Agenda

• FY16 Final Budget & Appropriations
• President’s FY17 Proposed Budget
• Every Student Succeeds Act
• Child Nutrition Reauthorization
• Head Start Reauthorization
• CCDBG & CCDF State Plan
• Upcoming Events
FY16 Spending Bill

- Passed in December
- Funding for Early Childhood Programs:
  - $326m increase for CCDBG
  - $570m increase for Head Start
  - $250m for Preschool Development Grants
  - $15m increase for IDEA Part B Preschool Grant
  - $20m increase for IDEA Part C for Infants and Families
President Obama’s FY17 Budget Request

• Requesting $19.5 billion for early ed.
  – Preschool Development Grant: $350m
  – CCDBG:
    • $2.96b in discretionary spending
  – Head Start: $9.6b
Every Student Succeeds Act

- Increase collaboration between the early ed. and K-12 systems
- Limit suspensions and expulsions
- Series of literacy grants
- Preschool Development Grants
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Child Nutrition Reauthorization

• Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) provides healthy food to kids
• Improving Child Nutrition Integrity and Access Act of 2016
  – Extra snack (9+ hours)
  – Expands eligibility
Head Start

• Overdue for reauthorization
• Assists with school-readiness
• Long-term benefits
  – Decreased likelihood of teenage pregnancy
  – Increased likelihood of high school graduation
  – decreased likelihood of involvement in the juvenile/criminal justice systems
CCDBG

- Child Care and Development Block Grant was reauthorized in 2014
  1. Promote the health & safety of children in child care
  2. Help parents make informed consumer choices & access information to support child development
  3. Provide equal access to stable, high quality child care for low-income children
  4. Enhance the quality of child care and the early childhood workforce
CCDF State Plan: Income Eligibility

- State plan references 162% of FPL
- Governor agreed to increase eligibility to families below 185% of FPL once a budget is passed
- Unclear whether IDHS will return to 185% of FPL
Eligibility

• CCDBG requires a 12 month eligibility period
  – Exceptions: income increases over 85% SMI or if a non-temporary disruption in employment, education, or job training occurs
  – 3 month transition period
• PIC: eligible families are approved for a minimum of 12 months
Eligibility

– IDHS:
  • 9 month check-in
  • Medical or parental leave exceeding 90 days
Homelessness

• Children experiencing homelessness
  – PIC:
    • 90 day grace period to gather necessary paperwork
  – IDHS:
    • Priority group by September
    • Categorically eligible
Discipline Policy

• Suspension & Expulsion Policy
  – PIC:
    • “propose to prohibit expulsion and limit the use of suspensions for children age birth to preschool for providers who receive CCDF funds”
  – IDHS:
    • “Under consideration”
    • Convene a work group
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Monitoring / Inspections

• Monitoring
  – PIC:
    • No monitoring of relative providers
    • Too burdensome
  – IDHS:
    • Policy to be determined
Market Rates

• Equal access
  – Providers accepting CCAP should be paid at 75% of the market rate
  – Illinois is not in compliance in most regions of the state
Upcoming Events

• Feb. 17: Governor Rauner’s Budget Address
• Feb. 24: IAFC webinar on Budget Address
• Mar. 1: Illinois State Plan where IDHS lays out the implementation of the CCDF rules is due to HHS
• March 8-9: Spring into Action
  – For more information and to register, visit our website
• May 5: IAFC Rally Day

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