



Workforce Innovations in Early Childhood State Systems: What's New and What's Next?

8:30 am - 9:45 am





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Presentation to National Association of State Leaders in Early Education

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What is the Early Childhood Educator Pay Equity Fund?

- The Early Childhood Educator Pay Equity Fund is a special fund of the District of Columbia Government used to increase compensation of child development facility staff.
- The program is administered by OSSE.
- OSSE is implementing the Early Childhood Educator Pay Equity
 Fund in accordance with statutory requirements and the
 recommendations of the <u>Early Childhood Educator Equitable</u>
 Compensation Task Force.





FY22 and FY23

 In FY22 and FY23, OSSE partnered with AidKit to disburse supplemental payments directly to early childhood educators.







By The Numbers

FY22

3,217 early childhood educators received a supplemental payment

\$38,372,000

distributed to early childhood educators

FY23 (Q1-Q3)

3,854 early childhood educators received a supplemental payment

\$31,147,500

distributed to early childhood educators





FY24 Early Child Educator Pay Equity Fund

- In FY24, OSSE will distribute Early Childhood Educator Pay Equity Funds directly to child development facilities to increase compensation for early educators through a <u>child development facility (CDF) payroll funding</u> formula.
- Early childhood educators will no longer receive direct payments through AidKit.







The CDF Payroll Funding Formula

- In FY24, CDF payroll funding formula awards will be calculated and distributed once per quarter.
- The quarterly award for each child development facility will be the total CDF payroll funding formula award, divided by four.

Base Award

Difference between current salaries and minimum salaries by role and credential per FTE Administrative Enhancement

15 percent of the base award

Equity Adjustment

Up to 60 percent of the base award determined by subsidy enrollment as share of licensed capacity

FY24 Supplement

30 percent of the sum of the base award, administrative enhancement and equity adjustment

CDF payroll funding formula









HealthCare4ChildCare Through DC Health Link

HealthCare4ChildCare

- **DC Residents:** Provides free health insurance for District residents and their families who are employees of OSSE licensed child development centers and homes through DC Health Link's Individual and Family Marketplace. \$0 Premium with a choice of 3 Standard Silver Plans.
- Non-District Residents: Provides lower premiums or free health insurance for non-District residents who are employees of OSSE licensed child development centers and homes choosing to participate in through DC Health Link's Small Business marketplace (SHOP).
- All Employees: All full-time and part-time employees of an OSSE licensed center or home are eligible for free or lower premiums.

For more information on FY24 Early Childhood Educator Pay Equity Fund, please visit: osse.dc.gov/fy24ecepayequity.





FY24 Wage Supplements and Minimum Salaries

Role	Credentials	Wage Supplement for FY24 (annual)	Minimum Salaries for FY24 (annual salary)	Minimum Salaries for FY24 (hourly)
Assistant Teacher	Less than CDA	\$2,329	\$43,865	\$21.09/hour
	CDA	\$9,470	\$51,006	\$24.52/hour
	Associate degree or higher	\$12,726	\$54,262	\$26.09/hour
Lead Teacher	CDA	\$8,503	\$54,262	\$26.09/hour
	Associate degree	\$18,079	\$63,838	\$30.69/hour
	Bachelor's degree or higher	\$29,344	\$75,103	\$36.11/hour

- Employers may choose to pay some staff in these roles/credentials more, but participating employers may not pay them less.
- The FY24 minimum salaries are specific to the Early Childhood Educator Pay Equity Fund program. They are <u>not</u> the same as state and federal minimum wage requirements.

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Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Apprenticeships for the ECE Workforce

Systems Thinking for State Early Childhood Leaders

Location:
Main Ballroom

Location: Rosedale

Equity Audit:
Helping State
Leaders Assess
Equity in Their
Systems,
Practices, and
Outcomes

Location: Cordell



Break

9:45 am - 10:00 am



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Breakout Sessions

10:00 am - 11:00 am



Envisioning State Governance Systems that Work for Children and Families

11:30 am - 11:55 am



Speakers:



Jeffrey Capizzano, President and Founder, Policy Equity Group



Adrienne Fischer, Senior Policy Analyst, Education Commission of the States





The National Landscape of ECE Governance



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Early Care and Education Governance Structures

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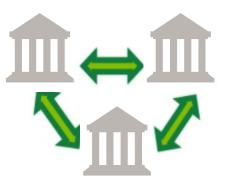
9 states have **created** a new entity to oversee several early care and education components.

CONSOLIDATED



13 states plus the District of Columbia have consolidated several agencies or programs into an existing entity that oversees multiple components.

