

# Child Care and Development Block Grant

Pennsylvania's Plan  
October 2018 – September 2021

# History of Subsidized Child Care Funding

- **Prior to 1996**
  - Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)
    - Families receiving AFDC were entitled to free child care
    - Families who left the AFDC rolls with employment could receive 12 months of transitional subsidized care
    - Targeted families, who without a subsidy, would be at risk of qualifying for AFDC
  - Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG)
    - Designed to support low-income, working families not connected with AFDC
- **AFDC and CCDBG operated under separate sets of rules and targeted separate populations**
  - Because of this, mothers navigating the welfare system faced unnecessary complexity

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- **In 1996** – AFDC was repealed and replaced
  - Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA)
    - Consolidated block funding, lessening the complexities mothers and families faced in the welfare system
    - Targets families on, leaving, or at risk of receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
    - PRWORA is administered according to CCDBG Rules
    - Amended the CCDBG program rules to expand eligibility requirements and to increase state flexibility in administering the program
    - Continued to support the overall goal of self-sufficiency

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- **In 2014**
  - For the first time since 1998, Congress reauthorized the CCDBG
- **In 2016**
  - The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Final Rule was published based on the CCDBG reauthorization
    - This raised the bar for health and safety requirements in child care settings, including expanding the requirements for criminal background checks
    - It emphasized access to QUALITY, by increasing the earmarks for using CCDBG dollars to support quality
    - And it expanded the requirements for consumer education and transparency

# How does the CCDBG Work?

## **BLOCK GRANT FUNDING & STATE PLANS**

- States must demonstrate to the federal government how it intends to meet the aims, goals, and requirements of the CCDBG
  - This is known as a **State Plan**
- Plan Cycle for Federal Fiscal Years 2016-2018 is nearing conclusion
- Currently working on the Plan Cycle for Federal Fiscal Years 2019-2021
  - Have not received newest template from Federal Government
  - Currently using draft template provided by Federal Government

# CCDBG By the Numbers

Year	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12
Appropriations*	\$ 332,674	\$ 742,119	\$ 795,199	\$ 805,415	\$ 809,578	\$ 762,121
Number of Children**	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Year	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18
Appropriations*	\$ 715,449	\$ 711,972	\$ 744,351	\$ 768,227	\$ 776,597	\$ 812,424
Number of Children**	N/A	N/A	117,420	113,003	111,968	112,800

\* Includes Child Care Assistance and Child Care Services

\*\*Total number in subsidized child care during last month of the fiscal year

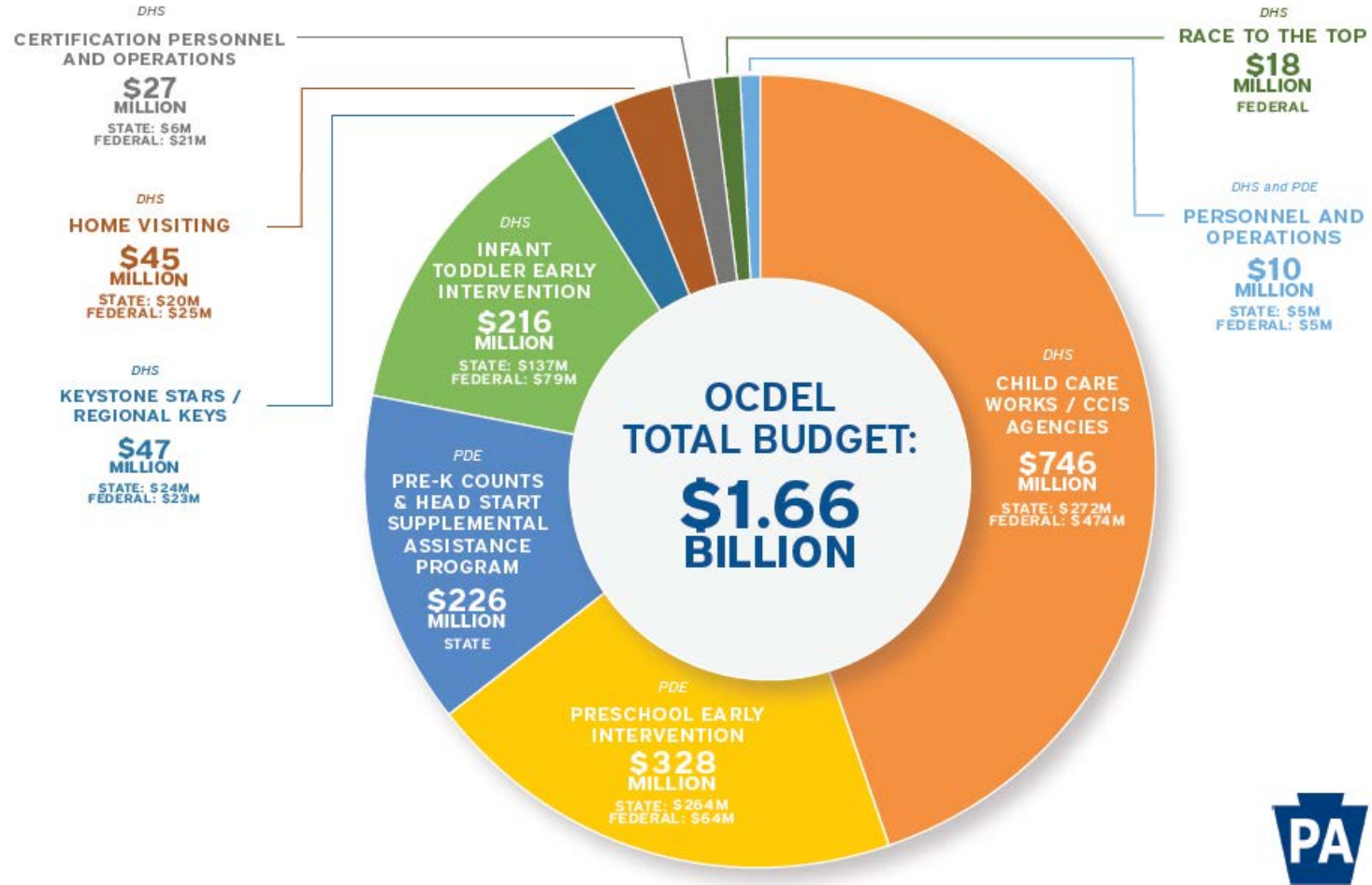
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## OCDEL's Budget Explained

