

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Social Services

HB Section(s): 11.385

Program Name: Child Care CARES Act

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Child Care CARES Act

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Quality child care for working parents during a national pandemic

1b. What does this program do?

The Children's Division Child Care program received funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), and expanded flexibility to provide child care assistance to families and children. With the expanded flexibility, temporary changes to the Child Care subsidy program makes it possible for additional low-income families to qualify for child care assistance. The CARES Act Child Care Plan also provides special assistance to child care providers who continue to support the needs of working families during COVID-19.

The Child Care CARES Act plan provides assistance to low-income families and child care providers to mitigate the effects of the pandemic. The Child Care plan includes:

- Temporary child care subsidy benefit (up to 90 days) for families who became unemployed due to COVID-19. Families must be actively looking for work to receive the benefit. Benefit is available through December 2020 and ends March 2021.
- Temporary transitional child care subsidy benefit available to families with income between 138 to 215 percent of the FPL, not matter if they previously did not qualify for a child care subsidy. Application deadline May 2021 and ends July 2021.
- Increased transitional child care subsidy benefit to 80 percent subsidy benefit for families with income between 138 to 176 percent of the federal poverty limit (FPL) or 60% percent subsidy benefit for income between 177 to 215 percent of the FPL. Benefit available May 1 through August 31.
- One-time payment to child care providers remaining open to provide child care services to essential personnel. Payment is based on the capacity of the child care provider.
- Monthly stipend of \$100 per child care slot to licensed or licensed-exempt child care providers operating non-traditional hours (7 a.m. to 6 p.m.) seven days a week. The stipend is available for the months of April, May, and June.
- Payments to child care subsidy providers based on authorized care instead of actual attendance. The authorized payments are available for the service months of April, May, and June.
- One-time grants to higher education institutions to establish on-campus child care programs that include slots for child care subsidy families.
- Up to \$25,000 grant to transition child care space into virtual learning for school aged children.
- Reimbursement for school districts who provided childcare services to children of health care workers and first responders from March - May 2020.
- COVID relief payment to non-disproportionate share providers of 20% above current rate for January - May 2021.
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- Allows providers to be reimbursed full day rates for school aged children from August - December 2020.

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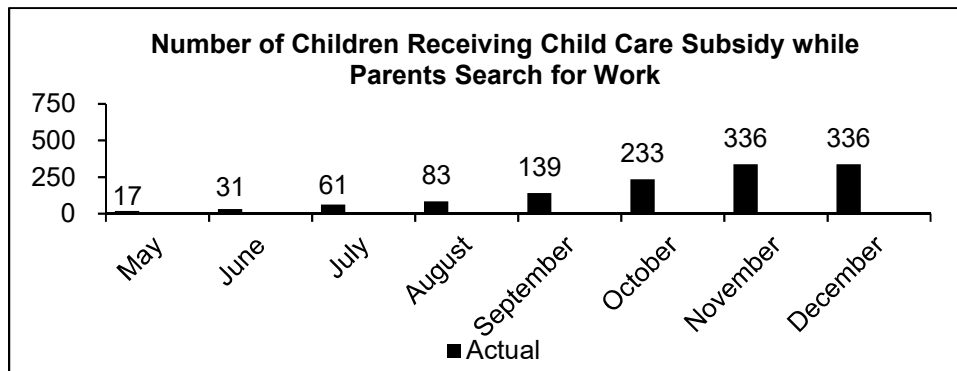
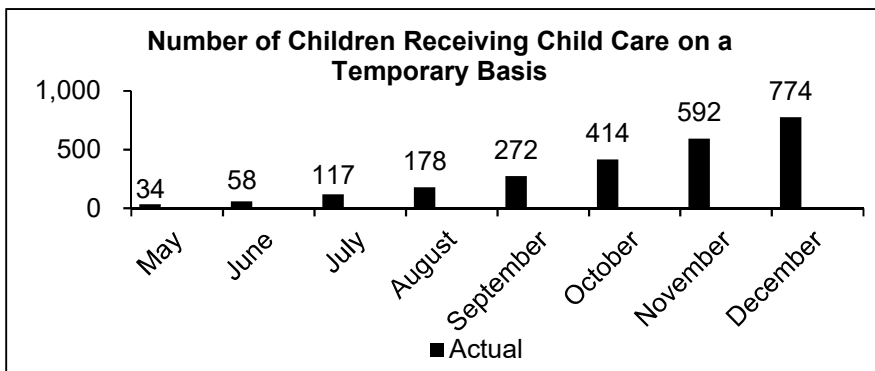
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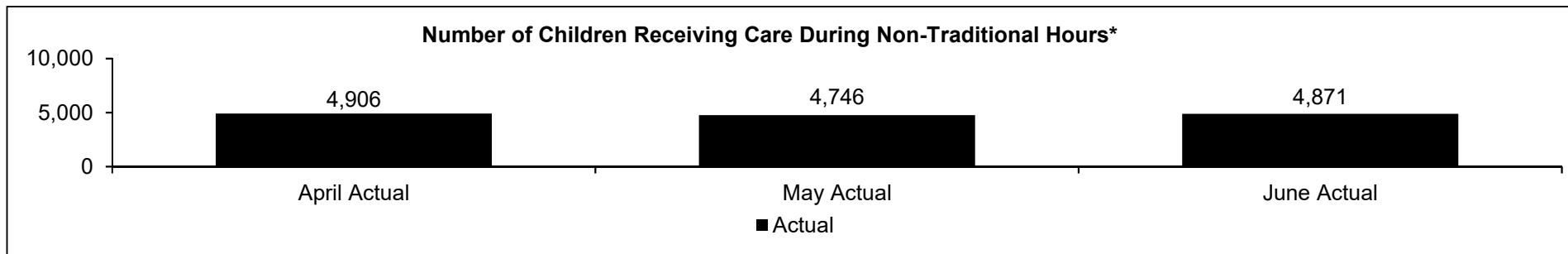
2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.



