligible children through this contract. The eligibility requirement for family income is the same.	Head Start Programs, Early Head Start Programs, Department of Education at-risk programs (Shared Visions), Title I Preschools (including Even Start), or an early childhood special education programs.	The amount for the contracted slot is set within the request for proposal process so the potential contractor is aware of the rate. An assessment of half day rates from the Lead Agency and funds available determines whether the rates are appropriate for each new contract.
Kansas			
Kentucky			
Louisiana			
Maine			
Maryland	Child Care Scholarship provided to eligible families list the payment rates for the various care types. The parent is also provided resource and referral information that informs them of the various types of care.	Early Head Start/Child Care Partnership sites, Maryland Family Network.	Programs follow Child Care Scholarship program guidelines.
Massachusetts	If a parent is offered a subsidy through a contract, the parent may refuse the slot without losing the household's place on the waitlist. Also, the	EEC contracts with center-based child care programs, including school age programs, and with family child care systems for family	The base rates for child care subsidies (for both vouchers and contracts) are set based on geographic region taking into account the age of

	<p>parent choice regulations and policies of EEC's child care subsidy program allow a parent enrolled in a contract slot to transfer his/her child to another program provided that the parent gives the existing provider at least two weeks' notice of the change. It is the responsibility of the subsidy administrators, the Child Care Resource and Referral agencies or Contract Providers, to advise a parent of his/her right to change providers.</p>	<p>child care services at affiliated licensed family child care homes.</p>	<p>children (i.e., infant, toddler, pre-school, and school age) and child care settings (i.e., center-based versus family child care). In addition to the base rate, Family Child Care Systems are provided an additional administrative fee to provide supports to affiliated family child care providers. Family Child Care Systems must reimburse the affiliated family child care providers the base child care rate but may pay providers a higher rate. Through EEC's Priority Population contracts for DCF-Related child care, teen parent child care, and homeless child care, contracted providers receive an additional \$20 per day for support services. "Support services" include required case management/social services as well as transportation costs, if needed.</p>
Michigan			
Minnesota			
Mississippi	<p>The Lead Agency will be issuing grants to providers through the Coronavirus Response and Relief</p>	<p>The Lead Agency will be making grants funded through CRSSA available to CCPP providers, and</p>	<p>Grant amounts funded through CRSSA will focus on payments for full-time care of school</p>

	Supplemental Act (CRRSA) the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARPA). These grants will be available to all providers. Parents may view their choices of provider using the provider search function of the Lead Agency’s Consumer Education Website.	grants funded through ARPA to both CCPP and eligible non-CCPP providers. Grants will be promoted through monthly Information Sharing Sessions, direct emails from the Lead Agency and the licensing agency, and the Lead Agency’s Facebook page.	age children participating in virtual education during the school year and will be based on the number of school age children served under these conditions. Grant amounts funded through ARPA will be based on the provider’s current operating expenses, per requirements in the Act.
Missouri			
Montana			
Nebraska			
Nevada	The CCR&R staff ensure the parent is provided with and understands all available options for the type of care they are seeking.	School-age care is provided by non-profit agencies including Boys & Girls Clubs and city/county recreational programs. Wraparound services are provided by Head Start and Early Head Start agencies.	For OST/OSR, the rates were initially set through a funding formula that included geographical area, their average daily program attendance, and the free and reduced lunch rates of the schools in their service delivery area. This was multiplied by the working population and the result was the number of children that could be funded for each agency. Contract amounts were calculated by using the daily reimbursement rate for the geographical area, type of care, and age of child multiplied by the number of children to

			<p>be served and then multiplied by the number of days in the year care was provided. This amount was dependent upon the total amount available per geographical area, which was determined based on percentage of overall need. Now, funding is based on this historical precedent, and will be reevaluated as funding comes available in the future.</p> <p>For Wraparound, the rates are set based on the 2004 reimbursement rate.</p> <p>For Homeless, CPS, and Foster, the rates are set by capacity and available funds.</p>
New Hampshire			
New Jersey			
New Mexico	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York			
North Carolina	NA	NA	NA
North Dakota			
Northern Mariana Islands	<p>Child Care contracts or grants will be offered under the QRIS. Providers with at least a Star Level 4 or 5 will be contracted for Infant and Toddler (6 weeks</p>	<p>Licensed child care providers and the grants or contracts will be promoted through the QRIS.</p>	<p>Contracted slots will be paid the current established rate for subsidized families. As a result of the contracted slots, providers will be able to maintain and</p>

	to 18 months) slots. Choices will be offered by identifying the Star Levels of all providers in a directory.		support their program’s infant and toddler program (6 weeks to 18 months) expenses.
Ohio			
Oklahoma			
Oregon	<p>Oregon Department of Human Services contracts with Head Start contractors (typically centers) as well as Early Head Start partnership home-based care providers. ODHS also contracts with school districts for teen parents finishing high school. If a family is eligible for Employment Related Day Care, they can use any provider eligible for ODHS payment.</p> <p>For Baby Promise, parents are informed of all local participating contracted providers and encouraged to visit programs to select the best care for their family. When slots become available with a given provider, families that have identified the program as their ideal provider are given priority.</p>	For Baby Promise, the Early Learning Division contracts with CCR&Rs. For the Head Start contracts, Oregon Department of Human Services contracts directly with Head Start grantees.	Contracted slots in the Head Start program are approved for full-time hours. This currently allows for instances outside existing ERDC eligibility, such as job loss during the contract period. For Baby Promise contracted slots, cost per child amounts are individually negotiated with the local CCR&Rs and programs based upon quality measures and services provided. An evaluation study of Baby Promise is currently being conducted but early anecdotal responses from providers indicate that these payments have stabilized their business, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Pennsylvania			

