

# All In For Kansas Kids



Early Childhood  
Recommendations Panel

**MEETING** MAY 20, 2022



# WELCOME

**Thank you** for serving Kansas children, their families, and our state's early childhood care and education professionals!

This is a remote meeting.

- Today's meeting materials are posted on the [Panel Meetings webpage](#) on the Children's Cabinet site.
- Panel members will clearly identify themselves when they begin speaking.
- Panel members can use the "raise hand" feature to show they are ready to share.



# TODAY'S AGENDA – PART 1

- Welcome
- Approval of agenda and April meeting minutes
- Kansans' Open Forum
- Work Group breakout sessions
  - Child Care Recruitment & Retention and Quality and Environments
  - Family Navigation
- Break



# TODAY'S AGENDA – PART 2

- Work Group reports
- Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Overview / Engagement Session
- Future Agenda Items/ Bright Spots / Upcoming Meetings
- Adjourn



# ACTION ITEMS

*Panel members - please clearly identify yourself when you begin speaking to make and second a motion.*

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of April 15, 2022 Minutes



# KANSANS' OPEN FORUM

*Kansans may email Megan Brohaugh (mbrohaugh@ksde.org) by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 19 to share written comments or to sign up to share verbal comments with the Panel during this portion of the meeting.*



# WORK GROUP INFORMATION

- Please join your assigned Work Group – Zoom links were sent in advance
- Quality & Environments Work Group and Child Care Recruitment & Retention remains in main meeting room
- Separate Zoom link provided for:
  - Family Navigation
- You will return to this main room after our breakout sessions



# WORK GROUP REPORTS

Each Work Group will share a **5-minute** report

- Child Care Recruitment & Retention and Quality & Environments
- Family Navigation





# CCDF Pandemic Relief Response

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Recommendation's Panel 5.20.2022



# Introductions

DCF Relief Staff



Michelle Allen

CCDF Pandemic Relief  
Project Manager



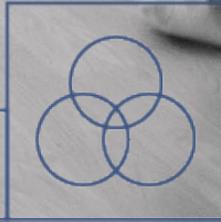
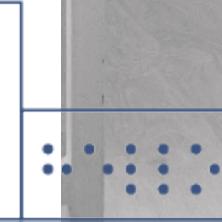
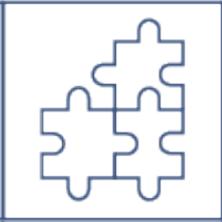
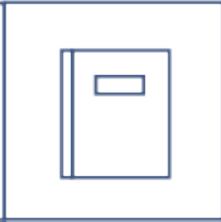
Megan Smith

CCDF Program Support  
Specialist

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# Goals for Today

- CCDF Overview & Background
- Relief Funding Outline & Timeline  
(Past, Present, & Future)
- Opportunity to Answer Questions





