



**Child Care and  
Development Transition**

**Parent Focus Group**

# Agenda

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- Welcome
- The Transition of Child Care and Development Programs
- The Transition Plan
- Live Feedback/Polling
- Closing



# Early Childhood Development Act of 2020

## Purpose:

- Integration and coordination to achieve a high-quality, affordable, early childhood system
- Establish a child care system with equity, justice, and a whole-child, whole-family centered approach

(Senate Bill 98, 2020 pt 1.7, 10202a, 10202b)

# **Programs That Will Be Transferred From the California Department of Education (CDE) to CDSS** **(Effective July 1, 2021)** (1 of 3)

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- Alternative payment programs
- Migrant alternative payment programs
- CalWORKs Stage 2 and 3 child care
- General child care and development programs
- Migrant child care and development programs
- Child care and development services for children with severe disabilities
- Child care and development facilities capital outlay
- Administration of the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)

# Programs That Will Be Transferred From CDE to CDSS (Effective July 1, 2021) (2 of 3)

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- Administration of the Child Care and Development Fund State Plan Early Learning and Care Infrastructure Grant Program
- The Child and Adult Care Food Program
- The Early Learning and Care Workforce Development Grants Program
- The California Head Start State Collaboration Office
- The Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships Grant
- Resource and referral agencies
- Local child care and development planning councils

# Programs That Will Be Transferred From CDE to CDSS (Effective July 1, 2021) (3 of 3)

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- The California Child Care Initiative and other childcare quality improvement projects
- The Child Development Management Information System and other related data systems
- Any memorandums of understanding (MOUs) and partnerships related to the previously listed programs, services, and systems

# Long-Term Objectives

- Aligning early childhood eligibility and program policies
- Simplifying funding streams and systems
- Using data to improve outcomes
- Maximizing child care access for families
- Cultural competency and equity in child care
- Child care provider supports
- Expanding child care facilities into underserved communities
- Parent access to information about available child care and other supports

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# Child Care and Development Transition Plan

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# Program Policy and Regulatory Impacts

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CDE and CDSS are working together to align policies and regulations

- Updating regulations
- Shared data system
- Review and monitor practices to create alignment
- Tri-Agency collaborative meetings



# More Program Policy and Regulatory Impacts

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- Quality and equity:
  - Supports for dual language learners (DLL), children with disabilities, Tribal child care programs, and providers whose home language is not English
  - Outreach: Family, Friend and Neighbor (FFN) providers, alternative settings, Family Child Care Homes, and center-based programs serving children and families with high rates of health disparities
  - Facility expansion: Quality physical environments for children
  - Stakeholder engagement around quality investments
- CDE will continue to administer part/full-day preschool; coordination with CDSS will ensure that quality across settings is addressed.



# **California Head Start State Collaboration Office (CHSSCO):**

Connects Head Start and California's subsidized child care programs

The CHSSCO will continue to connect child care entities, which include partnerships with

- CDE, CDSS, and other State agencies and local entities;
- Special Education and Head Start related services for children with disabilities;
- provider connections, resources, and supports to children and families experiencing homelessness; and
- special funding initiatives such as the Preschool Development Grants.

# Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

- CACFP will transition to CDSS.
- This is a federal program that provides reimbursements for nutritious meals and snacks to eligible children and adults.
- CACFP will be its own branch within the Family Engagement and Empowerment Division (FEED) at CDSS and will work closely with our other food program, CalFresh.



# Collaboration Between Child Care Program Types

- Many families use more than one type of child care.
- CDSS and CDE will continue to coordinate efforts between transitional kindergarten (TK), California State Preschool Program (CSPP), and child care subsidy programs.
- Continued stakeholder engagement is necessary to achieve alignment and reduce barriers to access.





## **Creating a more integrated data system:**

Our goal is to provide parents and caregivers with information so they can make informed child care choices that meet their needs.

This data system will also improve state-level data to make programming decisions to enhance equity, quality, and child care availability.



## Policy Ideas

These policy ideas have been brought up during the transition process:

- Simplifying eligibility processes and integrating data systems
  - Ensure family access to other supportive services: When you signed up for subsidized child care, were you screened for other services?
  - Case management
- One-Stop registration for child care assistance
  - Reduces administrative burden on families and programs





## Policy Ideas (Continued)

- Consolidation of CalWORKs Child Care Stages
- Improving child care provider payments
- Equity and trauma-informed approaches in child care





# We want to hear from you!





# Thank You and Closing



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