2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.

The Department will continue to work to develop program measures.

2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.



* Funding available from April through June 2020

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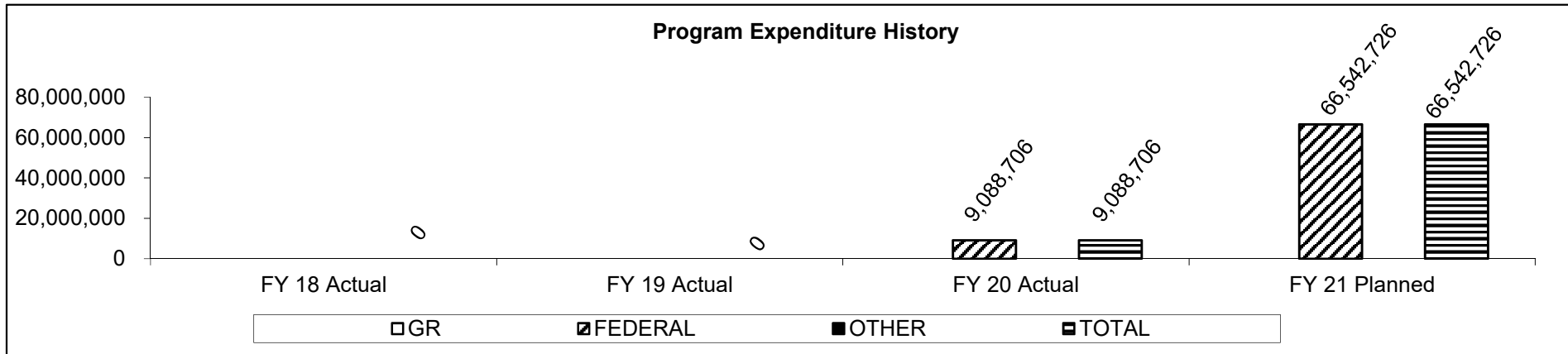
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2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.

One time payment for Essential Personnel in May 2020, served 1,285 one-time invoices with 57,067 slots.

3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



Planned FY 2021 expenditures are net of reverted and reserves.

4. What are the sources of the "Other " funds?

N/A

5. What is the authorization for this program, i.e., federal or state statute, etc.? (Include the federal program number, if applicable.)

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (P.L. 116-136); 42 U.S.C. 9857; 45 CFR Parts 98 and 99

6. Are there federal matching requirements? If yes, please explain.

N/A

7. Is this a federally mandated program? If yes, please explain.

No.