Research Connections conducted a comprehensive search of its collection for resources focused on the administration of child care subsidy and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) programs. Search results are grouped into three broad areas:

- Coordination of child care subsidy and TANF administration
- Child care subsidy administration
- Child care subsidy access and use

From the many results, Research Connections selected a limited number of resources of various types including reports and papers, fact sheets and briefs, summaries, and reviews. Selection criteria included policy relevance and relatively recent publication. The full results came from basic searches on the exact phrases: “subsidy administration”, “child care subsidies”, “subsidy policy”, “TANF”, “welfare”, and “access barriers.”

Resources are organized according to publisher type and publication date. Research Connection’s one-sentence description is included for each resource on the following list. For complete citations, which include abstracts and full text for some resources, click on the titles.
Government

  A study of welfare-to-work transitions for parents with infants in eight communities within six states

  A description of efforts to assess family needs and provide support services to low-income families receiving Head Start, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) subsidies

Universities and Research Organizations

  The first part of a three-part study of the interaction between state and local welfare-to-work programs and child care assistance programs, focusing on administrative structures, protocols and interagency coordination as they affect TANF parents.

  The second part of a three-part study of the interaction between state and local welfare-to-work programs and child care assistance programs, focusing on child care subsidy use by parents in transition from TANF to employment

  A summary of findings from a three-part study of the interaction between state and local welfare-to-work programs and child care assistance programs, focusing on administrative structures, protocols and interagency coordination as they affect administrators and TANF parents, child care subsidy use by parents in transition to work, and the experiences of current and former TANF recipients with the subsidy system.

  The third part of a three-part study of the interaction between state and local welfare-to-work programs and child care assistance programs, presenting focus group data on the experiences of current and former TANF recipients with the child care subsidy system.
  *A brief on the effects of welfare reform on child care*

  *An assessment of themes and impacts of welfare reform for states and families, including examinations of the "work-first" approach, child care funding and subsidies, and employment incentives*

### CHILD CARE SUBSIDY ADMINISTRATION

**Government**

  *A study of the responses of 17 states and 25 communities to the child care needs of low-income families.*

**University and Research Organizations**

  *An issue brief discussing results of a survey of state child care administrators investigating state child care policies regarding income eligibility limits, waiting lists, parent co-payments, and reimbursement rates.*

  *A report from the Welfare Law Center discussing the New York City child care subsidy system and offering focus group recommendations to help create an easy-to-use, seamless subsidy system.*

  *An analysis of subsidy policies and practices that affect providers serving subsidized families, focusing on the amount providers are paid to care for subsidized children and how providers experience the subsidy system*

  *An examination of variations in child care subsidy policies across states, focusing on affordability, financial accessibility, adequacy, work incentives, and equity*


CHILD CARE SUBSIDY ACCESS & USE

Government


Journals


Universities and Research Organizations

  
  An investigation into why Oregon parents leave the child care subsidy system and a comparison of those findings to studies examining why eligible parents did not take up subsidies.

  
  An overview of the child care subsidy policies and strategies in place in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin in 2005, focusing on access to and retention of subsidies.

  
  A review of research on factors influencing child care subsidy use among eligible families.

- **Witte, Anne D., Queralt, Magaly.** (2005). *An examination of the duration of child care subsidies in Rhode Island: Impacts of policy changes and cross state comparisons* Wellesley, MA: Wellesley College, Department of Economics
  
  An examination of the duration of child care subsidies in Rhode Island: Impacts of policy changes and cross state comparisons.

  
  A research brief using data from the National Household Education Survey, 2001, to examine the characteristics and child care arrangements of children aged zero to six receiving child care subsidies.

  
  A study of the factors explaining the low and episodic use of center-based child care and child care subsidy programs, on the basis of data from the New Hope Ethnographic Study.

  
  A survey of actions taken by southern states to implement a regional action plan to improve access to child care assistance for low-income families.


• Adams, Gina, Snyder, Kathleen, and Sandfort, Jodi R. (2002) Navigating the child care subsidy system: Policies and practices that affect access and retention. (Series A, No. A-50). Washington, DC: The Urban Institute. A brief that summarizes the results of a study of child care subsidy policies and practices that can affect parents' interaction with the subsidy agency, the subsidy application process, and subsidy retention.


To view and sort the full search results from which these resources were selected, you may use the Recreate Complete Search function.

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