Child Care and Development Transition
Parent Focus Group
Agenda

• 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)

- 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)

• 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
• 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
Child Care and Development Transition Plan
Program Policy and Regulatory Impacts

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

• 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

Please direct your questions, comments and suggestions to CCTransition@dss.ca.gov

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