

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care

Meeting of the Board

May 11, 2021



Agenda



1. Department Updates

- Summer Step Up
- Grants Rollout
- Regulation Progress Updates
- 2. Strategic Action Plan: Family Access Planning
 - Parent fee closure of public comment period and preparation for final vote in June
 - 3si Progress Report
 - Deep Dive: Subsidy Regulations
- 3. Caseload and Budget Updates

Summer Step Up: Key Objectives





Prepare young learners for school

- Focus on those transitioning into pre-k through 2nd grade
- Prioritize those with limited experience with public schools



Build summer learning experiences

 Create, extend, or enhance in-person summer learning for children whose access was limited due to pandemic impacts



Support schools and partners in summer programs

- Nurture collaboration between districts, schools, and community based partners
- Support their provision of evidence-based summer learning services/supports



Partner with local and national experts

 Disseminate tailored materials aligned to school preparedness efforts by schools and community partners



- Cultivate innovative community collaborations that have begun during COVID
- Improve coordination across support services for young children and families as communities recover

FY21 Operational Grants: Progress



Grant Application Progress as of May 3, 2021

- 6 applications have been approved
- 1,647 (28%) applications have been completed and are being review by PCG:
 - 34% of all eligible Family Child Care (FCC) providers
 - 10% of all eligible child care centers
- 993 (17%) providers have started an application, but not completed the process:
 - 15% of all eligible FCC providers
 - 24% of all eligible child care centers
- 353 calls have been answered by PCG
- 448 emails have been received; 98% have been answered by PCG

Regulatory Review Status Update



Regulatory Review Process Key



Regulatory Review Status

	Regulations	Policy	Protocols & Operations
Licensing (childcare & center based)			
Educators			
Subsidy			
Enforcement			
Background Record Checks			

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Strategic Action Plan: Family Access Planning

Parent Fees

Parent Public Comment Fee Period Ends



Timeline

- Feb 9: Vote to approve parent fee chart subject to public comment; public comment period begins
- March 1: Public Hearings to collect feedback on Parent Fee Model Implementation
- April 13: Board Update on Parent Fee Model Implementation and Feedback
- May 13: Board Discussion Public Fee Comment Period Closing
- May 28: <u>Parent Fee Comment</u>
 <u>Period</u> closes
- June 17: <u>Final Board Vote on Parent</u>
 Fee Model

Summary of the Parent Fee Scale voted on by the Board:

- Fee scale only considers income that is above the poverty threshold.
- Model expects co-pays to begin when family incomes exceed 100% of the poverty level.
- The model uses a parent co-pay schedule in which 28
 equally sized income ranges have been developed spanning
 from those at and under 100% of poverty to incomes at
 85% of State Median Income (maximum allowed by federal
 regulations).
- These percentage rates yield expected co-payments that equal <0.01% to 12% of a family's full income (for the highest income range), once the income under poverty has been subtracted.

Summary of Results of Proposed Fee Scale:

99% of families pay a fee that is lower or the same 98% of families pay a fee that is 7% of income or less For single parents with 2+ children, 97% pay fees that are 7% of income or less

Average fee for all fee-paying families is 2.4% of income



Strategic Action Plan: Family Access Planning

3Si Analysis Update

3Si Analysis Update



Analysis To Date

- Analyzed state population data and EEC subsidy data to identify gaps in the utilization of subsidy-based financial assistance among children aged 0-12 years from needy families in MA in the 26-month period from January 2019 to February 2021.
- Leveraged and analyzed EEC's data on the state's subsidy-based financial assistance program to identify key trends in children served in the period from January 2019 to February 2021.
- Generated insights based on subsidy gaps and trends to support EEC's policy planning.

Observations

- **Pre-COVID:** Even at their peak utilization levels in June 2019, MA child care subsidies only served a portion of eligible children in the state due to capacity and access limitations.
- Since COVID: The number of children served has declined significantly since June 2020, in part due to large caseload fluctuation for school-age children (tied to school closures necessitated due to COVID-19).

