The CCDF Policies Database

New Data on Cross-State Variations in Child Care Subsidy Policies

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This Presentation

1. Key facts about CCDF
2. Description of the CCDF Policies Database
3. Uses of the Database
4. Some findings on cross-state variations
5. How to access the data
6. Upcoming data releases
What is CCDF?

• Child Care and Development Fund
• Federal funding for child care subsidies for lower-income families
• 1.7 million children had CCDF-subsidized child care in the average month of FY 2009

• Federal legislation provides the framework
• Each state / territory establishes specific policies
The CCDF Policies Database Project

- Detailed information on CCDF policies
- Information on all 50 states, D.C., territories and outlying areas
- Captures changes across time
- Captures key within-state variation
- Data collected mainly from states’ policy manuals
- Very similar process to the Welfare Rules Database (WRD), an ACF-funded database of TANF policies
CCDF Policies Database Process

**Collect Materials**
- State policy manuals
- Manual updates issued by states
- Biennial CCDF Plans and amendments to Plans

**Code Materials**
- Policy manuals
- Policy updates
- Select CCDF Plan information

**Prepare Tables**
- Selected policies from the database
- Policies in effect on October 1st of each year

**Verify Data**
- Provide draft tables to states
- Work with state staff to verify data

**Release Data**
- Yearly Book of Tables
- Data files
Information in the Database

- Eligibility requirements
- Application and reporting information
- Priority and waiting list policies
- Copayments
- Reimbursement rates and provider policies
Uses of the Database

• Descriptive analysis, using the Database information alone

• Analysis combining the Database information with other datasets or tools
Descriptive Uses

• One state at one point in time

• Changes across time

• Cross-state comparisons

   Examples....
Age Requirement for Children with Special Needs
October 1, 2009

Maximum Age for Child with Special Needs

- 12
- 14
- 15
- 17
- 18
- 20

For full details, see the CCDF Policies Database.
*Policies coded for New York City.
Eligible Activities: Job Search
October 1, 2009

If Job Search is an Eligible Activity:
- Not eligible
- Yes, only for continuing eligibility
- Yes, for initial and continuing eligibility

For full details, see the CCDF Policies Database.
*Policies coded for New York City.
If Different Types of Income are Counted
October 1, 2009

For full details, see the CCDF Policies Database.
Deduction for Child Support Paid
October 1, 2009

Amount of Child Support Paid Outside of Household that is Deducted

- None
- All
- Information not available

For full details, see the CCDF Policies Database.
Initial Eligibility Thresholds for a Three Person Family
October 1, 2009

Monthly Eligibility Threshold

- $1499 > $2000
- $2000 > $2500
- $2500 > $3500
- $3500 - $3927

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*Policies coded for Denver, Colorado.
**Policies coded for the Gulf Coast Region.
***Policies coded for Group III areas.
Continuing Eligibility Thresholds
October 1, 2009

If Thresholds Vary for Initial and Continuing Eligibility

- **No**
- **Yes**

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*Policies coded for Denver, Colorado.
**Policies coded for the Gulf Coast Region.
***Policies coded for Group III areas.
Eligibility periods vary from 1 to 6 months, depending on the stability of income level. For full details, see the CCDF Policies Database.
If Families Are Exempt from Copayments
October 1, 2009

For full details, see the CCDF Policies Database.
Copayments for a Three Person Family with $15,000 in Annual Earnings
October 1, 2009

Monthly Copayment for Three Person Family

- $0 - $25
- $25 - $100
- $100 - $200
- Greater than $200
- Information Not Available

For full details, see the CCDF Policies Database.
*Copayments coded at the local level.
**Copayments based on local level reimbursement rates.
Center Maximum Reimbursement Rates for Toddlers
October 1, 2009

Monthly Reimbursement Rates:
Center, Toddler

- $180 > $400
- $400 > $550
- $550 > $700
- $700 > $1105
- Information Not Available

For full details, see the CCDF Policies Database.
*Rates coded at the local level.
States with Tiered Reimbursement
October 1, 2009

If State Has Tiered Rates for Center Care

- Green: State only uses base rate
- Blue: State has tiered/accredited rates
- Gray: Information not available

