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**Reauthorization of the
Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF):
An Exciting New Era for Child Care
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Enhanced Purposes of CCDF

- (1) to allow each State maximum flexibility in developing child care programs and policies that best suit the needs of children and parents within that State;
- (2) to promote parental choice to empower working parents to make their own decisions regarding the child care services that best suits their family's needs;
- (3) to encourage States to provide consumer education information to help parents make informed choices about child care **services and to promote involvement by parents and family members in the development of their children in child care settings;**
- (4) to assist States **in developing high-quality, coordinated early childhood care and education services to maximize parents' options and support** parents trying to achieve independence from public assistance;
- (5) to assist States **in improving the overall quality of child care services and programs** **by** implementing the health, safety, licensing, **training and oversight** standards established in this subchapter and in State law (including State regulations);
- (6) **to improve child care and development of participating children; and**
- (7) **to increase the number and percentage of low-income children in high quality child care settings .**



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- **To:** State and Territory Lead Agencies administering the CCDF program; State and Territory Lead Agencies administering the TANF program; and other interested parties.
- **Purpose:** To provide key information on the recent reauthorization of CCDF and its implications and opportunities for TANF and CCDF. Lead Agencies from both programs can work together to implement the reauthorization and leverage this opportunity to support family economic security and well-being.
- **Background:** CCDF provides funds to states, territories, and tribes to provide financial assistance to low-income parents to access child care so they can work or attend job training or educational programs and to improve the quality of child care for all families. TANF provides funds to states, territories, and tribes to design and operate programs that help needy families achieve economic security and child and family well-being, including through the provision of child care services.