

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 supplemental funds 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.

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We would like to ask you a few questions about how your state has spent or is planning to spend ARP supplemental funds.

How much of your ARP supplemental funds have been liquidated? As of when?

- a. If less than 100%: Do you have any concerns spending down the funds by September 30, 2024?
- b. If less than 100%: Do you anticipate returning any of the funds?

Payment Practices

Select which initiatives your state has invested in or plans to invest in with ARP supplemental funding. Include how much ARP supplemental funding is allocated for each activity; provide an estimate if not available.

| Activity | Investing? (Yes/No) | Funding Allocated (\$ amount) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Increase provider payment rates | | |
| Paying by enrollment | | |
| Paying prospectively | | |

Wages, Benefits, and Professional Development

Select which initiatives your state has invested in or plans to invest in with ARP supplemental funding. Include how much ARP supplemental funding is allocated for each activity; provide an estimate if not available.

| Activity | Investing? (Yes/No) | Funding Allocated (\$ amount) |
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| Increase wages of child care staff | | |
| Increase benefits of child care staff | | |
| Provide bonuses to child care staff | | |
| Offer Scholarships | | |
| Increase Professional Development opportunities | | |

Supply Building

Are ARP supplemental funds allowing you to engage in new or expanded activities designed to build the supply of child care?

- If yes:
 - Are you targeting any groups/types of care (select all that apply)?
 - Underserved populations
 - Infants/Toddlers
 - Family child care
 - Rural
 - Nontraditional hours
 - How much ARP Supplemental funding is allocated for this activity?

Expanding Access to Child Care Assistance/Direct Services

Select which initiatives your state has invested in or plans to invest in with ARP supplemental funding. Include how much ARP supplemental funding is allocated for each activity; provide an estimate if not available.

| Activity | Investing? (Yes/No) | Funding Allocated (\$ amount) |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Expanding income eligibility | | |
| Providing direct services to children | | |
| Waiving or reducing copayments | | |

Is there anything else you are doing or hoping to do with ARP supplemental funding that we haven't covered?

What technical assistance or other supports would be helpful in spending down ARP supplemental funds?

Optional question if time permits: Are there any recent successes that you'd like to share related to spending ARP supplemental funds?