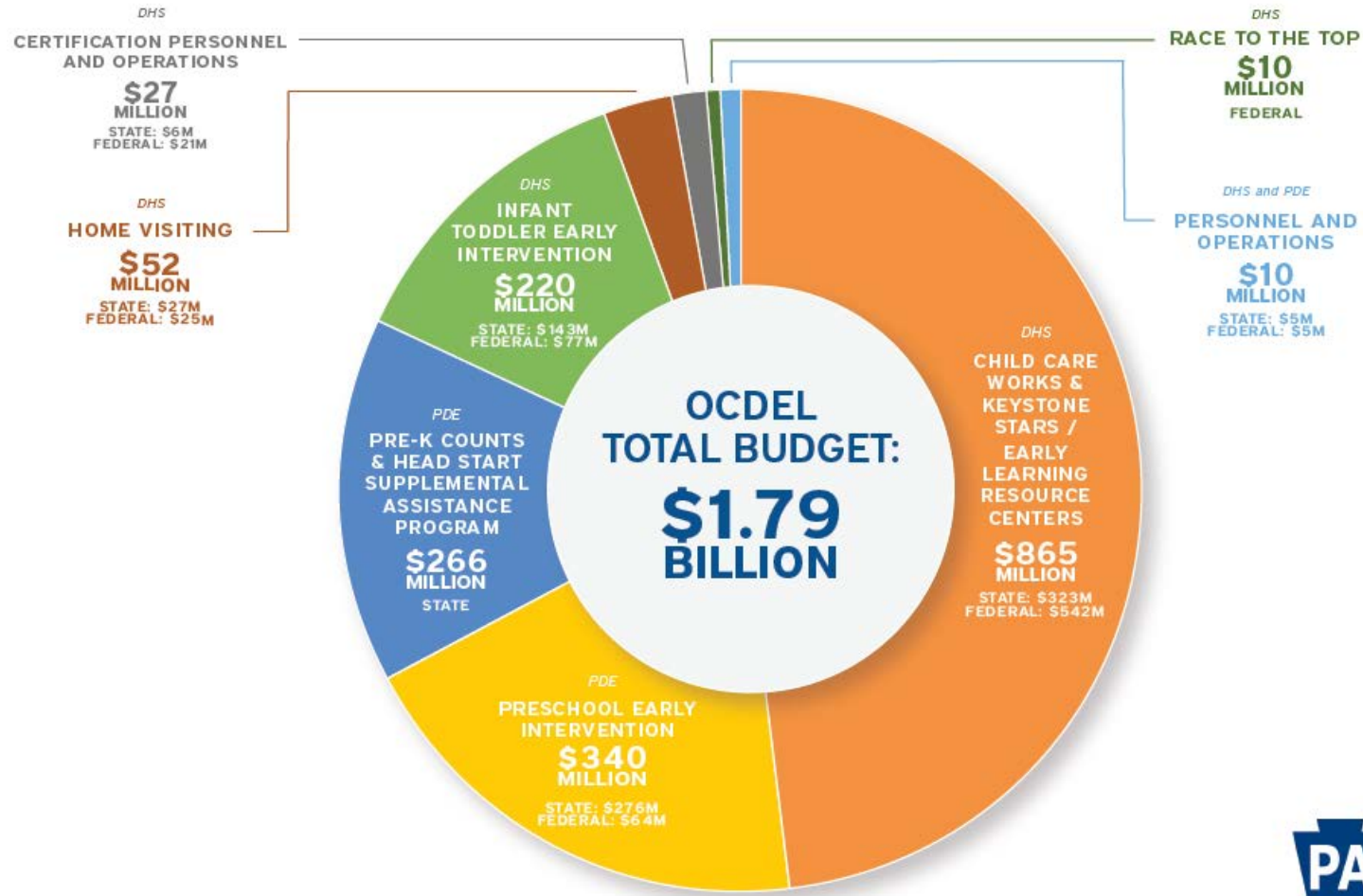
- Between State and Federal Funding, OCDEL's annual budget is over **one billion** dollars
- The following slides indicate where the money goes for the 2017-2018 enacted budget and the 2018-2019 proposed budget
  - Each piece of the pie indicates how much money comes from the state, and how much comes from the federal government
- Of particular note, only **\$10 million** of the budget is dedicated to personnel and operations
  - This means that less than 1% of OCDEL's budget goes to supporting the individuals running the office.

