President Obama signed the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014 into law on November 19, 2014, reauthorizing the federal child care program for the first time since 1996. The law has important implications for child care policy across the United States, in areas including provider health and safety requirements, consumer education, subsidy redetermination, quality improvement, and tribal child care. The full statute and a plain language summary are available on the Office of Child Care website, along with continually-updated resources on the reauthorization.

The following resources, which can be found in the Research Connections collection, are related to or support the implementation of the reauthorized Child Care and Development Block Grant. They have been grouped in the following categories: official guidance from the U.S. Office of Child Care; Child Care and Development Fund state plans; state policy and administrative data; and state policy options and technical assistance resources, which have been further categorized by policy topics.

**Official Guidance**

The U.S. Administration for Children and Families has published the Child Care and Development Fund final rule, which makes regulatory changes to the program based on the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014. The new regulations set higher standards for states, territories and tribes receiving federal funds in important areas such as health and safety requirements; training and professional development for child care providers; and eligibility rules that better support working families.


The U.S. Office of Child Care also issues *program instructions*, which provide information, guidance, and reminders to Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) lead agencies and other interested parties for administering the CCDF program, including *guidance on submitting CCDF state plans*.

**Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) State Plans**

The U.S. Office of Child Care has released copies of all approved fiscal year 2016-2018 CCDF state plans.


**State Policy and Administrative Data**

*Research Connections* archives the *Child Care and Development Fund Policies Database*, which provides a single source of detailed information on CCDF policies across time and across the fifty States, Territories, outlying areas, and the District of Columbia, dating back to 2009. The database includes policies regarding family eligibility, application and redetermination, priorities and waiting lists, family payments, provider requirements, and reimbursement rates. It captures changes across time, key
county-level variation, and different treatment for different subsets of families.


*Research Connections* also archives Child Care and Development Fund administrative data dating back to 2001. These administrative data provide descriptive information about the families and children served through the federal Child Care and Development Fund.

Additional Child Care and Development Fund statistics can be found on the U.S. Office of Child Care website.

**State/Tribe Policy Options and Technical Assistance Resources**

**General/Overview**


**Access and Eligibility**

**Child Health**


**Children Experiencing Homelessness**


**Consumer Education**


**Expulsion Prevention**

Family Engagement

Health and Safety


License-Exempt Providers


Monitoring

Provider Business Practices

Tribes


In addition to issuing program instructions for tribes, the U.S. Office of Child Care funds the National Center on Tribal Early Childhood Development to assist tribal grantees with the administration and implementation of Child Care and Development Fund programs.