# Child Care & Development Fund

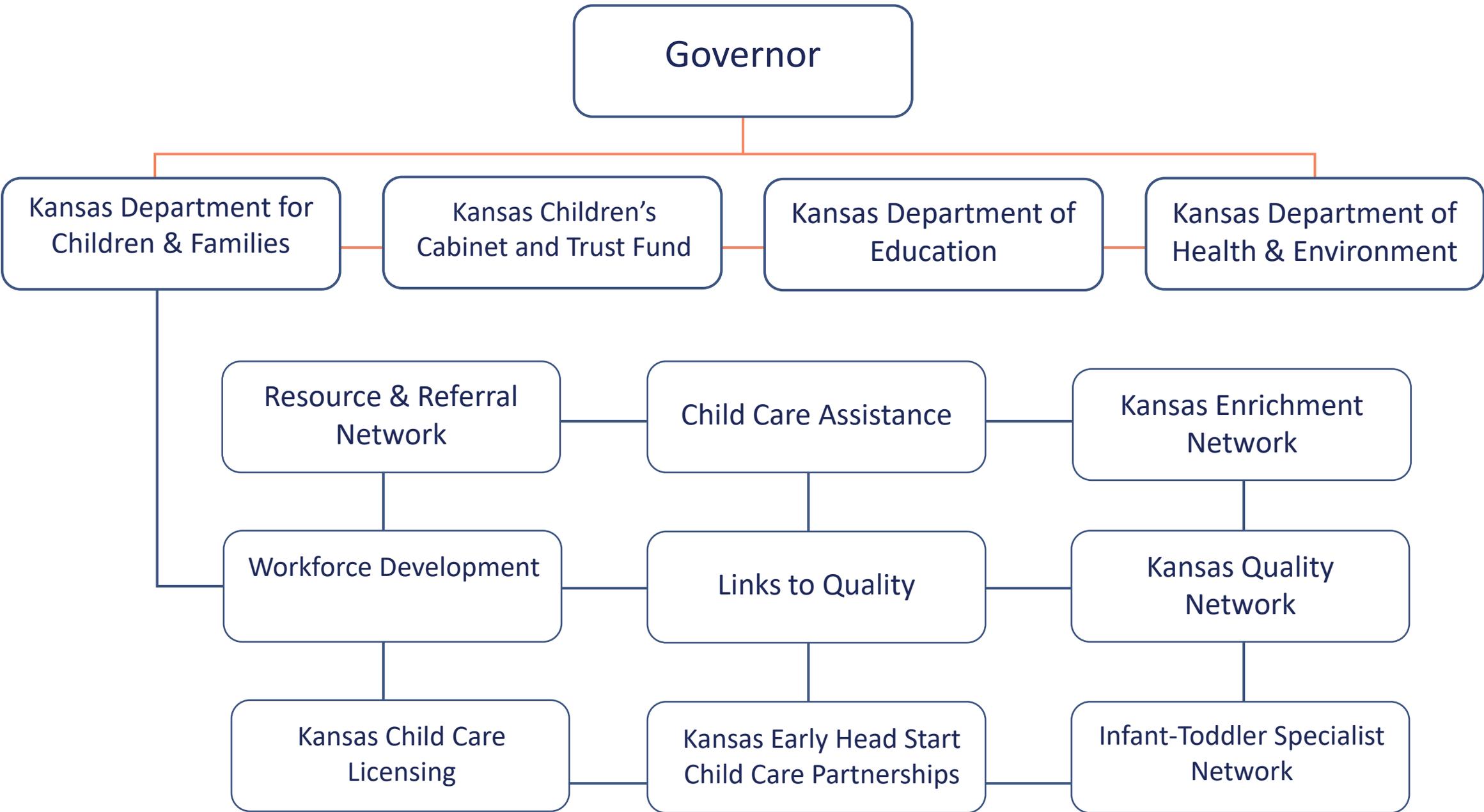
Lead Administrator

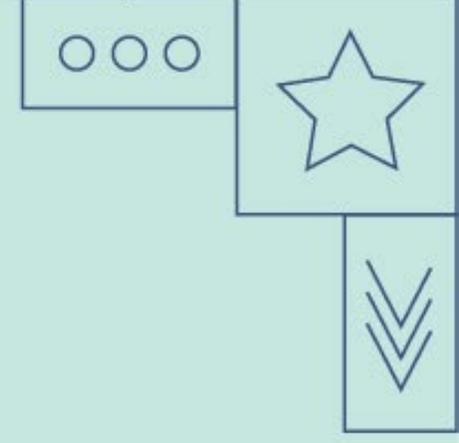
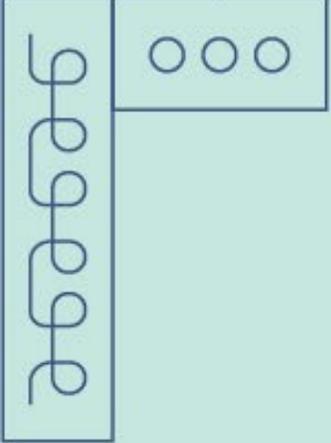
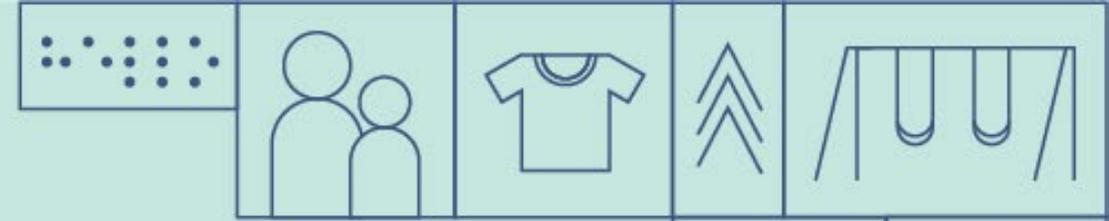
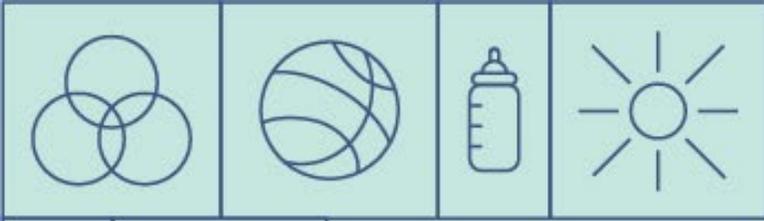
01. Provide leadership & coordination
02. Promote family engagement & consumer education
03. Provide stable child care financial assistance
