



Quality Indicators

Increased Focus on Data and Performance Measurement

- Report and track information about:
 - How are States using their CCDF quality dollars?
 - What are quantifiable outputs of these efforts?
 - Are these efforts effective in improving program quality and practitioner qualifications?
 - Are these efforts effective in improving child and family outcomes?
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Constraints

- Flexibility under CCDF block grant results in significant variation in policy and practice across States
 - Gaps in data availability and lack of uniformity across States
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New 3 Step Planning and Reporting Process for CCDF Quality Activities

- A self-assessment on current quality improvement activities
 - Goal-setting for quality improvement in the upcoming biennium
 - Reporting back on progress at the end of each fiscal year through a new Quality Performance Report
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Reporting on 4 Types of Quality Activities

- Licensing and health & safety standards
 - Early learning guidelines
 - Program quality improvement activities, including quality rating and improvement systems (QRIS)
 - Professional development and workforce initiatives
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Information Requested in Proposed Plan (at beginning of biennium)

- Identify types of data collected by the State
 - Describe State-specific performance measures
 - Describe plans for evaluation
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Information Requested in New Quality Performance Report (after each year)

- Key data on results of quality activities (if available)—standard across all States
 - E.g., for Program Quality Improvement (QRIS): # of programs receiving on-site TA; # of programs receiving financial support, etc.
 - Status on meeting State-specific performance measure targets
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Looking to the Future

- Move from solely measuring outputs to measuring quality outcomes and child/family outcomes
 - Establish greater national consistency on data and measures
 - Develop new national measures for CCDF (Government Performance and Results Act)
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How Can You Help?

- Help States plan for improved data, performance measurement and evaluation
 - Identify good performance measures
 - Identify data elements that should be tracked
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If you would like to comment on the proposed Plan and Quality Performance Report

- Copies available at:
www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb
 - Comments due – November 23rd
 - E-Mail address: infocollection@acf.hhs.gov
 - All comments should be identified by the title of the information collection
 - *Title:* Child Care and Development Fund Plan for States/Territories for FFY 2012–2013 (ACF–118).
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