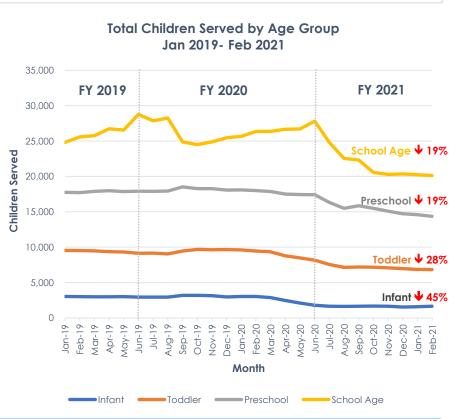


Subsidy Caseload Trends by Age: Jan 2019 - Feb 2021



- Jan 2019 June 2019: Total children served <u>increased slightly</u>, primarily due to a cyclical increase in schoolage subsidies. Subsidies in other age groups remained nearly flat or declined.
- **June 2019 Feb 2021**: Total children served <u>decreased significantly</u> across all age groups, with the maximum decline in volume occurring in school-age subsidies.

	Jan 2019	Jun 2019	Jun 2020	Feb 2021	Net change
Total subsidies	55,156	58,738	55,203	43,000	4 22%
Children served by age					
Infant	3,028	2,938	1,801	1,661	4 45%
Toddler	9,555	9,132	8,159	6,841	4 28%
Preschool	17,753	17,905	17,425	14,372	4 19%
School Age	24,820	28,763	27,818	20,126	V 19%



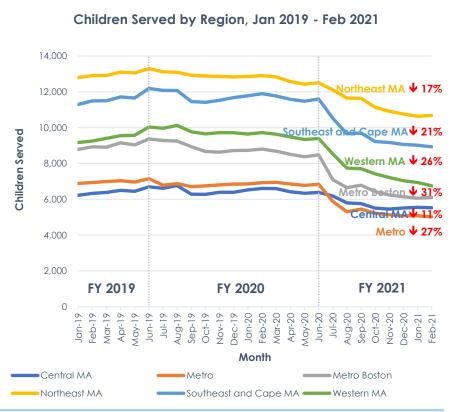


Subsidy Caseload Trends by Region: Jan 2019 – Feb 2021



- Jan 2019 June 2019: Total children served <u>increased slightly</u> in all regions, with the largest percentage increase (10%) occurring in Western MA.
- June 2019 Feb 2021: Total children served <u>decreased significantly</u> in all regions, with the largest percentage declines during this period occurring in Metro Boston and Western MA.

	Jan 2019	Jun 201 9	Jun 2020	Feb 2021	Net change
Total subsidies	55,156	58,738	55,203	43,000	¥ 22%
Children served by region					
Northeast MA	12,795	13,295	12,502	10,677	4 17%
Southeast & Cape MA	11,298	12,194	11,600	8,925	¥ 21%
Western MA	9,166	10,039	9,396	6,750	¥ 26%
Metro Boston	8,788	9,364	8,486	6,105	↓ 31%
Central MA	6,224	6,694	6,380	5,524	4 11%
Metro	6,884	7,152	6,839	5,016	¥ 27%



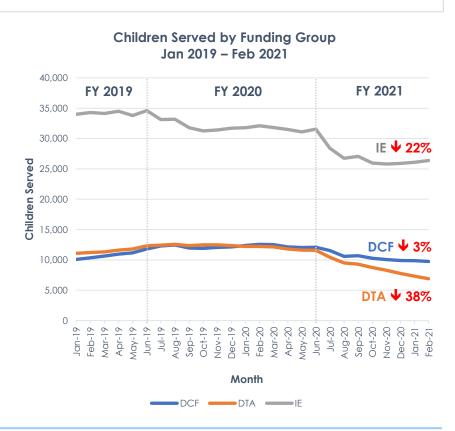


Subsidy Caseload Trends by Agency: Jan 2019 – Feb 2021



- Jan 2019 June 2019: Total children served by all agencies <u>increased</u> in this period, with the largest increase occurring in DCF subsidies and the smallest increase in IE subsidies.
- **June 2019 Feb 2021**: Total children served by all agencies <u>decreased significantly</u>. IE subsidies had the largest decrease in volume and DTA subsidies had the largest percentage decrease.

