



# ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## **HB 2124: child care assistance monies; allocation**

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### **Overview**

Allocates child care assistance monies to Department of Economic Security (DES) and Department of Child Safety (DCS) from the Federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Block Grant in FY 2019 or FY 2020.

### **History**

The CCDF is received as a block grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Funds are expended to subsidize low-income, working families' monthly child care expenditures so that they can work or attend training or education. Funds are also expended for eligibility determination, family and provider case management, and licensing and certification of centers and qualifying homes.

DES has a childcare subsidy program that utilizes state appropriations and federal block grant funding sources to provide child care assistance to eligible recipients which includes: 1) certifying small family child care homes that serve eligible families; 2) providing funding to increase availability and improve quality of child care services; and 3) providing leadership for statewide coordination and collaboration of various child care and early childhood development programs.

DCS has a child care subsidy program that is provided to maintain and strengthen families who have an open case, are receiving voluntary services, or whose children are dependent wards of the court but remain in the parent's physical custody. Child care services may also be provided as support service for out-of-home care providers to enable the providers to work, participate in educational activities, or handle emergency situations.

In FY 2018 DES was appropriated \$110.5 million from the Federal CCDF Block Grant, and DCS was appropriated \$27 million.

The Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018 included an additional \$55.8 million for the CCDF, which was allocated in Federal Fiscal Year 2018 ([2019 JLBC Baseline Book](#)).

### **Provisions**

1. Allocates excess funds from the Federal CCDF Block Grant to DES and DCS in FY 2019 or FY 2020 as follows:
  - a. \$26.7 million for provider rate increases;
  - b. \$14 million to serve children on the waiting list; and
  - c. \$13.1 million to increase tiered reimbursement for infants and toddlers as well as children in the care of DCS. (Sec. 1)

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