Child Care Provider Town Hall Meeting

Presented by
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Welcome

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Purpose and Goals for Today

• Communicate with providers
• Review early care & education in Illinois during the pandemic
• Highlight IDPH data guiding early learning
• Based on data, hear from DCFS re: current licensing regulations during COVID
• Provide a ‘sneak peak’ about a messaging campaign for providers coming soon
Head Start, ECBG, Early Intervention and Home Visiting

- Head Start
  - Federal Flexibility
  - Impact on providers and families in Illinois
- Early Childhood Block Grant – PFA & PI
  - Continued support and flexibility from ISBE
  - GEER Funding for PFA, PFAE, PI in DIA= $9 million
  - $1 million for EC Mental Health/Pyramid Model
- Early Intervention
  - Success in telehealth; some in-person happening
- Home Visiting
  - successes and challenges
- *We have seen the value of community collaboration*
Child Care Through COVID-19

Emergency Child Care
FY21 – child care changes
Resources for Child Care Providers created
School-Age Child Care
Financial Supports for Providers
Emergency Child Care

• Child care restricted through the Governor’s EO
• IDHS Policies to support child care during first months of the pandemic
• Financial supports in the form of stipends and grants
• Shifted again in response to DCFS guidance on increased safety requirements and reduced capacity for child care
FY21 Child Care

• Fiscal Year 21 and Phase 3 of Restore Illinois
• Appropriation and Estimated Caseload for FY21
  • Planned policy and programmatic improvements
• School-Age Care during Remote Learning
  • IDHS policies to adapt to current needs
  • Free & reduced lunch waiver for remote learning
  • CACFP waivers/flexibilities
• Supports and Resources for Child Care during the pandemic
Resources & Supports

• Emergency Child Care Webinar Series: Child Development (posted 4/17/2020)
  • https://vimeo.com/406591002
• Emergency Child Care Webinar Series: Health Guidance (posted 4/17/2020)
  • https://vimeo.com/406591058
• Emergency Child Care Webinar Series: Social Emotional Needs (posted 5/15/2020)
  • https://vimeo.com/418906641
  • How do I prepare my site for the reopening of child care? (posted 6/29/2020)
    • https://vimeo.com/433640279

• Supplement to webinar series: Resources for Emergency Child Care Providers
  • https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/OECD/Documents/Resources-Videos%20and%20Articles.pdf
# Financial Supports for Child Care

## Child Care Restoration Grant Applications

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<tr>
<th>Grants Awarded</th>
<th>Pending (Information Required)</th>
<th>Pending (Awaiting Review)</th>
<th>Pending (Online Submission)</th>
<th>Ineligible Applications</th>
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<td>4,686</td>
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## Average Program Funding by Source

### Percent

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<th>Source</th>
<th>Child Care Center</th>
<th>Family Child Care Home</th>
<th>Family Group Child Care Home</th>
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<td>CDE</td>
<td>60%</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>52%</td>
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<td>Private Pay</td>
<td>36%</td>
<td>28%</td>
<td>24%</td>
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<td>Public Funding</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>2%</td>
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## Grants Awarded by County Group

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<th>Program Type</th>
<th>Group IA</th>
<th>Group IB</th>
<th>Group II</th>
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<tr>
<td>Child Care Center</td>
<td>1,352</td>
<td>365</td>
<td>100</td>
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<tr>
<td>Family Child Care Home</td>
<td>1,420</td>
<td>477</td>
<td>355</td>
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<td>Family Group Child Care Home</td>
<td>307</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>64</td>
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<td>Grand Total</td>
<td>3,139</td>
<td>928</td>
<td>619</td>
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## Percent of Grants Awarded by DIA Status

- In DIA: 47%
- Not in DIA: 53%
Financial Supports for Child Care

Child Care Restoration Grant Payments

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<th>Programs Receiving Payment</th>
<th>Counties Represented</th>
<th>Amount Awarded</th>
<th>Percent Funding Awarded</th>
<th>Pending Expenditures</th>
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<td>4,686</td>
<td>95</td>
<td>$156.2M</td>
<td>57.8%</td>
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Total Expenditures and Targets