	Jan 2019	Jun 2019	Jun 2020	Feb 2021	Net change
Total subsidies	55,156	58,738	55,203	43,000	↓ 22%
Children served by agency					
Income Eligible (EEC)	34,009	34,615	31,553	26,378	↓ 22%
DCF	10,069	11,804	12,075	9,730	₩ 3%
DTA	11,078	12,319	11,575	6,892	↓ 38%





Next Steps with 3Si Analysis



Current

Subsidy Trend Analysis with Population Estimates

May-June

Build data model

Analyze picture for expanded subsidy approach

July+

Explore subsidy forecasting model

Ongoing analysis and considerations for COVID impacts Increase staff capacity to work with forecasting model and data

Timeline



Strategic Action Plan: Family Access Planning

Subsidy Regulations

Using Subsidy Policy to Address Family Needs



In thinking about the department's subsidy approach, we are seeking to solve a series of issues:

- Expand access to early education and care programs by providing tuition relief to priority populations
- Address the gap between the number of working families with young children and the enrollment within the current system
- Simplify operational processes to ensure efficient operations and streamlined processes, including the waitlist

Principles Proposed Guiding EEC's Subsidy Approach



Ensure policies target prioritize populations to impact access where it is needed most.



Incentivize providers to accept more subsidized children to expand access to quality programs for families



Address operational challenges and streamline administrative requirements to reduce barriers for families

Using Subsidy Policy to Address Family Needs



Current Pain Points

- Narrow and rigid eligibility requirements
- Large gap between the number of working families with young children and the capacity within the current system overall
- Complicated processes for families seeking subsidy limiting timely and needresponsive placements; including KinderWait
- Isolated child care subsidy processes that do not integrate with other Commonwealth-funded services
- Binary contract structures and voucher policies that disincentivize programs from engaging in the system

Strategies to Address

- Examine options for adjusting income guidelines
- Use data to prioritize key populations and target increased enrollment
- Improve waitlist process, technology and infrastructure
- Create flexible contract structures to target more comprehensive services that better meet vulnerable family needs
- Streamline eligibility policies and simplify processes for families involved with multiple services
- Consider strategies to manage subsidy eligibility and deliver supports for programs to provide quality services

Using Subsidy Policy to Address Family Needs



Objectives

- Increase access to high quality early education and care for families as part of the vision to support children to reach their full potential now and in the future
- Take a multi-pronged approach to revising subsidy systems in FY22

Mechanisms









Regulations

Policy/Guidance

IT Systems

Contracted Supports

Contracts Rebid



Contracted Providers: Focus around ensuring access and comprehensive supports for high needs children and families through targeted flexibility

CCR&Rs: Clarify expectations; target capacity to be supportive of family needs in a streamlined system

FCC Systems: Clarify expectations around supports expected to be provided to FCC educators and for families

- Key Considerations from FCC System Redesign Project Include:
 - Define key supports needed by FCC (licensing, pedagogical, business, technology, family supports)
 - Clarify expectations, including how services are are delivered and by whom (EEC and funded partners)
 - Build in more consistency and accountability for service delivery and expected outcomes aligned with approach to regulatory reform, educator/program quality and financing

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FY22 Update



December/January: Board submits EEC budget priorities to the Governor to inform next fiscal year proposal

June: Governor signs the budget into law, applying any veto's or overrides for final consideration by the legislature

January: Governor submits proposed budget legislation for upcoming fiscal year to the State Legislature

May/June: House and Senate Conference Committee is formed to negotiate final budget legislation April/May: House and Senate vote on budget legislation in each Chamber reflecting priorities



FY22 Update: Board Priorities



EEC Board recommended two guiding principles for consideration:

- Maintain child care program investments at FY21 levels, and build in more flexibility to support a fluid and responsive recovery for the field and for working families
- Complete the investments initiated in FY20 and FY21 to sustain staffing and infrastructure, driving the transformation envisioned by the Department's strategic plan

These recommendations are aimed to address the urgent need from providers and enable EEC to most effectively fulfill its obligations and support the Early Education and Care field within the Commonwealth's recovery plan

FY22 Update: House Budget



Highlights

Like the Governor earlier in the FY22 process, the House of Representative's final FY22 budget endorsed the principles recommended by the Board:

- Fully funding EEC's staffing and infrastructure needs.
- Annualizing rate increases offered in FY21.
- Despite the uncertainty of caseload projection in this unprecedented year, the House maintains caseload funding levels (excluding one-time appropriation for parent fees) to provide stability to the field.
- The House added a \$20M center-based rate reserve.

