



OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD

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AGENCY PURPOSE

- To coordinate and improve the delivery of early childhood services for Connecticut children.
- To ensure that child care and education programs for young children (1) are safe, healthy, and nurturing, (2) appropriately support children's physical, social and emotional, and cognitive development, and (3) are accessible to all children, particularly those at greater educational risk (including those from families in poverty, families with a single parent, families with limited English proficiency, and parents with less than a high school diploma);
- To support families raising young children to ensure the children's health, well-being and positive growth and development.
- To build and support a high-quality early childhood workforce.

RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

Expansion Adjustments	FY 2015
• Increase Pre-Kindergarten Slots and Subsidies	11,511,904
• Increase Early Care and Education Quality by Establishing a Quality Rating & Improvement System (QRIS) & Increasing Inspections	5,817,409
Reallocations or Transfers	
• Adjust Staffing to Reflect Transfer of Youth Camp Licensing Function from the Department of Public Health	373,196
Technical Adjustments	
• Increase Funding for Care 4 Kids Program Due to Child Care Worker Contractual Costs	11,306,600
• Increase Care 4 Kids Funding Based on Re-estimated Caseload Projections	3,039,400
• Revise Estimated GAAP Requirements	1,487,777
• Adjust Staffing Transfer from Department of Public Health	-277,661

AGENCY SUMMARY

Personnel Summary	FY 2013 Authorized	FY 2014 Estimated	FY 2015 Appropriated	FY 2015 Net Adjustments	FY 2015 Revised Recommended
<u>Permanent Full-Time Positions</u>					
General Fund	0	31	73	33	106
Financial Summary					
	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Estimated	FY 2015 Appropriated	FY 2015 Net Adjustments	FY 2015 Revised Recommended
Personal Services	0	2,539,359	4,985,737	1,949,294	6,935,031
Other Expenses	0	590,000	8,276,000	51,650	8,327,650
<u>Capital Outlay</u>					
Equipment	0	1	1	0	1
<u>Other Current Expenses</u>					
Children's Trust Fund	0	11,671,218	11,671,218	0	11,671,218
Early Childhood Program	0	6,748,003	6,761,345	4,684,820	11,446,165
Early Childhood Advisory Cabinet	0	0	0	30,000	30,000
Community Plans for Early Childhood	0	600,000	750,000	0	750,000
Improving Early Literacy	0	150,000	150,000	0	150,000
Child Care Services	0	18,419,752	18,419,752	552,593	18,972,345
Evenstart	0	475,000	475,000	0	475,000
TOTAL - Other Current Expenses	0	38,063,973	38,227,315	5,267,413	43,494,728

Budget Summary

Pmts to Other Than Govts

Head Start Services	0	2,610,743	2,610,743	0	2,610,743
Head Start Enhancement	0	1,684,350	1,684,350	0	1,684,350
Child Care Services - TANF/CCDBG	0	0	101,489,658	15,228,000	116,717,658
Child Care Quality Enhancements	0	3,259,170	3,259,170	0	3,259,170
Head Start - Early Childhood Link	0	2,090,000	2,090,000	0	2,090,000
TOTAL - Pmts to Other Than Govts	0	9,644,263	111,133,921	15,228,000	126,361,921

Pmts to Local Governments

School Readiness Quality Enhancement	0	3,895,645	3,895,645	3,000,000	6,895,645
School Readiness & Quality Enhancement*	0	74,767,825	74,299,075	6,274,491	80,573,566
TOTAL - Pmts to Local Governments	0	78,663,470	78,194,720	9,274,491	87,469,211

Nonfunctional - Change to Accruals

TOTAL - General Fund	0	129,583,957	241,302,342	33,258,625	274,560,967
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* The Governor's budget proposes renaming this account "School Readiness."