

**Iowa Department of Human Services FFY16-18 CCDF State Plan
Implementations Plans**

Section	Subject	Staff	Status of Implementation Plan	Partners
1.8.1	Disaster Planning	Tami F.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A committee is working on an emergency preparedness and response planning guide for child care providers. NOTE: Providers are <u>not required</u> to use the tools, templates, etc. in the guide. • Child Care Resource & Referral is connecting with county emergency managers to share information about the emergency preparedness requirements and determine how they can be a resource for child care providers. • Work related to establishing temporary DHS operating policies for disaster impacted areas as it relates to child care regulatory requirements and the Child Care Assistance Program will begin the end of May/June. <p>Other related emergency preparedness activities happening outside the CCDF implementation plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Center for Missing and Exploited Children selected two states (Iowa and Arkansas) to develop a state-level disaster reunification plan. The Children’s Disaster Reunification Plan Pilot Program (CDR3P) is a three year project. Child care is part of the conversations. A one-day summit is being planned for September. • There is a potential funding opportunity available to Iowa Child Care Resource & Referral from Child Care Aware related to emergency preparedness training and resources for child care providers. Requests for proposals are due in May for the two year project. 	Child Care Resource & Referral; Healthy Child Care Iowa; Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management; Iowa Emergency Management Association/county emergency managers; State Child Care Advisory Committee; DHS field regulatory staff
2.2.8	Information on Developmental Screening	Wendy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information about development screenings is now available on the Child Care page of the DHS website under “Tools and Resources.” 	Early ACCESS; Iowa Family Support Network; Child Care Resource & Referral

			http://dhs.iowa.gov/childcare/tool-and-resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An upcoming DHS home child care provider newsletter will identify developmental screening resources available throughout the state. 	
2.3.1	Consumer Education Website	Ryan/Wendy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consumer education resources are now available on the Child Care page of the DHS website under "Tools and Resources." http://dhs.iowa.gov/childcare/tool-and-resources Staff are working on a process for tracking and making data available to the public on the number of deaths, serious injuries and child abuse in child care settings. 	
3.1.5	Graduated Phase Out	Mark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CCA Plus Program begins 7/1/16. The program allows families that currently receive Child Care Assistance and are over 145% of the federal poverty level when re-determining program eligibility (and under 85% of the state median income) to continue to receive Child Care Assistance for another 12-month certification period. The family must still meet all other program eligibility requirements. 	
3.2.2	Improving Access for Homeless on Child Care Assistance	Ryan/Mark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS modified the Child Care Assistance application to get data on homeless populations. Proposed child care regulatory administrative rule changes will allow a grace period for homeless families to get medical documentation. The implementation date identified in the proposed rules is 10/1/16. 	Iowa Finance Authority Council on Homelessness; Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence
3.3.1	12-Month Eligibility	Mark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning 7/1/16, the family's certification period for the Child Care Assistance Program will be 12 months. Families currently on the program will transition to the 12-month certification period at the end of their current certification period if the family still meets the program eligibility requirements. 	
4.6.3	Priority to Areas with High Poverty/ Unemployment and Low	Tammi	DHS is analyzing data to identify areas where there is a high concentration of poverty/unemployment and identifying the number of QRS child care providers in	State Data Center

	Access to High Quality		those areas.	
5.1.6	a) Health and Safety Requirements	Ryan	Proposed child care regulatory administrative rule changes will add health and safety requirements for child care centers, child development homes and non-registered child care homes with a child care provider agreement. The implementation date identified in the proposed rules is 10/1/16.	Consulted with various entities such as, ECI Component Groups; State Child Care Advisory Committee
	b) Preservice/ Orientation Training on Health and Safety	Micki	Healthy Child Care Iowa is developing the pre-service/orientation training. The 10-topic training course is 12 hrs. in length. Child care providers can take the training online or in-person. ISU Extension is developing online modules and Child Care Resource & Referral is developing a training calendar to identify dates for in-person training.	Iowa Department of Public Health – Healthy Child Care Iowa; ISU Extension; Child Care Resource & Referral
5.2.1 & 5.2.2	Monitoring – Procedures	Ryan	DHS meets the requirements for child care centers. DHS completed an internal review of the pre-inspection and annual monitoring process for child development homes and non-registered child care homes with a provider agreement. Staff developed a procedure and are moving forward with implementation by 10/1/16.	
5.3.1	Background Checks	Ryan	DHS is waiting for further guidance from the Federal Office of Child Care. The federal deadline for this requirement is 9/30/17.	Iowa Department of Public Safety
6.1.1	Professional Development	Erin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS formed a workgroup to enhance the career pathways to include school-age options. Staff submitted a request for programming changes to the Training Registry to include information on career pathways. 	State Child Care Advisory Committee; Iowa School-Age Care Association; Early Childhood Iowa Professional Development Component Group; Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children
6.1.10	Provider Training - Serving Homeless	Ryan/Micki	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preservice/orientation will include training on identifying and serving homeless populations. DHS will let child care providers know about the changes to allow grace period for medical records of children experiencing homelessness. 	Iowa Department of Public Health; ISU Extension