Caseload Summary



- For the first time since the reopening of child care, the number of children increased or remained stable in every program.
- Income Eligible costs and the number of children served continues an upward trend.
 - We are still seeing significant costs (daily rate) for school age children and overall costs per child are continuing to increase.
 - After loosening Income Eligible contractual restrictions (flex pool cap), the number of Income Eligible Children has begun to show noticeable growth and we saw the first signs of growth in the number of voucher children.
- DCF-related child care showed a slight increase this month and DTA-related held steady from the prior month. However, we still saw a decline in cost that we are evaluating. EEC continues to discuss caseload trends with DCF and DTA.

— Waitlist

- The waitlist has dropped to 10,880.
- \sim 1,600 funding letters have been released to families on the waitlist by CCRR's in the past month (\sim 6,700 total funding letters sent FY21 to date)



APPENDIX



Department Updates

Summer Step Up

Summer Step Up: Overview



Approach: the EEC Summer Step Up Program for Young Learners

The Summer Step Up Program will engage young learners through summer 2021, helping accelerate their learning and smooth the transition to in-person learning for young children. Through collaboration, leverage, partnerships, and strengthened infrastructure, Summer Step Up will provide young learners with a stronger foundation for academic success as they enter in-person learning this fall.





Districts that are interested can sign up here!

Summer Step Up: Key Components



Children to be Served	 Rising pre-k through second grade students, with specific target populations being defined at the local level
Program Criteria	 In-person, multi-week/extended-day programming offered beginning this summer High-quality, developmentally-appropriate, engaging curricula that focuses on school readiness skills across domains
Reach	 12 communities planning to participate so far; targeting a total of 50 communities
Resources	 Funds to support summer learning services and resources for families Day-to-day TA and stakeholder coordination and project management provided by United Way Professional development, curriculum, and support materials provided by local and national expert partners



Department Updates

Grant Roll-Out

FY21 Operational Grants: Update



Operational Grants application is <u>now live</u>. Funds are being distributed through a formula applicable to all eligible providers. Two types of grants are available:

Center-Based Workforce Grants

Available to Center-Based programs within the subsidy system to address current staffing issues

- To be eligible, a program must have served at least one subsidized child since July 1st, 2018
- The funds must be used to support staff either through hazard pay, signing bonuses to hire new staff, or paying out unused PTO

Family Child Care Facilities Grants

Available to *all* FCC providers to address health and safety program investments or quality enhancements

 FCCs can reimburse themselves for improvements already made OR invest in new upgrades that support health and safety protocols.



Department Updates

Regulation Progress Update

Educator Regulations Approach



Goal: Program-centric vs. Educator-centric

What the individual educator is accountable for to obtain and maintain credentials and/or qualifications.

Programs must be staffed by the appropriate number of employees who are qualified for their positions, based on the Department Educator Registry and Department policy.