# OCDEL 2017-2018 Enacted Budget





# OCDEL 2018-2019 Proposed Budget



What's in a Plan?

# **PENNSYLVANIA 2019-2021 STATE PLAN**

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## CCDF State Plan

- As mentioned, the Federal Government provides templates with questions that states must answer.
  - Answering the questions demonstrates how a state is or intends to meet the aims, goals, and requirements of the CCDBG.
  - The template is broken into sections which correlate with various CCDBG requirements.
- The next slides provide information on sections headings and how Pennsylvania has answered the questions.

## Section 1: Define CCDF Leadership & Coordination with Relevant Systems

- Pennsylvania Departments of Education & Human Services
- Office of Child Development and Early Learning
  - Bureau of Certification
  - Bureau of Policy and Professional Development
  - Bureau of Operations and Monitoring
  - Bureau of Early Intervention Services and Family Supports
  - Bureau of Finance Administration and Planning
  - Pennsylvania's Early Learning Challenge Grant / Race to the Top
  - Early Learning Resource Centers (ELRC)
  - Early Learning Council
- Other state departments, stakeholders and the advocate community

## Section 2: Promote Family Engagement Through Outreach and Consumer Education

- COMPASS
- DHS Website
- CONNECT
- Other State Websites

## Section 3: Provide Stable Child Care Assistance Families

- 12-Month redeterminations
- Continued care in the event of job loss
- Graduated phase out
- Waivers for families experiencing homelessness or domestic violence
- Presumptive eligibility
- Change in caretaker

## **Section 4: Ensure Equal Access to High Quality Child Care for Low-Income Children**

- Parent choice
- Timely, accurate payments to providers
- Tiered reimbursement rates for Keystone STARS providers

## **Section 5: Establish Standards and Monitoring Processes to Ensure the Health and Safety of Child Care Settings**

- Training requirements for providers
- Pre-service and annual unannounced inspections for all providers
- Full compliance with criminal background checks
  - Pennsylvania is in substantial compliance and OCDEL expects to achieve full compliance by September 2019



## **Section 6: Recruit and Retain a Qualified and Effective Child Care Workforce**

- Professional workforce development and career lattice
- Professional development registry
- Re-visioning Keystone STARS standards
- All training aligned to the core knowledge competencies
- Continue to support the workforce through education and retention awards
- Support providers in the implementation of sound business practices around staff benefits

## Section 7: Support Continuous Quality Improvement

- Support Keystone STARS grants and awards
- Develop and implement robust evaluation of newly revised Keystone STARS
- Program-wide positive behavior interventions and supports
- Support Early Childhood Mental Health Consultations
- Expand, refine, implement, and evaluate three technical assistance platforms/models
- Maintain accountability and measure indicators of STAR level achievement

## **Section 8: Ensure Grantee Program Integrity and Accountability**

- Maintain current level of program integrity and accountability
- Monitor grantee performance in CCW and quality to ensure appropriate and equitable use of federal funds
- Assist grantees in identifying program violations and potential fraud
- Maintain low payment error rates
  - PA currently holds on the lowest rates in the nation
  - No disallowed expenditures

## CCDBG State Plan Timeline:

- 04/09/2018 – Announce public hearings
  - Harrisburg on April 30 at 6340 Flank Drive
  - Philadelphia on May 8 at 801 Market Street
  - Pittsburgh on May 9 at 457 East Waterfront Drive
- 04/17/2018 – Receive back from Governor’s office
  - Address edits/questions
  - Prepare for public hearing
- 04/26/2018 – Send out draft plan; 30-day comment period commences
- 04/30/2018 – Public hearing at PaTTAN in Harrisburg
- 05/08/2018 – Public hearing at 801 Market Street in Philadelphia
- 05/09/2018 – Public hearing at 458 East Waterfront Drive in Pittsburgh
- 05/26/2018 – Public comment period closes
- 06/22/2018 – Responses to public comments and testimony are published
- 06/29/2018 – Submit to Office of Child Care
- 10/01/2018 – Plan goes into effect and is posted to DHS website

- To view the State Plan go to: [www.dhs.pa.gov](http://www.dhs.pa.gov)
  - Select “Citizens” then “Child Care and Early Learning
  - Scroll down to access “CCDBG State Plan”
- Comments are due by **May 26, 2018**
- Use template for comments provided on the website
- Send to [RA-PWCCDBGComments@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PWCCDBGComments@pa.gov) or mail to:

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