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Early Childhood State Policy Update

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State Policy Update

- 🍃 State Budget Update
- 🍃 IAFC Policy Priorities
 - 📄 Status of legislation
- 🍃 Other legislative initiatives impacting the field and working families

State Budget Update

- 🍃 Illinois has been without a full state budget for almost 2 years
 - 📄 \$12.6 billion backlog of bills (Office of the Comptroller, 3/24/17)
- 🍃 FY16-17 stopgap expired December 31
 - 📄 IDHS Home Visiting programs are among several vital services without funding
- 🍃 Senate “Grand Bargain” negotiations
- 🍃 Governor Rauner did not mention the FY17 budget in his budget address

FY2018 State Budget

In Governor Rauner's budget address, he proposed a budget that prioritizes many services for children and families, while also eliminating other critical programs

- Increases in child care and other early childhood services
- Eliminates funding for Teen REACH, Autism Project, and more

Governor's budget is between \$4.6 - \$7.2 billion out of balance

- Estimated revenue between \$32.4 and \$32.7 billion
- Governor's recommended budget spends \$37.3 billion
 - \$4.6 billion shortfall
 - Recommended budget is based on estimated savings that would have to be passed by General Assembly
- If GA does not enact those changes, FY18 spending would actually be \$39.7 billion
 - \$7.2 billion out of balance

FY2018 Proposed Budget

Program	FY16 Actual (GRF)	FY17 Estimated (GRF)	FY18 Proposed (GRF)
Child Care	\$328.1M	\$400.0M	\$548.3M
Early Intervention	\$87.0M	\$92.7M	\$96.7M
Home Visiting			\$16.9M
Early Childhood Block Grant	\$318.8M	\$393.7M	\$443.7M
Bilingual Education	\$63.7M	\$63.7M	\$102.1M

Adequate Funding for Comprehensive ECE System

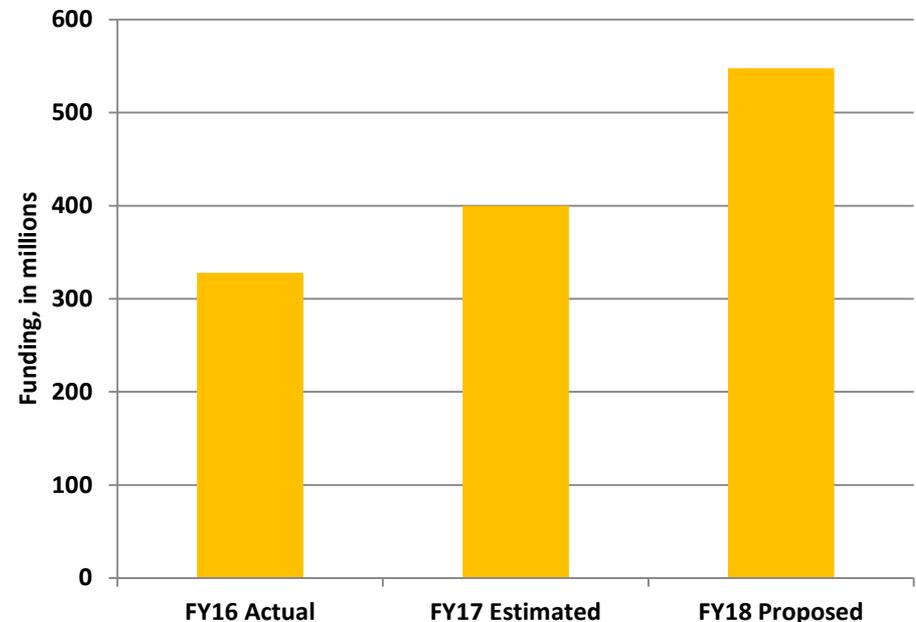
Child Care Assistance Program

IAFC Request: **\$151.3 million**
increase in GRF

FY18 Budget Proposal:

- **\$548.3 million GRF**
- Restores eligibility to June 2015 guidelines
- Implementation of CCDBG requirements, including 12-month eligibility
- IDHS anticipates average caseloads to be 140,000
- Aligns with IAFC request

