



New CAPS Requirements for Exempt Programs

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Welcome and Overview

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Focus of Webinar

- Provide an overview of requirements for Exempt programs based on recent CCDF/CAPS changes
 - NOTE: Only applies to programs in category 1- Government owned or category 7- Day Camp that also receive subsidy funding through the CAPS program

CCDF History and Reauthorization Specifics



History

- The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) is authorized under the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act.
- CCDBG was first authorized in 1990. It was amended and reauthorized in 1996 and again in 2014.
- In fiscal year 2014, CCDF made \$5.3 billion available to states, territories, and tribes.
 - Georgia received over \$193 million in fiscal year 2015.

Reauthorization

- The 2014 reauthorization represents a “historic re-envisioning” of the law. This includes new requirements around:
 - Health and safety standards
 - Eligibility policies
 - Quality improvement efforts
 - Information provided to families about child care and child development
- Georgia already meets many of the new requirements.

Reauthorization

- Reauthorization identified the following as the purposes of CCDF:
 - Promoting self-sufficiency for low-income families
 - Promoting involvement by parents and families in the development of their children in child care settings
 - Improving the overall quality of child care services and programs
 - Increasing the number and percentage of low-income children in high-quality child care settings

Why CCDF Matters?

- Provides financial assistance for child care to lower income families
- Assists states in improving the quality of early education
- Aligns with other early education programs and initiatives
 - Examples of alignment include Georgia's Pre-K, Head Start, Early Head Start, and Early Learning Challenge
 - Designed to supplement, not supplant, current state early education initiatives

Impacts to CAPS Policy & Exempt Programs

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CAPS Purpose

- CAPS, funded through CCDF, provides child care assistance to families with low incomes
- CCDF is a vehicle toward:
 - Increasing access to quality programs for families with low incomes
 - Raising quality for early childhood education programs

New CAPS Policy for Exempt Programs

- Types of Exempt Programs Authorized to Receive Subsidies:
 - Governmental Entities
 - Day Camp Programs
- New Requirements
 - Annual Enrollment
 - CRC Requirements
 - Monitoring Requirements
 - Health and Safety Training Requirements

Annual Enrollment

- Compliance Documents must be completed annually
 - Child Care Provider Agreement
 - Form W-9 for Tax Identification Purposes
 - Assurance of Compliance with Federal Regulations Regarding Civil Rights – Form 704
 - Policies, Procedures and Rates
 - Direct Deposit Form

Criminal Records Checks

- Require criminal records checks through DECAL
- In addition to a federal fingerprint check, the new CCDF regulations require:
 - National Sex Offender Registry Check
 - Child Abuse Registry Check
 - Record checks in states where the applicant has resided in the past 5 years

Annual monitoring/ Posting of Inspections

- CCDF programs receiving subsidy funding are now subject to annual inspections for compliance with health, safety, and fire standards.
- Inspections will begin around June 2017.
- All inspections will be unannounced.
- Findings are required to be posted online for five years after the monitoring date.

Health & Safety Training Requirement

- Effective 10/1/16-

All direct care staff at exempt programs receiving CCDF funding (CAPS) must complete:

- Pre-service Health and Safety Orientation Training
- First-aid and CPR training

- Training must be completed within 90 days of employment

Health & Safety Training topics

Part of new “Health & Safety Orientation training”

- Prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunization)
- SIDS and use of safe sleep practices
- Administration of medication
- Prevention of and response to food allergies
- Building and physical premises safety
- Prevention of shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma
- Emergency preparedness and response planning
- Storage of hazardous materials and bio contaminants
- Precautions in transporting children (if applicable)

To be acquired separately by approved source:

- First-aid and CPR

Training Sources

Private training vendors such as independent trainers and training companies

- Classroom based
- Online

Search for available training at:

www.training.dec.state.ga.us

Pennsylvania State University's Better Kid Care library

<http://extension.psu.edu/youth/betterkidcare/early-care/ccdbg>

Technical Colleges

- Technical Certificate of Credit
- Technical Diploma

New Policy Location

The new CAPS policy, procedures guide and all associated appendices are located at:

www.CAPS.DECAL.ga.gov

Questions & Answers



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