

Child Care and Development Fund State Plan

Summary of Changes

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Section 1.5.3.

CCDF Reporting Requirements. A new section has been added to the plan to address how Lead Agencies ensure adequate personnel, resources systems, internal controls, and other components necessary for meeting CCDF reporting requirements. Please see this section of the plan that outlines the fiscal, data and error rate controls and procedures in place.

Section 1.7

Improper payments. Additional information has been added addressing SRS's use of data to provide reports and data matching opportunities that allow for the identification of possible improper payments. Technology within the EBT system also enables the agency to restore child care benefits when needed and expunge benefits that have become inactive.

Section 2.1

Consultation and Coordination. Child Care Providers Together has joined SRS and KDHE as a new partner in promoting child care and early education within the state. A signed agreement between the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees-Child Care Providers Together Kansas and SRS and KDHE was established February 29, 2009. This agreement is a result of the Governor's Executive Order No. 07-21 that instructs the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Secretary of the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) to recognize the Union as the exclusive majority representative of all persons who are registrants and licensees of family day care homes, licensed day care homes and group day care homes.

2.1.2

Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan for Child Care and Early Childhood

Programs. A new section has been added to address emergency preparedness for child care and early childhood programs operating in the state. A copy of the agency's Disaster Response Guidelines can be found in attachment 2.1.1 at the end of the state plan document. Additional planning will be needed to address core functions specific to child care and early childhood programs.

3.2.7

A description of the new features to the EBT system is provided. These include web portals for the agency, provider and cardholder.

- Provider portal – providers may log in and view and print their EBT deposits, view and update their provider information, read EBT news and documentation, and view and print the EBT provider agreement.
- Cardholder portal – parents can log in and view their current balances, see transaction history, and make child care payments to their providers.
- Agency portal – selected agency staff can log in view and print information relative to case maintenance and monitoring of the use of benefits.

5.2

Early Learning Guidelines available on CD. Kansas Early Learning Guidelines (KELGs) were finalized, printed and initial distribution occurred. The Agency staff presented at state conferences and meetings with state early childhood stakeholders, Kansas Early Head Start directors and child care practitioners. The statewide resource and referral network trainers incorporate the KELGs into a two-part community-based provider training. Plans are underway to develop a modified version of the KELGs aimed specifically at parents and families. The Kansas State Department of Education is working with elementary school teachers, school districts and school administration on implementing the KELGs. The KELGs span children birth to age five. A second printing has been completed and the latest version of the KELGs includes new sections describing Kansas Early Learning Standard, and crosswalks for the Head Start Performance Standards and Creative Curriculum. Copies and CDs are being distributed.

5.2.5

Professional Development. The Lead Agency convened a professional development steering committee and larger stakeholder meetings representing a broad range of child care and early education professionals interested in the professional development. Meetings were held approximately every other month throughout the calendar year of 2008, using the NCCIC toolkit and planning documents. A draft of the groups' collective planning documents is pending at this time.