Standards and Accountability

Licensing Regulations

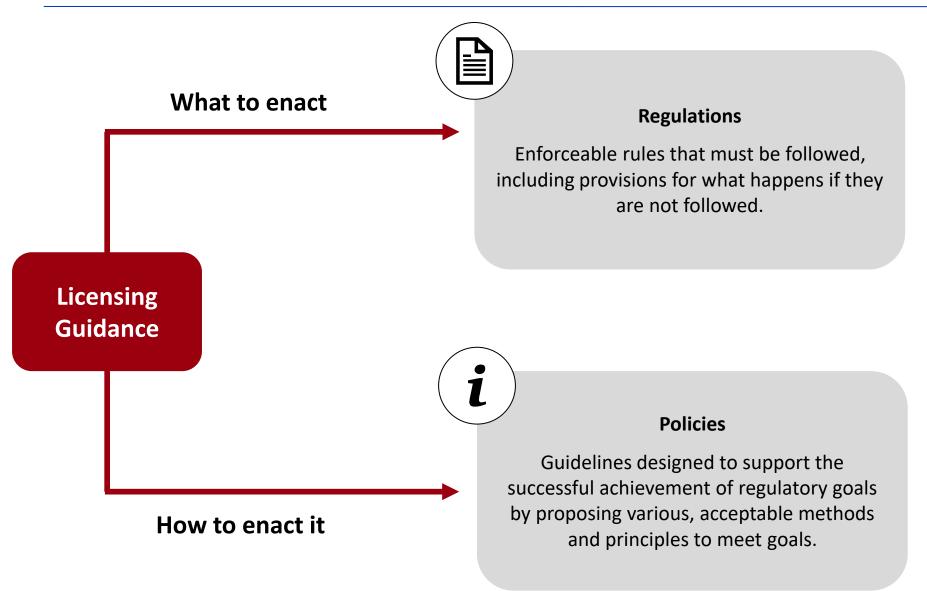
What the Licensee/Program is accountable for to obtain and maintain licensure.

Educator Regulations

Educators working with children in licensed or approved early education and care programs must maintain an active Educator Registry account reflecting they are qualified, in accordance with existing regulation and Department policy.

Licensing Regulations Approach and Structure





Licensing Regulations Approach and Structure



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Policies and Procedures will be linked in the Table of Contents

Regulation

EEC Policies and Procedures

Chapter 2: Building and Grounds

2.1 Approved Space

2.1.1 Minimum Indoor Square Footage

The Program must provide a minimum of 35 square feet of usable activity space per child indoors. If at least 35 square feet of usable activity space per child is not readily available, the Program must demonstrate to the Department how it will provide adequate space for implementing a program of activities that meets the health, safety, and developmental needs of children through the strategic organization of existing space.

Rationale: The physical development of children requires space for them to move around. Child behavior tends to be more constructive when space is sufficient and well-organized to promote developmentally appropriate skills. Providing sufficient space will reduce the risk of injury from simultaneous activities and reduce the spread of germs.

Related Policy: Each child must have full use of the 35 square feet of activity space within the room he or she is assigned to for more than half the time he or she spends indoors at the program Rooms included as required activity space must be available for the children's use during the entire program day. Usable activity space shall not include hallways, lockers, wash and toilet rooms, isolation rooms, kitchens, closets, fixed furniture, offices or areas regularly used for other purposes.

Support Templates:

- Appendix 2A: Calculating usable activity space (template and instructions)
- · Appendix 2B: Indoor Space Sketch Template
- Appendix 2C: Technical Assistance: Setting Up Space and Activities to Support Learning (by age group)

Support Templates

Rationale

Related Policy

*Chapter numbers are subject to change

Concepts: Enforcement Approach



1. Using program risk indicators to guide enforcement and compliance

Sample Indicators:

Number of Regulatory Violations Frequency of Repeated Violations Duration of Time Violations are In Place Any Actions
Taken by the
Program to
Correct
Violations

Harm or potential harm to children due to the associated violations

2. Approaching enforcement using a Continuum

Education and Awareness Wissing written curriculum Verbal Warning Written Warning Penalty



Strategic Action Plan: Family Access Planning

3Si Analysis Update

Child Care Subsidy Utilization in MA: A Snapshot



Using population data and EEC subsidy caseload data, 3Si was able to estimate the percentage of children served by state child care subsidy compared to the number of eligible children.

FEBRUARY 2021	
949,513	Children aged 0-12 years in MA
598,393	Low-income children (Household income < SMI)
497,152	Children eligible for subsidy (Household income < 85% SMI & parents' service need)
43,000 Childr	en served by state child care subsidy†

- In February 2021, MA state child care subsidies served only 9% of eligible children. At its peak in June 2019, subsidies served 12% of eligible children.
- This analysis focuses on children served by state subsidy. However, it also implicitly takes into account a portion of children served by other programs that help low-income families and children, including Early Head Start, Head Start, and Boston UPK, because of the blending/braiding of these programs' funds with subsidy funds.