- **Grant Number**: 20-481001
- **Expenditures**: $0M, $100M, $200M

DIA Expenditures and Targets

- **Grant Number**: 20-481001
- **Expenditures**: $10M, $20M, $30M, $40M, $50M

Downstate Expenditures and Targets

- **Grant Number**: 20-481001
- **Expenditures**: $0M, $20M, $40M, $60M

Number of Programs by Type and County Category

- **Collar**
  - Child Care Center: 1,374
  - Family Child Care Home: 1,458
  - Family Group Child Care Home: 368

- **Downstate**
  - Child Care Center: 542
  - Family Child Care Home: 795
  - Family Group Child Care Home: 149

Avg Monthly Award by Program Type

- Child Care Center: $25,072
- Family Child Care Home: $1,474
- Family Group Child Care Home: $2,982

% Funds Awarded by DIA Status

- In DIA: 37%
- Not In DIA: 63%

% Funds Awarded by County Type

- Collar: 73%
- Downstate: 27%

Payments through 9/15/2020

Note: For purposes of this grant, "Collar" counties include Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, and Will.
COVID-19 in Child Care Programs: Literature and Illinois Data

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Illinois COVID-19 Outbreaks

Data Source: Outbreak Reporting System
Last Retrieved: 10/9/2020
Literature: UK Outbreaks

• UK report on COVID-19 outbreaks in education:
  – All 7 outbreaks in ‘early year’ settings (ages 0-5) began with an initial case in a staff member
  – Among all outbreaks:
    • 15 staff-to-staff
    • 7 staff-to-student
    • 6 student-to-staff
    • 2 student-to-student
Literature: Rhode Island Outbreaks

Limited Secondary Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in Child Care Programs — Rhode Island, June 1–July 31, 2020

Weekly / August 28, 2020 / 69(34):1170–1172

On August 21, 2020, this report was posted online as an MMWR Early Release.

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Literature: Salt Lake City Outbreaks

Children who likely got COVID-19 at two Utah child care centers spread it to household members

- 12 kids likely got COVID-19 in 2 child care centers; 3 didn’t have symptoms
- 12 people who had contact with the children outside the child care centers got infected* including some parents and siblings
- 1 parent required hospitalization

SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN CHILD CARE CENTERS

- Test contacts of patients with COVID-19
- Wash hands frequently
- Stay home when sick
- Encourage adults and children 2 years and older to wear masks
- Clean and disinfect frequently

*confirmed or probable

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https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr
Literature: Take-homes

• Most outbreaks start with adults, but there still is not enough data to estimate if children transmit less than adults.

• In most outbreaks, key protective measures were not employed (masking, cohorting, quarantine).

• With adherence to guidelines daycare outbreaks can be suppressed to manageable levels.
COVID-19 Surveillance System Structure

- Laboratory/Healthcare Provider Reports
- Local Health Departments
- Outbreak Reporting System
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Facility Reports
- I-NEDSS & Salesforce
- Department of Child and Family Services

Illinois Department of Public Health
Surveillance Databases

• Outbreak Reporting System
  – Confirmed outbreaks reported by local health departments
  – Does not distinguish between day care centers and in-home day cares

• I-NEDSS and Contact Tracing Data (Salesforce)
  – I-NEDSS contains all cases of COVID-19 in Illinois
  – Cases and contacts followed in the Salesforce system
  – Used variably across jurisdictions

• Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) data
  – Collected for programmatic purposes
  – May lack follow-up data
Outbreak Reporting System

**Outbreak definition:** 2+ laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases who are epidemiologically linked to the outbreak setting, have onsets of illness within a 14-day period, do not share a household, and are not listed as a close contact of each other outside of the outbreak setting.
Outbreak Reporting System

