

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

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 AUTHORIZED

The total budget for FY2015 is \$142,968,136.

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 a total Base Level appropriation of \$25,469,372 with no change level requests.
- The **Child Care Food Program** appropriation, funded by Federal Revenues, provides a total appropriation of \$64,291,250 with change level requests of \$5,000,000, which includes:
 1. Grants and Aid increased by \$5,000,000 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 a total Base Level appropriation of \$23,292,966 with \$96,355 change level requests for a total appropriation of \$23,389,321, which includes:
 1. Regular Salaries increased by \$70,211 and Personal Services Matching increased by \$26,144 for position transfers.
- The **Child Care Grants** appropriation, funded by General, Federal and Special Revenues, provides a total Base Level appropriation of \$29,630,656 with no change level requests.
- The **Child Care Loan Guarantee and Loan** appropriation, funded by Cash Funds, provides a total Base Level appropriation of \$187,537 with no change level requests.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total Positions for FY2014: 192

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Increase(Decrease): 2

+2 Net Positions transferred from other Divisions

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

NONE