Caseload and Budget Updates

FY21 Caseload Account Spending Update



	Number of Children Billed									
	June Actuals	July Actuals	Aug Actuals	Sept Actuals	Oct Actuals	Nov Actuals	Dec Actuals	Jan Actuals	Feb Actuals	Mar Actuals
DCF Voucher	4,627	4,135	3,832	3,942	3,878	3,878	3,869	3,901	3,892	3,918
DCF Contract	7,449	7,398	6,745	6,751	6,383	6,178	6,052	6,008	5,897	5,968
DTA Voucher	11,575	10,418	9,498	9,281	8,723	8,289	7,777	7,323	6,968	6,967
IE Voucher	20,314	17,540	16,619	16,833	16,184	16,032	16,093	16,043	16,010	16,195
IE Contract	11,239	10,854	10,132	10,231	9,769	9,776	9,843	10,107	10,546	11,021
	55,204	50,345	46,826	47,038	44,937	44,153	43,634	43,382	43,313	44,069
			<u>Actual Co</u>	osts with Comp	arison to Last	Year's Actual C	<u>osts</u>			
	June Actuals	July Actuals	Aug Actuals	Sept Actuals	Oct Actuals	Nov Actuals	Dec Actuals	Jan Actuals	Feb Actuals	Mar Actuals
3000-3060 Base Caseload	\$26,275,658	\$28,237,381	\$ 21,786,566	\$22,465,287	\$ 20,969,661	\$ 19,560,648	\$20,875,651	\$ 18,436,248	\$ 17,372,676	\$ 19,481,341
3000-4060 Base Caseload	\$24,055,154	\$24,246,260	\$ 19,525,700	\$19,280,775	\$ 19,114,400	\$ 18,437,411	\$20,380,985	\$ 18,768,532	\$ 18,477,965	\$ 21,799,185
Parent Fees	\$ 6,391,457	\$ 6,673,328	\$ 5,552,409	\$ 5,296,835	\$ 5,242,005	\$ 5,078,806	\$ 5,627,984	\$ 5,231,548	\$ 5,200,535	\$ 6,162,397
Total:	\$56,722,268	\$59,156,970	\$ 46,864,676	\$47,042,897	\$ 45,326,066	\$ 43,076,865	\$46,884,620	\$ 42,436,328	\$ 41,051,176	\$ 47,442,923
FY2020 Actuals		\$56,568,480	\$ 51,727,680	\$43,456,905	\$ 48,809,281	\$ 45,230,036	\$47,631,984	\$ 50,284,590	\$ 43,923,672	\$ 50,350,350
Difference		\$ 2,588,489	\$ (4,863,005)	\$ 3,585,993	\$ (3,483,215)	\$ (2,153,171)	\$ (747,365)	\$ (7,848,262)	\$ (2,872,496)	\$ (2,907,427)

Notes:

- June and July billing numbers reflect families transiting during reopening.
- Despite lower enrollment, school age children enrolled in full-day programming will continue to increase costs.
- School age children represent approximately 50% of the billed caseload

FY21 Caseload Account Spending Update



- Since the start of September, the average daily rate paid across all program types has increased over 10% while the number of children in care has dropped by 7%.
- Compared to the same time period last year, EEC is experiencing significantly higher costs, with markedly lower caseload.
- Expenses in the Income Eligible account increased, as the child count has gone down.