In 2018-2019, \$2 million of CCDF funding was used to fund a pilot program serving CCW eligible infants and toddlers via contracted slots. The Infant Toddler Contracted Slots (ITCS) Program was expanded in the 2019-2020 budget which included an additional \$15 million to serve more eligible children. Contracted slots are an alternative to the traditional voucher system. Instead of having funding follow the child, as in the traditional voucher system, the ITCS program, awards funding to a provider. If a child leaves the funded provider, the provider continues to be paid for the slot and is responsible to fill the slot with a different child eligible for CCW. In state fiscal year 2020-2021, just over \$14 million of CCDF funding was used in eighteen of Pennsylvania's nineteen ELRC regions to provide the ITCS program. Region 8, covering Centre, Juniata, Mifflin, Northumberland, Snyder, and

ITCS program slots are awarded through competitive Request for Application (RFA) processes at each ELRC when expansion funding is available. RFAs took place in SFY 2018-2019 (pilot year 1) and SFY 2019-2020 (pilot expanded). There was no competitive RFA for SFY 2020-2021, however SFY 2019-2020 contracts were continued into SFY 2020-2021. Contracts are continued from each year as long as providers maintain eligibility and are meeting the program policies which are monitored annually by Infant Toddler Specialists. Eligible entities must meet the following criteria at time of application and throughout the entire grant period: 1) have a regular certificate of compliance issued by DHS 2) be a STAR 3 or STAR 4 center or group home in Pennsylvania's QRIS system. 3) currently serve Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts (the state-funded pre-K program) children at the location where the ITCS program

The goals of the ITCS program include providing fiscal stability for high-quality child care providers serving CCW eligible infants and toddlers, and establishing a continuum of care for children and families in high-quality child care settings with a focus on strengthening the link between high-quality child care programs and high quality pre-kindergarten programs. The rates for ITCS range from \$14,000 per slot to \$20,000 per slot and are regionalized based on consideration of the annualized CCW rates (effective Jan. 1, 2020) for Infants and Toddlers plus an annualized STAR 4-tiered rate. OCDEL then compared the total average annual revenue a provider would collect serving CCW children over a 3-year period to the proposed Infant/Toddler Slot rates. OCDEL also compared the annualized private pay rates for Infants and Toddlers to be the proposed Infant/Toddler Slot

	<p>Union counties did not have interested programs and does not currently participate. The program provides funding for 872 slots through ELRC contracts with 56 eligible Keystone STAR 3 or 4 providers. The eligibility for ITCS follows the same eligibility criteria for CCW funding. At the time eligibility is determined, families are provided information on the ITCS program (if slots are available). Eligible families may choose to enroll in either ITCS program or traditional subsidy funding. The limited availability of the ITCS program currently does limit the number of available slots for the program, which is one reason Pennsylvania may consider expanding the program in the coming years.</p>	<p>slots will be served, and 4) have the capacity to serve infants and toddlers.</p>	<p>rates. Across all regions, the proposed Infant/Toddler Slot rates are approximately 30-36 percent higher than the annualized CCW rates. In addition, for most providers, the proposed Infant/Toddler Slot rates are higher, in varying percentages, than annualized private pay rates.</p>
<p>Puerto Rico</p>	<p>When parents apply for services at any of our offices, they are oriented to their free selection of a provider to care for their child. Parents are offered a list of licensed providers available in their</p>	<p>Different entities have contracts with ACUDEN, including community and private non-profit agencies, family child care networks, and municipalities. These agencies are advertised through</p>	<p>The rates paid are the ones established according to the Market Rate Survey used in the subsidy program, vouchers. However, in contracts, agreements are reached as a vehicle for</p>

	<p>community including licensed child care centers and homes as well as licensed centers that have a delegation of funds contract with ACUDEN, so the parent can have all the necessary information to make an informed decision. In addition, information about the centers the parent can select is published on the ACUDEN and Child Care Program's website. In case that the parent chooses to go directly to the contracted provider for information, the Center Director is required within their contractual responsibilities to orient and not obligate the parent to select the center as the provider. This is monitored by the Eligibility Technicians. If the provider does not comply, the provider jeopardizes their contract and could lose CCDF funds.</p>	<p>the ACUDEN website and municipal offices</p>	<p>stabilization to include other costs such as utilities, rent, or other needs required to comply with health, safety and quality standards.</p>
Rhode Island			
South Carolina			
South Dakota	<p>Licensed child care centers provide the contractual services specifically for TANF families. Contracts are</p>	<p>Licensed Child Care Centers</p>	<p>Rates are negotiated through consultation with each child care center to ensure participation.</p>

	available statewide but currently only two urban areas participate. There are two licensed centers participating in the contract process for parents to choose from.		
Tennessee			
Texas			
Utah			
Vermont	N/A	N/A	N/A
Virgin Islands			
Virginia			
Washington			
West Virginia			
Wisconsin	The Lead Agency's contract with United Migrant Opportunity Services (UMOS) specifies that parents may choose any provider who is eligible to receive Wisconsin Shares. The Lead Agency is statutorily prohibited from contracting with other types of providers or agencies for child care slots.	The Lead Agency contracts with UMOS, a non-profit organization that provides child care services to children of migrant farm workers throughout the state. UMOS contracts with local area child care providers to provide services during times when UMOS centers are not available.	UMOS uses the Wisconsin Shares Maximum Rates to determine the payment to providers.
Wyoming			