

DHS - DIVISION OF CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (0772)  
FY2016

As Enacted by Act 984 of 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 APPROPRIATION**

The total appropriation is \$179,853,539 in FY2016.

**FUNDING SOURCES**

The budget is funded by general revenues (5%), federal funds (93%), and other funding (3%).

**II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS**

**The following changes occurred in the Grants - Federal appropriation:**

- The **Child Care Development Discretionary** line item, funded by Federal Revenues - \$28,469,372
  - Increase of \$3 million for growth in the federal voucher program providing childcare services for working families and improves quality of care for all children
- The **Child Care Food Program** line item, funded by Federal Revenues - \$94,291,250, including:
  - Increase of \$30 million 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 \$23,841,398 in FY2016 with an increase of \$520,882:
  - Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching increase of \$339,192 and \$124,190, respectively, for the restoration of 9 positions.
  - Conference & Travel increase of \$50,000 for staff participation in mandated training and conferences for USDA Nutrition Programs
  - Professional Fees increase of \$7,500 due to cost associated with an increasing number of background checks for licensed childcare facilities' personnel
- The **Child Care Grants** appropriation, funded by General,

Federal and Special Revenues - \$33,130,656 including:  
- Increase of \$3,500,000 for growth in the federal voucher program (\$3 million) and the award of a grant from the Kellogg Foundation (\$500,000)

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total FY2015 Authorized Positions: 203)**

Total Authorized Positions for FY2016: 203

Total Base Level Positions for FY2015: 194

Increase/(Decrease) over Base Level: 9

Extra Help Positions FY2016: 13 (Total FY2015 Extra Help: 13)

Increase in budgeted from authorized is due to the restoration of 9 positions from a transfer from the Miscellaneous Federal Grant Holding Account.

Reclassification of one position from Agency Fiscal Manager (C121) to DCCECE Education Manager (C121)

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

NONE