Child Care Funding



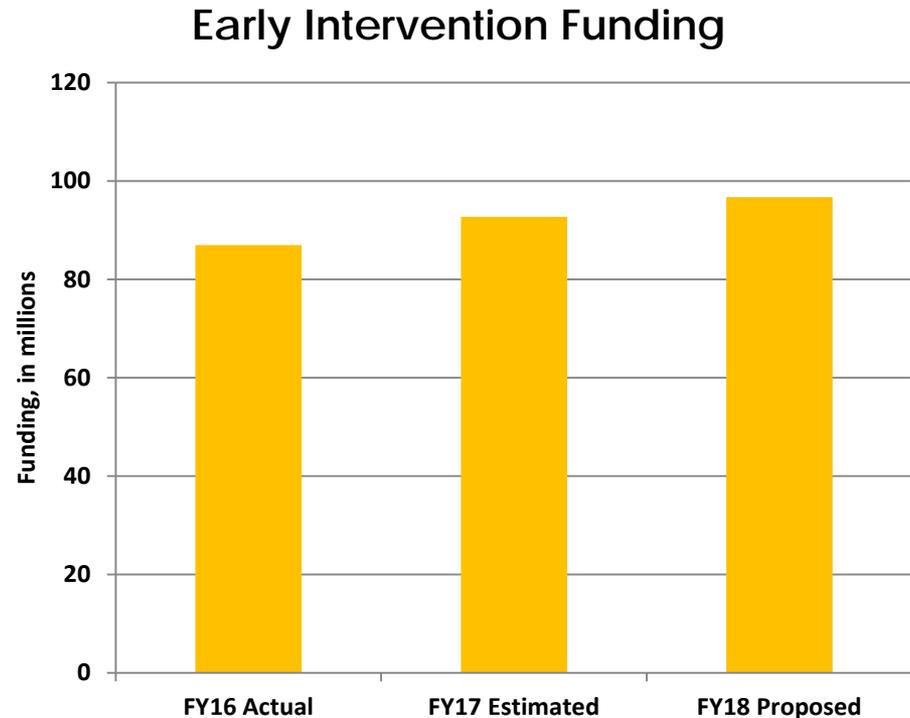
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Early Intervention

IAFC Request: **\$96.7 million GRF**

FY18 Budget Proposal:

- **\$96.7 million GRF**
- \$4 million increase to meet growing needs of children
- Aligns with IAFC request



Adequate Funding for Comprehensive ECE System

Home Visiting

IDHS Home Visiting programs have been paid on and off over the past 2 years, despite having contracts and continuing to deliver services

- 🍃 Not included in court order or consent decree
- 🍃 Received payments through FY17 stopgap measure

IAFC Request: \$16.9 million GRF

FY18 Budget Proposal:

- 🍃 **\$16.9 million GRF**
- 🍃 Funding remains flat from last appropriation
- 🍃 Aligns with IAFC request

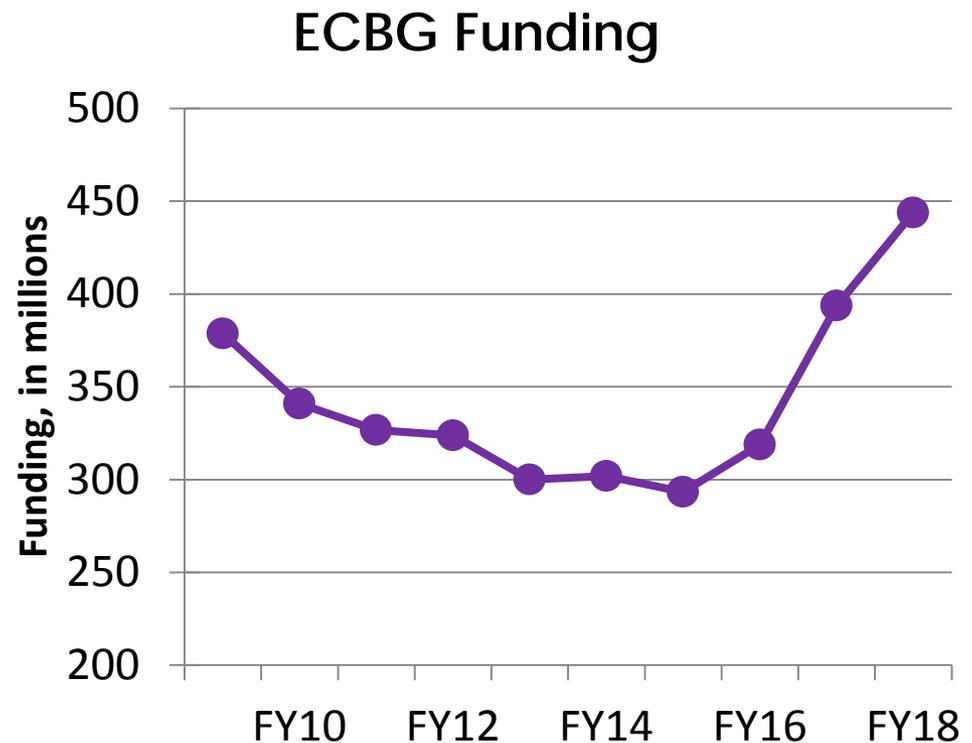
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Early Childhood Block Grant