04. Ensure equal access to child care
05. Establish standards to ensure health and safety
06. Recruit and retain a qualified workforce
07. Support continuous quality improvement
08. Ensure grantee accountability

# CCDF Administrator Relationships and Responsibilities

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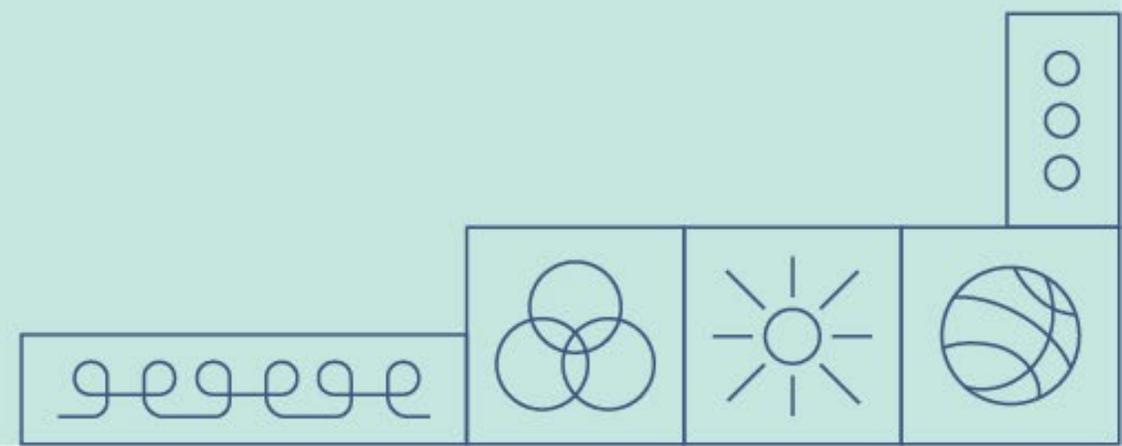
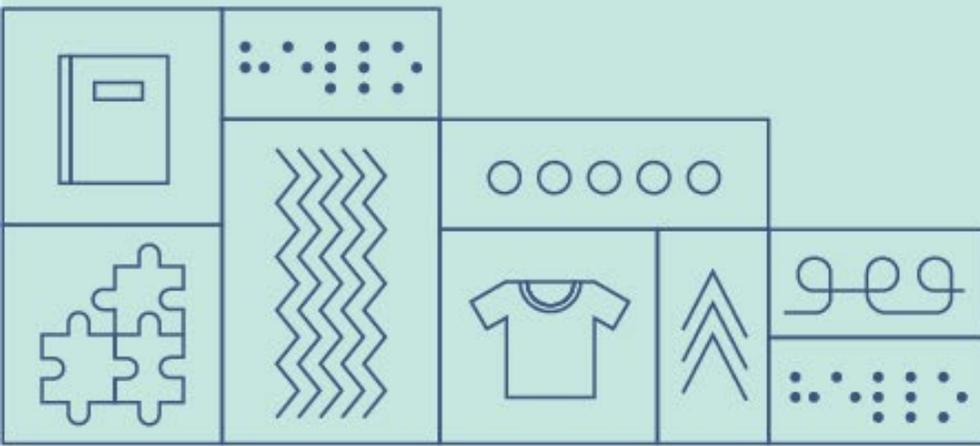