FY2021	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21
FY2021 Number of SA Children	24,806	22,553	22,322	20,576	20,304	20,382	20,302	20,323	20,674
FY2021 Total Cost of SA Care*	\$19,175,745	\$15,475,220	\$13,977,532	\$13,383,639	\$12,865,997	\$14,155,466	\$13,022,575	\$12,700,536	\$14,912,542
FY2021 Number of Billable Days	23	21	22	22	21	23	21	20	23
Average Daily Rate Paid	\$33.61	\$32.67	\$28.46	\$29.57	\$30.17	\$30.20	\$30.54	\$31.25	\$31.36
% Change from prior month		-2.78%	-12.89%	3.88%	2.06%	0.07%	1.16%	2.30%	0.37%
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FY2020	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20
FY2020 Number of SA Kids	27,858	28,249	24,892	24,496	24,887	25,480	25,668	26,349	<i>26,37</i> 5
FY2020 Cost of SA Care*	\$20,649,565	\$18,722,785	\$11,416,117	\$13,049,710	\$12,443,449	\$13,842,752	\$14,167,696	\$13,269,584	\$14,654,765
FY2020 Number of Billable Days	23	22	21	23	21	22	23	20	22
FY2020 Average Daily Rate Paid	\$32.23	\$30.13	\$21.84	\$23.16	\$23.81	\$24.69	\$24.00	\$25.18	\$25.26
Comparison	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
% Change FY20 to FY21 - # of children	-10.96%	-20.16%	-10.32%	-16.00%	-18.42%	-20.01%	-20.91%	-22.87%	-21.62%
% Change FY20 to FY21 - Daily Rate	4.29%	8.46%	30.33%	27.65%	26.73%	22.28%	27.28%	24.09%	24.18%

Note: To provide an accurate year to year comparison, the FY20 cost was adjusted to include the FY21 FCC rate increase and the FY21 cost excludes the value of parent fees paid.

FY21 Caseload Account Spending Update



- Monthly Decline in Daily Spending Rate
 - To compare monthly expenses, EEC uses a daily spending rate to account for different number of days in each month.
 - Through the months that enrollment rates continued to decline, the reductions in Daily Spending Levels slowed and even increased in some months.
 - The modest increases in enrollment seen in March have also contributed to increased costs.

# of Days	23	21	22	22	21	23	21	20	23
	July Actuals	Aug Actuals	Sept Actuals	Oct Actuals	Nov Actual	Dec Actual	Jan Actual	Feb Actual	Mar Actual
% change from									
previous month		-13.23%	-4.18%	-3.65%	-0.44%	-0.62%	-0.87%	1.57%	0.50%
3060 Daily	\$ 1,227,712	\$ 1,037,456	\$ 1,021,149	\$ 953,166	\$ 931,459	\$ 907,637	\$ 877,917	\$ 868,634	\$ 847,015
3060 Total	\$28,237,381	\$21,786,566	\$22,465,287	\$20,969,661	\$19,560,648	\$20,875,651	\$18,436,248	\$17,372,676	\$19,481,341
4060 Daily Cost	\$ 1,054,185	\$ 929,795	\$ 876,399	\$ 868,836	\$ 877,972	\$ 886,130	\$ 893,740	\$ 923,898	\$ 947,791
4060 Total	\$24,246,260	\$19,525,700	\$19,280,775	\$19,114,400	\$18,437,411	\$20,380,985	\$18,768,532	\$18,477,965	\$21,799,185
Parent Fees Daily	\$ 290,145	\$ 264,400	\$ 240,765	\$ 238,273	\$ 241,848	\$ 244,695	\$ 249,121	\$ 260,027	\$ 267,930
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Total Monthly Cost	<u>\$59,156,970</u>	<u>\$46,864,676</u>	<u>\$47,042,897</u>	<u>\$45,326,066</u>	<u>\$43,076,865</u>	<u>\$46,884,620</u>	<u>\$42,436,328</u>	<u>\$41,051,176</u>	\$47,442,923



Income Eligible	Anticipated Current		Percent	
Child Care	Placements	Placements	Difference	Utilized
Voucher	21,665	16,832	4,833	77.7%
Contract	13,716	10,351	3,366	75.5%
Total	35,381	27,183	8,199	76.8%

Source:

- Voucher information based on CCRR weekly report for week ending 5/1/2021.
- Contract information based on contract utilization on 5/3/2021.

