

Child Care Stabilization Funds Questions

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 twelve months. OCC will use information collected during these interviews to inform technical assistance and support opportunities for CCDF Lead Agencies.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT OF 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) STATEMENT OF PUBLIC BURDEN: The purpose of this information collection is to help the Office of Child Care (OCC) identify the technical assistance needs to support the implementation of the child care stabilization grants. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per grantee response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and reviewing the collection of information. These questions will be asked at bi-monthly meetings over a 12-month period, so the total estimated time per grantee is 50 minutes. This is a voluntary collection of information. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB # is 0970-0531 and the expiration date is 09/30/2025. If you have any comments on this collection of information, please contact Dawn Ramsburg, Office of Child Care by email at dawn.ramsburg@acf.hhs.gov.

Questions for states that have outlaid less than 100% of funds:

- If the state is currently distributing payments to providers:
 - o When will this round of payments end?
 - o Will this lead to full liquidation of ARP stabilization funds?
 - If not, do you have plans to distribute more payments in the future?
- If the state has plans for future rounds of subgrants:
 - o Do you anticipate this plan leading to full liquidation of the ARP stabilization funds?
 - o When do you anticipate these provider payments will start and end?
- If the state does not have plans for future funding rounds of subgrants:
 - o Do you have concerns with liquidating the remainder of ARP stabilization funds by September 30, 2023?
 - o What technical assistance or other supports would be helpful in spending down these funds?