For full details, see the CCDF Policies Database.
*Policy based on local level reimbursement rates.
Using the Database with Other Data

- Combined with survey data
  - Explanatory variables for statistical analyses
  - More complete information for microsimulation estimates of CCDF eligibility levels
- Combined with CCDF administrative data
  - Relationship between policies and characteristics of subsidized families
- Prototypical families analysis – Net Income Change Calculator (nicc.urban.org)
Two Ways to Access the Data

1. Book of Tables

2. Detailed Data Files
Book of Tables

• Selected policies from the CCDF Policies Database

• Policies in effect on October 1 of each year

• First Book of Tables shows policies in effect on October 1, 2009
Examples from the 2009 Book of Tables

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### Table 30. Copayment Amounts for a Single Parent with a Two-Year-Old Child in Full-Time Care (Monthly Dollar Amounts)²

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Book of Tables Available from OPRE

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre/cc/ccdf_policies
Detailed Data Files

- Full Database detail (beyond detail provided in Book of Tables)
- Files capture policy changes over time, including date when policies changed
- Files capture key variations within states
- Available as Excel, SAS, Stata, and SPSS files
Detailed Data Files Available from Research Connections

www.researchconnections.org

RESEARCH CONNECTIONS

Topics of Interest

Child Care and Mental Health
Child Care Decision-Making
Child Care Market Rate Surveys
Child Care Subsidies
Coordination and Integration of Early Childhood Services
Data Collection and Analysis
Dual Language Learners

RESEARCH CONNECTIONS

Offering a comprehensive, up-to-date, and easy-to-use collection of more than 18,000 resources from the many disciplines related to child care and early education.

NEW RESEARCH -- Updated Sep 01, 2011

» What are the characteristics and effectiveness of feedback interventions applied in early childhood settings?
» What is the relation between caregiver education and caregiver...
Resource Type: Data Sets

Title: Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Policies Database, 2009

Author(s): Giannarelli, Linda

Date Issued: November, 2011

Alternative Title: CCDF Policies Database 2009


Note: The data are provided in Excel, SPSS, SAS and Stata formats. The documentation is comprised of codebooks (one per dataset) that provide summary statistics, frequencies and variable descriptions and a User Guide that provides a detailed description of the CCDF Policies Database project, Data Files and Book of Tables including general notes and concepts, specific comments on issues with particular datasets and more.

Description: The CCDF Policies Database project is a comprehensive, up-to-date database of inter-related sources of CCDF policy information that support the needs of a variety of audiences through (1) Analytic Data Files and (2) a Book of Tables. These are made available to researchers, administrators, and policymakers with the goal of addressing important questions concerning the effects of alternative child care subsidy policies and practices on the children and families served, specifically parental employment and self-sufficiency, the availability and quality of care, and...
Download--Study No. 32261

Title: Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Policies Database, 2009

This study is provided by Child Care & Early Education Research Connections.

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Coming Soon...

- Late summer 2012: Book of Tables with policies as of October 2011 and October 2010

- Autumn 2012: Full database detail through October 2011 available on Research Connections website
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Additional Cross-State Comparisons
Age Requirements for Most Children
October 1, 2009

Eligibility Threshold
- Children must be younger than 12
- 12
- 12, unless the child turns 13 during the school year
- 13

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*Policies coded for New York City.
Eligible Activities: Education and Training
October 1, 2009

Eligible Education and Training Activities:

- High School/GED, ESL, Job Training and Post-Secondary Education
- High School/GED, ESL and Job Training
- High School/GED, Job Training and Post-Secondary Education
- High School/GED and Job Training
- High School/GED
- None of the Above

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*Policies coded for New York City.
If Various Family Members’ Earnings are Counted
October 1, 2009

For full details, see the CCDF Policies Database.
Verification Requirements
October 1, 2009

For full details, see the CCDF Policies Database.
Priority Policies
October 1, 2009

For full details, see the CCDF Policies Database.
If a Waiting List is Used When Funds are Not Available to Serve All Families

October 1, 2009

For full details, see the CCDF Policies Database. A state may appear on this list as having waiting list policies, even if no family is currently on the waiting list.

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