



Child Development Grants and Parent Aware

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Today's goals:

Provide an overview of the following programs:

- Child Care Facility Grants
- Child Care Resource and Referral Grants
- Child Care Service Development Grants
- Migrant Child Care Grants
- Parent Aware Quality Rating & Improvement System

Child Care Facility Grants (119B.25)

Purpose: to expand and improve child care quality and availability and encourage private investment in child care and early education

Grantee and services offered:

Grantee: First Children's Finance

Services:

- Community engagement to find right-sized solutions to local child care supply needs
- Loans to child care programs
- Business training and technical assistance

Who is served:

- Communities, licensed child care centers and family child care programs

Funding (SFY20):

\$738,579 (State General Fund -- \$163,000; Federal Child Care Development Block Grant -- \$575,579)

Outcomes (SFY20):

- 10 communities resulting in 524 new high quality, affordable child care slots
- 45 child care programs received technical assistance
- 322 early educators participated in business training
- 5 child care programs received loans, totaling \$294,000

Child Care Resource and Referral Grants (119B.19)

Purpose: help families find child care and early education programs, help programs improve their practices, and provide professional development opportunities for the child care workforce

Grantees and services offered

Grantees: Child Care Aware agencies

Services offered:

- Child care information and referrals for families
- Professional development and financial supports for the child care workforce
- Grants to support child care programs
- Parent Aware Quality Rating & Improvement System

Who is served:

- Families, child care and early education programs, the child care workforce

Funding (SFY20):

\$6.913 million (State General Fund -- \$1.007 million; Federal Child Care Development Block Grant -- \$5.906 million)

Outcomes (SFY20):

- Nearly 98,000 unique visitors to ParentAware.org, combined with phone/chat supports
- Over 52,874 child care professionals participated in nearly 2,170 training events offered statewide on over 550 courses. Just under half of these trainings were offered at no cost.
- Over 280 professionals received higher education scholarships and incentives to work in the early childhood field.

Child Care Service Development Grants (119B.21)

Purpose: to provide grants to child care programs to help them improve their quality, meet requirements, and to start up or expand

Grantee and services offered Grantees: Child Care Aware agencies
Services offered: Grants to child care programs to help them

- Improve their quality
- Meet basic health & safety requirements
- Address emergency needs
- Start new programs or expand their programs

Who is served: Licensed and legally unlicensed child care programs

Funding (SFY20): \$1.274 million (State General Fund -- \$250,000; Federal Child Care Development Block Grant -- \$1.024 million)

Outcomes (SFY20):

- 266 child care centers received grants
- 488 family child care providers received grants

Migrant Child Care (256M.50)

Purpose: to help migrant families access quality child care for their children

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| Grantee and services offered | Grantee: Tri-Valley Opportunity Council Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• High quality, culturally appropriate child care services for migrant children in Parent Aware Rated Head Start, child care centers and family child care homes• Transportation for children• Screening and referral to a wide range of community resources |
| Who is served: | Migrant families and their children |
| Funding (SFY20): | \$439,727 (State General Fund -- \$170,000; Federal Social Services Block Grant or Title XX -- \$269,727) |
| Outcomes: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 778 children served in SFY 20 |

Parent Aware Grants (124D.142)

Purpose: to help families find child care and early education programs, help programs improve their practices, and prepare children for school and life

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| Grantees and services offered | Grantees: Child Care Aware agencies, Achieve-Minnesota Center for Professional Development, University of Minnesota Center for Early Education & Development: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One to Four Star Ratings issued to programs voluntarily seeking recognition of quality• ParentAware.org search for families• Recruitment, coaching and grants to help child care programs improve quality |
| Who is served: | Families; children ages birth to 5 and not yet in kindergarten; licensed family child care, licensed centers, and school-based pre-k programs |
| Funding (SFY20): | \$10.25 million (State General Fund -- \$1.75 million; Federal Child Care Development Block Grant: \$8.5 million) |
| Outcomes (SFY20): | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2,821 programs (or 28%) are currently Parent Aware Rated• Just over 57,000 children birth to 5 attend a Parent Aware Rated licensed child care program with 83% attending a Three - or Four-Star Rated program (CY19) |

Parent Aware Linkages

Linked to:

- **Early Learning Scholarships (124D.165)**
 - To accept scholarships, programs must have a Star Rating
- **Child Care Assistance Program (119B.13)**
 - 15% higher rate paid to programs with a Three-Star Rating
 - 20% higher rate paid to programs with a Four-Star Rating