# Relief Funding

Past, Present, and Future



# Voices from the Field

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*“Funds to offset costs to operate business and loss of income due to pandemic.”*

*“Help those that miss work due to COVID both families and employees.”*

*“Waive licensing fees. Help stay open. Help start-up.”*

*“Trainings, support, resources.”*

*“There are so many different places we have to go for information. It would be nice if everything was just in one place.”*



## Direct Provider Supports

### **HERO Relief Provider Funding:**

- 8,093 child care programs
- \$11,371,411

### **Sustainability Grants – Round 1:**

- 3,171 child care programs
- \$43,590,000

### **Sustainability Grants – Round 2:**

- 3,522 child care programs
- \$47,560,000

### **Sustainability Grants – Round 3: *Currently available!***

- 3,429 child care programs applied in March
- \$160,000,000+ total available over 14 months

### **Child Care Appreciation Bonus: *Coming soon!***





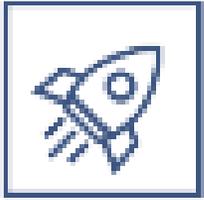
# Sustainability Grants

Currently Available

**Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis from  
March 1 – November 30, 2022**

## **Funding amounts available for the initial nine months:**

- Family/Group child care homes: **\$1,800 per month**
- Other child care programs (centers, preschools, head start, school age programs, and drop-in care):
  - Licensed capacity 24 or less children: **\$3,600 per mo.**
  - Licensed capacity between 25-99 children: **\$9,000 per mo.**
  - Licensed capacity 100+ children: **\$18,000 per mo.**



# Start-up Supports

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## **Child Care Health Consultant Network:**

- Impact Grants (Aug. 2020 – Oct. 2021)
- Tiered supports *available now* through partnership with Child Care Aware of Kansas & Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE)

## **Coverage of Background Checks & Licensing Fees:**

- Issued directly through KDHE
- Available through September 2023

## **Improvement on Fingerprinting Access:**

- A joint effort between DCF & KDHE

## **Community Partnerships:**

- Local and regional engagement to enable communities to plan for and address child care needs
- *Community grants to be available soon!*





# Quality Improvement Support

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## **Program Administration Support:**

- Supports *available now* through Child Care Aware of Kansas with over 230 current participants
- Grants and peer learning opportunities

## **Child Care Quality Improvement & Support:**

- Links to Quality Implementation – Voluntary Quality Improvement System
- Shared Services Networks – Opportunity to leverage services and needed services

## **Shared Resource Platform: *Coming Soon!***

- Online catalogue of templates and resources to support child care providers and programs
- Connection to telehealth & teletherapy services





# Workforce Supports

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## **Increased Professional Development & Scholarships:**

- Includes In-Service Training, Higher Education, Child Development Associate Credential
- *Available* through Kansas Child Care Training Opportunities

## **Mental Health Technical Assistance:**

- Available through Infant-Toddler Specialist Network (ITSN)
- Fostering a strong understanding of social-emotional development of young children

## **Supporting Children with Disabilities Technical Assistance:**

- Available through Infant-Toddler Specialist Network (ITSN)
- Focused on building collaboration for supporting and understanding inclusive environments

