

Child Care & Development Block Grant – A New Vision for Higher Quality and Better Access for America's Children and Families



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History of CCDBG

- Enacted in 1990
 - Two programs
- Reauthorized in 1996 with creation of TANF Block Grant
- Child care funded two ways
 - In TANF, mandatory funding set for CCDBG for a five year period
 - Discretionary funds set every year
- Reauthorization for 2001 stalled
- TANF reauthorized with child care funding in 2005



Federal Context

- ARRA (stimulus funds) provided \$2 billion additional for CCDBG over 2 years to keep child care jobs and not drop assistance to children
- Early Learning Challenge Fund provides competitive grants to states for Birth to K systems (Pathway grants for more developed state systems, Development grants for states less far along) for building state EC systems, including QRIS
- CACFP scheduled to be reauthorized
- TANF scheduled to be reauthorized in 2010
- ESEA could be reauthorized



The CCDBG Context

- CCDBG gives states ability to set eligibility, co-payments and rates, as well as standards and requires states use at least 4% of grant for quality
- Newer uses of CCDBG Quality Funds: Quality Rating & Improvement Systems, Professional Development Systems, drivers of Early Learning Standards



The CCDBG Context

- No new discretionary dollars for 8 years until ARRA; small mandatory increase of \$1 billion over 5 years starting in 2006 through TANF reauthorization



CCDBG Reauthorization Priorities

- Choose key issues from *An Agenda for Affordable, High-Quality Child Care*
- Focus on:
 - Health and Safety;
 - Quality;
 - Rates;
 - Infants and toddlers; and
 - Serving more children.



CCDBG Reauthorization Priorities

- Timing for reauthorization unclear
- Committees responsible for reauthorization of ESEA and also for CCDBG