

## **CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND: STATE POLICY DECISIONS**

### **ELIGIBILITY POLICIES**

- Income eligibility levels for current recipients and/or new applicants.
- Income eligibility entry level lower than that at the exit level.
- Selected populations, e.g., older school age children, parents attending school.
- All eligible or a waiting list

#### **ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION**

- Number of income exemptions allowed when determining income.
- Assets counted, e.g., car or savings account, when determining income.
- Income of client only all family members, e.g., teen parents living with parents.

#### **ELIGIBILITY LIMITATIONS**

- Certifying care for only the hours needed for approved activities or provision for transportation time.
- Certifying child care assistance while the parent is in job search.
- Number of months parent can retain eligibility while in job search after a job loss.

#### **ELIGIBILITY PERIODS**

- Number of months before redetermination required.
- Amount of change in income that requires reporting/redetermination.

### **COPAYMENT LEVELS**

- Amount of parent co-pays.
- Amount of income that triggers an increase/decrease in copay.
- Co-payment per child or per family.

### **MAXIMUM PAYMENT RATE POLICIES**

- Relationship of payment rates to child care prices in community.
- Tiering payment rates to incentivize quality, service to hard-to-reach populations, etc.
- Rates allowed: full-time, part-time (number of hours), only hourly.
- Allowance of pay for non-attendance, e.g., illness, vacations, holidays.
- Provider ability to charge parent usual charges above the maximum payment rate.

### **MIX OF VOUCHERS AND CONTRACTS**

- Determination if there are targeted populations better served with contracts than vouchers.

### **INVESTMENT IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSUMER EDUCATION**

- Level of investment in infrastructure needed:
  - Licensing
  - Registry
  - CCRR&R
  - QRIS
- Training, technical assistance, and support:
  - Facility level
  - Workforce member level
- Level of incentives and rewards.
- Level of parent support and engagement.