**Workforce Registry:** *Coming Soon!*





# General Systems Improvement & Support

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## Marketing & Outreach:

- Mammoth Creative Co.
- Sharing information related to child care generally in Kansas and relief funded initiatives

## Backbone Support:

- Provide administrative and strategic support to the DCF Pandemic Relief Program Team





# Family Supports

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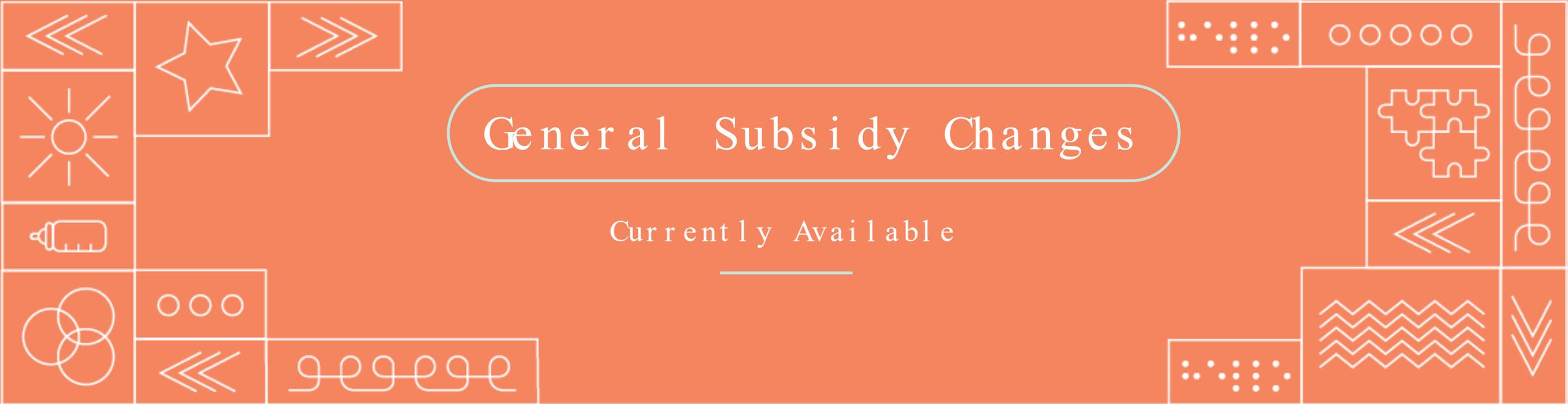
## **HERO Relief Program:**

- Raised income limit to 250% of the Federal Poverty Level
- Removed family share deduction for essential workers

## **Family Needs & Preference Study: *Coming Soon!***

- Help us understand the drivers behind low participation in DCF child care assistance.
- Survey of families and child care providers



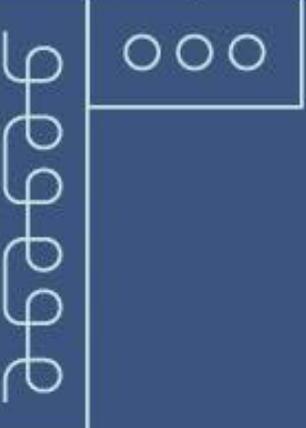


# General Subsidy Changes

Currently Available

- Raised income limit from 185% to 250% of the Federal Poverty Level
- Child care benefits determined using blocks of time based on the calculated hours of care needed per month

- Removed the family share deduction for all families with income at or below 100% and reduced it for all other families
- Increased the maximum rates to the 85th percentile for all age groupings



# Thank you!

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Stay connected

Follow-up opportunities

New webpage and feedback form



# UPCOMING MEETINGS AND BRIGHT SPOTS

Future agenda items

**\*\*Bright Spots – Panel members are invited to share\*\***

Upcoming Meetings (all via Zoom):

- Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund meeting – Friday, June 3, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Early Childhood Stakeholders Group meeting – Friday, June 3, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
- Early Childhood Recommendations Panel, Friday, June 17, 9:00-11:30 a.m.





# Adjourn