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<th>Total Licensed Day Care Programs</th>
<th>Total Reported Outbreaks</th>
<th>Total Outbreak-Associated Cases</th>
<th>Average Cases per Outbreak&lt;sup&gt;1&lt;/sup&gt; (Range)</th>
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<td>12,774</td>
<td>69</td>
<td>299</td>
<td>4.4 (2-16)</td>
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To allow for epidemiologic investigation and reporting delays, outbreaks were only analyzed with respect to average case count and case type if 28 days had passed since first onset (N = 58)
Data: Take-homes

• Comprehensive surveillance underlies our data and our guidance.
• Data relies on testing and reporting - we can’t study infections that aren’t diagnosed.
• The number of outbreaks has been manageable, but sustained.
• Mean individuals exposed: 36 (range 2-123)

Data Source: Outbreak Reporting System
Last Retrieved: 10/13/2020

1Includes all outbreaks with complete case type information if 28 days had passed since first onset (N = 52)
2Includes all outbreaks with all cases linked in I-NEDSS (N = 49)
# I-NEDSS Demographics

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<th>N (%)</th>
<th>Race/Ethnicity²</th>
<th>N (%)</th>
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<td>Infants</td>
<td>12 (5%)</td>
<td>White, non-Hispanic</td>
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<td>Toddler and Preschool Children</td>
<td>51 (20%)</td>
<td>Hispanic or Latino</td>
<td>62 (37%)</td>
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<td>School Age Children</td>
<td>36 (14%)</td>
<td>Black, non-Hispanic</td>
<td>16 (9%)</td>
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<td>Staff, Assistants, and Others</td>
<td>155 (61%)</td>
<td>Other, non-Hispanic</td>
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**Data Source:** I-NEDSS, Outbreak Reporting System  
**Last Retrieved:** 10/9/2020  
¹Age data was available for 252 (95%) of 238 cases in I-NEDSS. Age was classified as follows: infants (0 to 15 mo. of age), toddlers and preschool children (<15 mo. to 4 years of age), school age children (5-12 years of age), staff assistants and others (≥13 years of age).  
²Race/Ethnicity data was available and not suppressed for 169 (63%) of 269 cases in I-NEDSS.  
³Data suppressed due to small cell count (<10 cases).
I-NEDSS Demographics

Cases Associated with Child Care Outbreaks by COVID-19 Region, 3/16/2020-10/9/2020

Data Source: I-NEDSS, Outbreak Reporting System
Last Retrieved: 10/13/2020
*Data suppressed due to small cell count (<10 cases).
Data: Take-homes

• Child care programs in all regions of the state have been impacted.

• Consistent with COVID-19 cases overall, a higher burden of cases was seen among staff and children of color.

• Staff make up a majority of cases and start a majority of the outbreaks.


THANK YOU!

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DCFS Changes to day care licensing

Process to determine new guidelines
Partnerships
--IDPH
--IDHS
Timeline
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<th>Day Care Homes</th>
<th>Maximum Staff to Child Ratio</th>
<th>Maximum Group Size (children)</th>
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| Mixed Group         | 1 caregiver alone to 8 children | 8 children
Includes providers own children under age 12                                               |
| Mixed Group         | Caregiver and 1 Assistant 8 children plus 2 school aged children = 10 children | 8 children plus 2 school aged children = 10 children
includes caregiver’s own children under age 12 and additional 2 children fulltime-enrolled school age children |
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## Day Care Centers

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<td>8 (remains the same)</td>
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<td>Toddler</td>
<td>1:5</td>
<td>14</td>
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<td>Twos</td>
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<td>Threes</td>
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Messaging Campaign

Share current and emerging public health data to help you best control the spread of COVID-19 in your community

Provide timely and useful reminders on what we know WORKS to prevent COVID

Provide helpful strategies to use with the parents in your program to keep them & you safe

Looking ahead to the potential dangers of the holiday season & how to prepare
Mechanics of the Campaign

• Weekly emails from INCCRRA with a ‘message of the week’ will arrive in your inbox

• Easily downloadable materials and social media posts to remind staff, parents and visitors of what THEY can do to prevent the spread of COVID

• Information and where to find out more about effective mitigation strategies during the pandemic

• Helpful reminders, ideas & suggestions to lighten your load
Thank You!