IAFC Request: **\$50 million increase in GRF**

FY18 Budget Proposal:

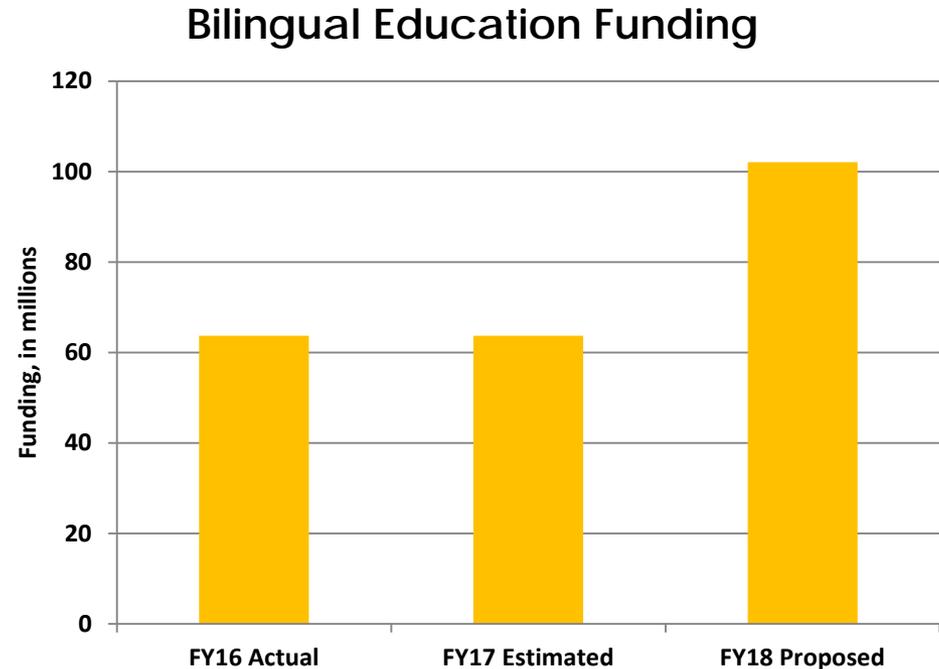
- **\$443.7 million GRF**
- Meets our federal Preschool Development Grant obligations
- Governor reports anticipated additional 6,630 pre-k slots
- Aligns with IAFC request



Adequate Funding for Comprehensive ECE System

Bilingual Education

- IAFC Request: **\$102.1 million GRF**
- FY18 Budget Proposal:
 - \$102.1 million GRF**
 - \$38 million increase after years of decreased and flat funding
 - Aligns with IAFC request



Revenue

- 🍃 Governor's proposed budget will not be possible without additional revenue
 - 📊 \$4-7 billion shortfall
- 🍃 We must continue to advocate for revenue
- 🍃 State has many revenue options to explore