Income Eligible Utilization – Voucher Detail



CCRR	Voucher Allocation	Current Placements	Difference	Percent Utilized	Current Waitlist
Child Care Choices of Boston (Boston)	3,374	2,436	938	72.20%	1,718
Child Care Circuit (Northeast)	6,274	5,132	1,142	81.80%	3,033
Child Care Network (Cape & The Islands)	1,114	825	289	74.06%	490
Child Care Resources (Central)	2,602	2,021	581	77.67%	1,055
Community Care for Kids/QCAP (Metro)	1,743	1,121	622	64.31%	888
New England Farm Workers (Western)	3,092	2,313	779	74.81%	1,888
PACE Child Care Works (Southeast)	3,466	2,984	482	86.09%	1,812
Total:	21,665	16,832	4,833	77.69%	10,884

Source:

- Voucher information based on CCRR weekly report for the week ending 5/1/2021.
- Waitlist information based on active children as of 5/3/2021

Income Eligible Utilization – Contract Detail



Region	Program Type Description	Slots Awarded	Slots Used	Flex Slots Used	Total Slots Used	Slots Open*	Percent Utilized	Current Waitlist
1	GSA - Infant to Pre-School	1,081	632	12	644	438	59.53%	1,075
	GSA - School Age	631	279.5	27.5	307	324	48.65%	813
	FCC - All Ages	295	233	54	287	8	97.29%	
Region Totals		2,007	1,144.5	93	1,238	770	61.66%	1,888
2	GSA - Infant to Pre-School	483	393	38	431	52	89.23%	545
	GSA - School Age	349	315	6	321	28	91.98%	272
	FCC - All Ages	562	514.5	111	625.5		111.30%	
Region Totals		1,394	1,222.5	155	1,377.5	80	98.82%	817
3	GSA - Infant to Pre-School	1,122	851	63	914	208	81.46%	1,929
	GSA - School Age	901	747.5	28	775.5	125.5	86.07%	1,035
	FCC - All Ages	748	712	229.5	941.5		125.87%	
Region Totals		2,771	2,310.5	320.5	2,631	334	94.95%	2,964
4	GSA - Infant to Pre-School	601	371.5	18	389.5	211.5	64.81%	1,017
	GSA - School Age	535	295.5	25	320.5	214.5	59.91%	470
	FCC - All Ages	423	375.5	43	418.5	4.5	98.94%	
Region Totals		1,559	1,042.5	86	1,128.5	430.5	72.39%	1,487
5	GSA - Infant to Pre-School	1,175	703.5	54	757.5	417.5	64.47%	1,392
	GSA - School Age	925	520.5	7	527.5	397.5	57.03%	847
	FCC - All Ages	451	361.5	5	366.5	84.5	81.26%	
Region Totals		2,551	1,585.5	66	1,651.5	899.5	64.74%	2,239
6	GSA - Infant to Pre-School	1,923	935	44	979.0	944.0	50.91%	958
	GSA - School Age	716	454	43	497	219	69.41%	531
	FCC - All Ages	795	751	97.5	848.5		106.73%	
Region Totals		3,434	2,140	184.5	2,324.5	1,163	67.69%	1,489
GSA - Infant to Pre-School Total		6,385	3,886	228.5	4,114.5	2,270.5	64.44%	6,916
GSA - School Age Total		4,057	2,612	136.5	2,748.5	1,308.5	67.75%	3,968
FCC - All Ages Total		3,274	2,947.5	540	<i>3,487.5</i>	97	106.52%	
	Grand Total	13,716	9,445.5	905	10,350.5	3,676	75.46%	10,884

^{*} Negative values have been removed from the "Open Slot" column in three regions since they are caused by EEC's current policy of unlimited flex and do not take away from the total number of slots still available.

Source:

- Contract information based on contract utilization on 5/3/2021; Waitlist information based on active children as of 5/3/2021.



Region	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	School Age	Total
Region 1 - Western	271	396	408	813	1,888
Region 2 - Central	158	178	209	272	817
Region 3 - Northeast	655	642	632	1,035	2,964
Region 4 - Metro	257	374	386	470	1,487
Region 5 - Southeast	372	448	572	847	2,239
Region 6 - Boston	327	373	258	531	1,489
Total:	2,040	2,411	2,465	3,968	10,884

Source:

- Waitlist information based on active children as of 5/3/2021