

Child Care Supplemental Grants: Interview Guide

The Office of Child Care (OCC) holds monthly meetings with Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Lead Agency administrators to provide ongoing technical assistance (TA) and support. To learn more about the success stories, challenges and additional TA needs for the recent child care stabilization grants that were part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), OCC would like to conduct structured interviews during these meetings for the next six months. OCC will use information collected during these interviews to inform technical assistance and support opportunities for CCDF Lead Agencies.

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We would like to ask you a series of questions about how your state has used ARP supplemental funding or how your state plans to use the funding.

For first interview:

1. Please describe how your state is using ARP supplemental funds OR how your state is planning to use funds to support providers, children, and families.
What is your state's timeline?

Notes:

As you are taking notes on their open-ended responses, check the boxes in the table below and follow up as needed. For example, “You said you were using ARP funds to increase provider payment rates, is that change temporary?” If yes, for what time period? Are you using ARP supplemental funding or another funding sources?

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2. Is there anything else are you doing or hoping to see happen with ARP Supplemental that we haven't covered?
Probes: Has your state used funds or plans to use funds to upgrade its data system to increase operational capacity?

3. What are the challenges or roadblocks you are experiencing spending ARP supplemental funds?
a. *(If mentioned) You mentioned legislative challenges, can you tell me a little more about that? What is the legislative schedule?*

4. Is there anything else needed to move forward with the supplemental funding?

For second through sixth interview:

1. Last month you shared that your state was doing [fill in with previous answers] with your ARP funding. Has anything changed in how your state is using ARP supplemental funds and how your state is planning to use funds to support providers, children, and families since we talked last month?

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