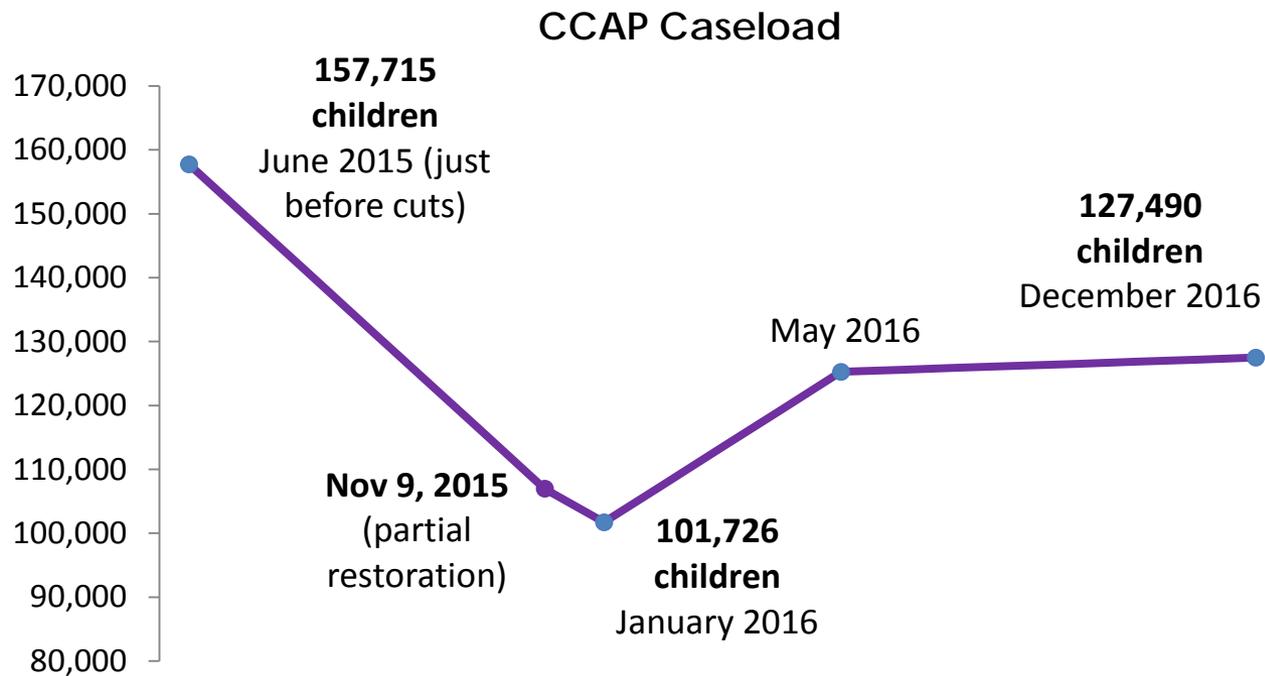
Policy Priorities



Restore Access to CCAP

July 2015 restrictions to CCAP created lasting effects

Serving 30,000 fewer children almost 2 years later



Source: IL Department of Human Services

Restore Access to CCAP

- Two populations remain ineligible for CCAP
 - Families earning between 162-185% FPL
 - Parents enrolled full-time in non-TANF education or training program
- Governor Rauner has previously committed to restoring income eligibility back to 185% FPL when the state has a budget
 - IAFC advocacy for this piece of restoration will continue to take shape in our persistent advocacy for a responsible budget

Restore Access to CCAP

HB3213 (Wallace) – SB1705 (Hutchinson)

- 🍃 Adds parents enrolled in non-TANF education and training programs to priority populations
 - 📌 Restores access to CCAP for around 4,000 children (2,700 families)
 - 📌 Protects these families against similar restrictions in the future
- 🍃 Out of committee in both chambers
 - 📌 You have the opportunity to talk to your legislators about this critical bill tomorrow at the Capitol!

Support Early Childhood & K-12 Alignment & Partnerships

HJR24 (Willis)

- 🍃 Creates Kindergarten Transition Advisory Committee
- 🍃 Committee will develop legislative framework to encourage alignment between early childhood and K-12
- 🍃 Encourage best practices for supporting transitions, such as:
 - 🍃 Shared professional development opportunities
 - 🍃 Data collection and data sharing
 - 🍃 Family engagement
- 🍃 Currently in House Education committee

Prevent Expulsions in Early Childhood Settings

- 🍃 National research shows preschool children are expelled at more than 3 times the rate of K-12 students (Department of Education, 2014)
 - 🍃 Children expelled during preschool years are more likely to be expelled in later grades
- 🍃 Boys 3.5 times more likely to be expelled than girls (Gilliam, 2005)
- 🍃 African American children 2 times more likely to be expelled than white and Latino peers (Gilliam, 2005)
- 🍃 2002 Unmet Needs study in Chicago found high rate of expulsion in infant toddler programs, with 40% of child care providers asking children to leave for social-emotional and behavioral issues

Prevent Expulsions in Early Childhood Settings

HB2663 (Stratton) – SB1557 (Lightford)

- Amended 2016 language based on provider feedback
- The goal of HB2663/SB1557 is to ensure early childhood programs engage in best practices in their disciplinary actions by prohibiting the use of expulsions
 - Planned transitions after documenting attempts at intervention are not considered expulsions
- The bill also puts in place a system to track transitions due to child behavior, providing data to better understand the issue and identify the need for additional resources

Prevent Expulsions in Early Childhood Settings

HB2663/SB1557 would apply to:

- 🌿 School- and community-based early childhood programs receiving Early Childhood Block Grant funds from ISBE
- 🌿 Licensed child care centers and homes serving children birth to five
 - 📌 DCFS would adopt rules aligned with requirements outlined in bill

When a child exhibits consistently challenging behaviors, the bill asks ECE providers to make (and document) adequate attempts to address child's needs

- 🌿 Communication with and participation of family
- 🌿 Intervention plan and strategies, including the use of or attempts to access available external resources
- 🌿 Instances where child is ultimately transitioned out of program

Prevent Expulsions in Early Childhood Settings

- 🍃 HB2663 out of House Education committee
 - 🗳️ Talk to your Representative about supporting it on the House Floor tomorrow!
- 🍃 SB1557 in Senate Education committee

Action Steps

- 🍃 Capitol visit tomorrow
- 🍃 Attend my session tomorrow to get more in-depth talking points
 - 📄 ECE bills
 - 📄 Revenue
- 🍃 Upcoming events
 - 📄 Early Childhood Advocacy Day (May 9)
 - 📄 Statewide Public Policy Caucus (June 22)

Questions?

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