

DHS - DIVISION OF CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (0772)  
FISCAL YEAR 2014 & 2015 - EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

The Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education was created within the Department of Human Services to accommodate a Transfer of the Early Childhood Commission and the admin. of the Arkansas Better Chance Program from the Department of Ed. The Division also replaced the Child Care Facility Review Board and became the entity responsible for child care facilities in the State. The Division has 6 sections, including one administrative section, Compliance Unit, Program Development, Family Support, Special Nutrition, and Child Care Licensing.

**TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET**

The total budget is \$137,969,767 the first year and \$142,728,636 the second year.

**FUNDING SOURCES**

The budget is funded by general revenues (5%), federal funds (93%), and child care provider license fees (3%).

**II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES**

- The **Child Care Development - Discretionary** appropriation, funded by Federal Revenues, provides Base Level of \$21,469,372 each year with Change Levels \$4,250,000 in FY14 and \$4,000,000 in FY15 for a total appropriation of \$25,719,372 in FY14 and \$25,469,372 in FY15, which includes:
  1. Grants and Aid increased by \$4,000,000 each year to accommodate growth in the federal voucher program to provide child care services.
  2. Child Care Dev-Discretionary American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) increased by \$250,000 in FY14 only for remaining ARRA funds to complete a program developing an early childhood asset mapping system and improving the Traveling Arkansas Professional Pathways registry.
- The **Child Care Food Program** appropriation, funded by Federal Revenues, provides Base Level of \$52,291,250 each year with Change Levels of \$7,000,000 in FY14 and \$12,000,000 in FY15 for a total appropriation of \$59,291,250 in FY14 and \$64,291,250 in FY15, which includes:
  1. Grants and Aid increased by \$7,000,000 in FY14 and \$12,000,000 in FY15 to be used for the Special Nutrition Program with the goal of increasing meals to children in Arkansas.
- The **Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education Operations** appropriation, funded by General, Federal and Other Revenues, provides Base Level of \$18,817,378 in FY14 and \$18,826,247 in FY15 with Change Levels of \$4,323,574 each year for a total appropriation of \$23,140,952 in FY14

and \$23,149,821 in FY15, which includes:

1. Regular Salaries/Personal Services Matching increased by \$223,574 each year to transfer a total of five (5) positions from other Divisions.
  2. Operating Expenses increased by \$100,000 each year to accommodate the growth of mandated criminal background checks to absorb the steady increase of cost and number of annually completed background checks.
  3. Professional Fees increased by \$4,000,000 each year to procure professional consultant contracts for the development of a biometrics time and attendance system that will assist with the integrity of the voucher program by reducing fraud and overpayments, administrative cost for both the Division and the provider community and promoting increased safety for the State of Arkansas children.
- The **Child Care Grants** appropriation, funded by General, Federal and Special Revenues, provides Base Level of \$27,630,656 each year with Change Levels of \$2,000,000 each year for a total appropriation of \$29,630,656 each year, which includes:
    1. Grants and Aid increased by \$2,000,000 each year to accommodate growth in the federal voucher program for child care services.
  - The **Child Care Loan Guarantee and Loan** appropriation, funded by Cash Funds, provides Base Level of \$187,537 each year with no Change Levels for a total appropriation of \$187,537 each year of the biennium.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS**

Total Budgeted Positions for FY2013: 187

Total Positions for FY2014: 192

Total Positions for FY2015: 192

Increase(Decrease): 5

\* 4 Positions transferred from DCFS

\* 1 Position transferred from DDS

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

NONE