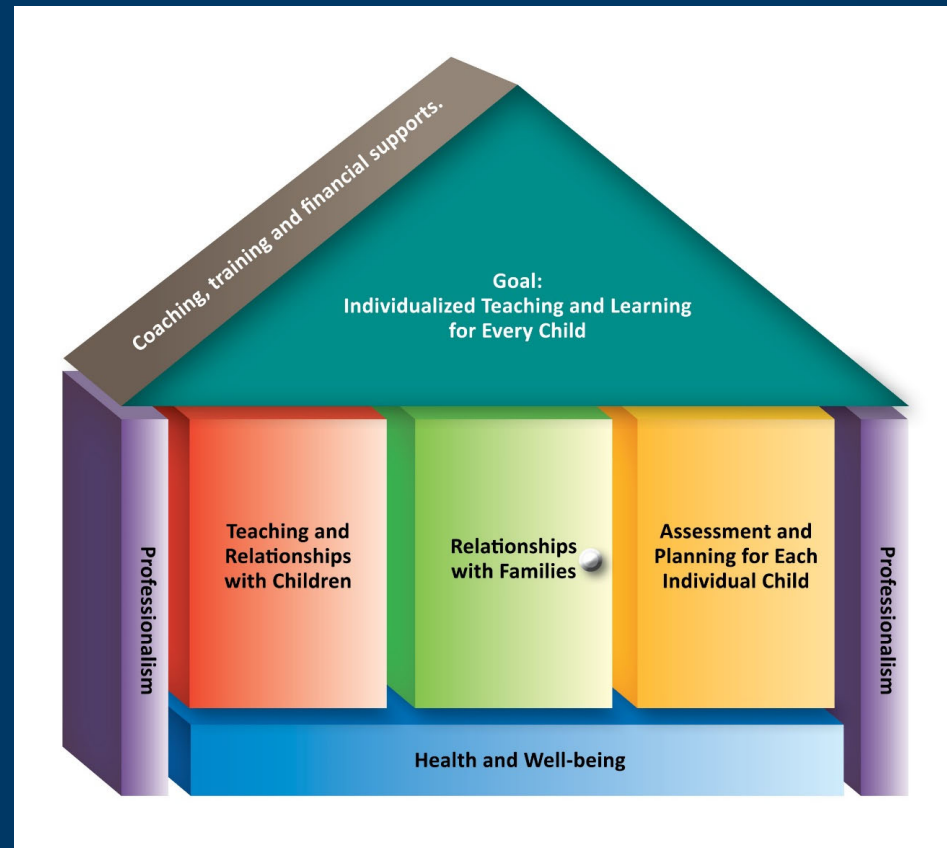
How do programs earn stars?

Flexible Framework:

Standards and Indicators describe best practices

Programs have flexibility in how they demonstrate quality

Programs show how they meet the Standards in the House Framework



Coaching, grants and training

The child care providers I work with are awesome and I get to help them illuminate that, really show them all the wonderful things they're doing!"



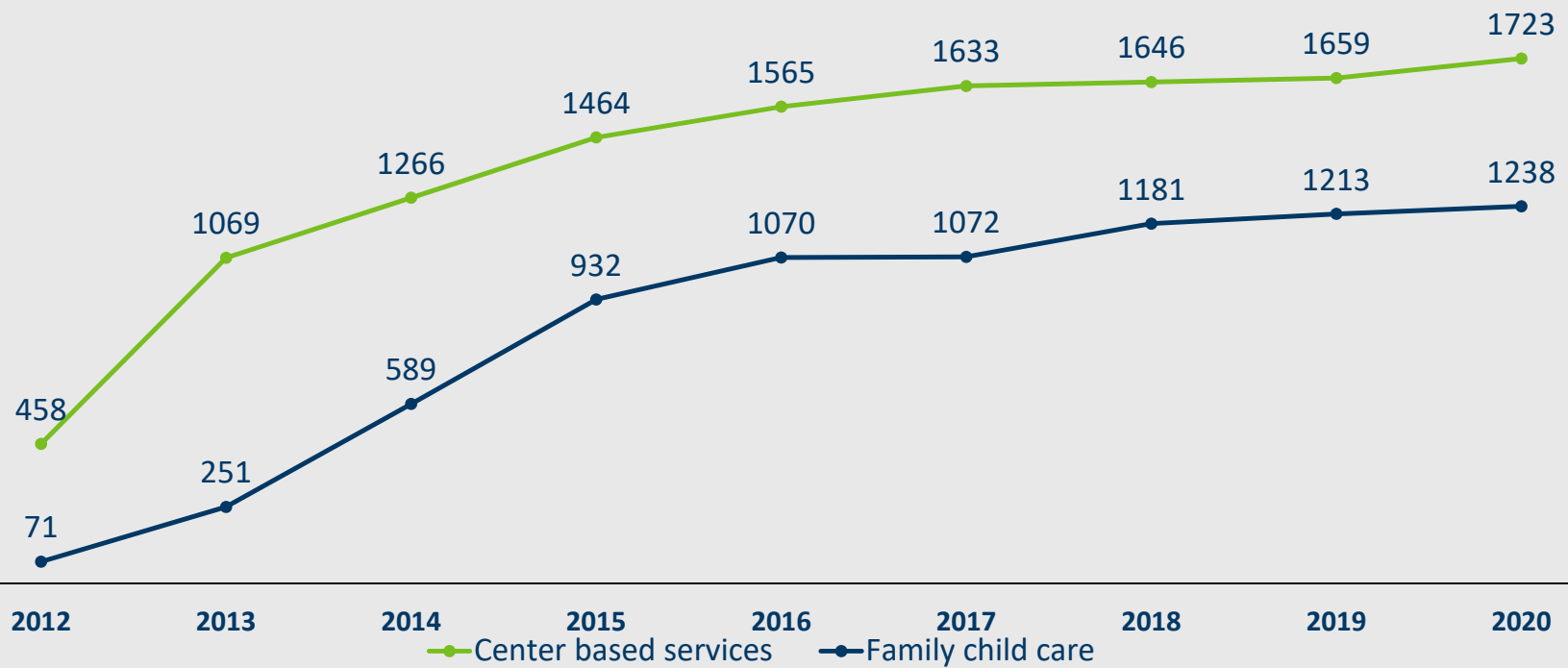
Training and coaching are available to help providers **use best practices.**

- Karen Bradley, Parent Aware Quality Coach

Parent Aware Rated programs

Number of programs by year

Note: data is preliminary for 2020 as the cohort has just ended



Children served in Parent Aware Rated programs

Children receiving CCAP ages 0 - 5:

- As of December 2019, over 97,000 of all Minnesota children 0 – 5, or 34%, attend a Rated program
- Among children receiving child care assistance, as of July 2020, 10,220, or 68% attend a Rated program, up from 34% in 2014
- We have exceeded our goal of 65% of CCAP children ages 0 – 5 in Parent Aware rated programs by 2021

Thank You!

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