COORDINATED

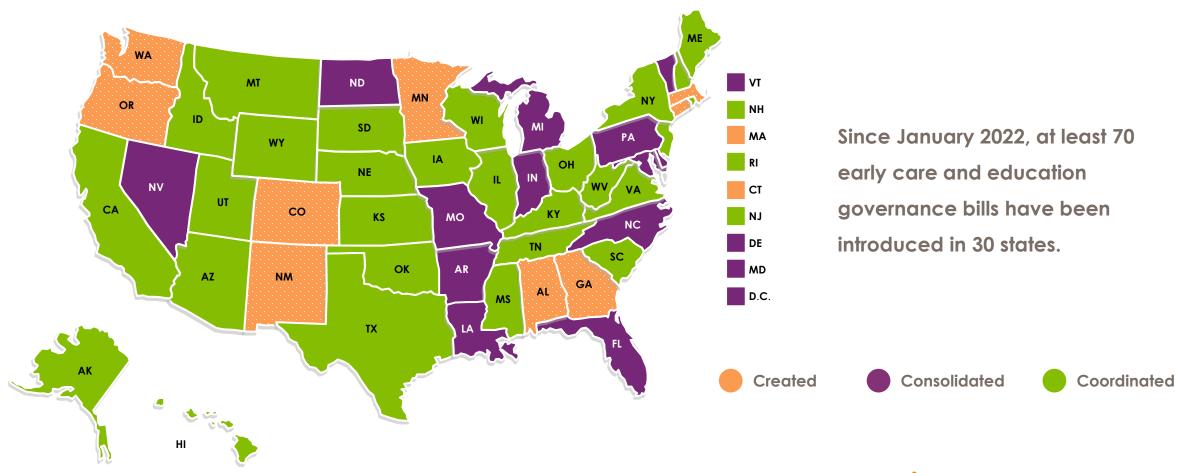


28 states have agencies that provide programs and services that require a coordinated approach between agencies.



Early Childhood Governance Structures

National Landscape, 2023

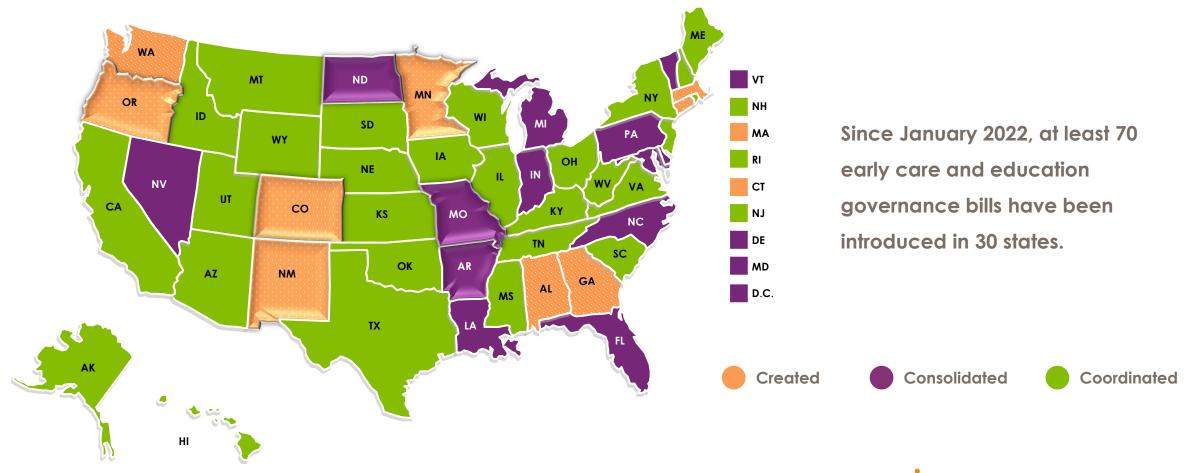






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Additional Trends

- Making technical changes
- Forming study committees and working groups
- Modifying children's cabinets and ECE councils
- Others





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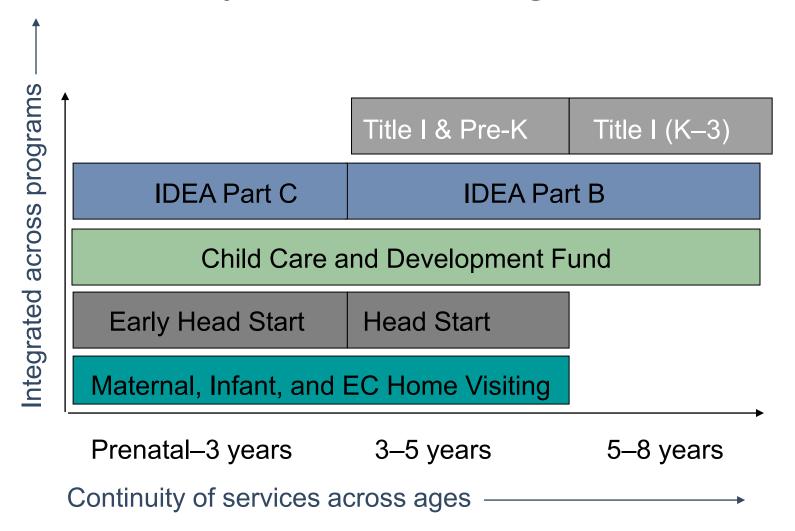
Envisioning State Governance Systems that Work for Children and Families

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Early Childhood Programs



Differences in Early Childhood Programs Make Alignment Difficult or Impossible

Administration

- Federal to local (Head Start); federal to state (CCDBG);
- Different funding vehicles for ECE services grants, subsidies, direct service

Eligibility Thresholds

Differences both in income eligibility and categorical eligibility

Program Standards

 Head Start Program Performance Standards v. Child Care Licensing v. QRIS v. Pre-K Standards

Workforce and Professional Development

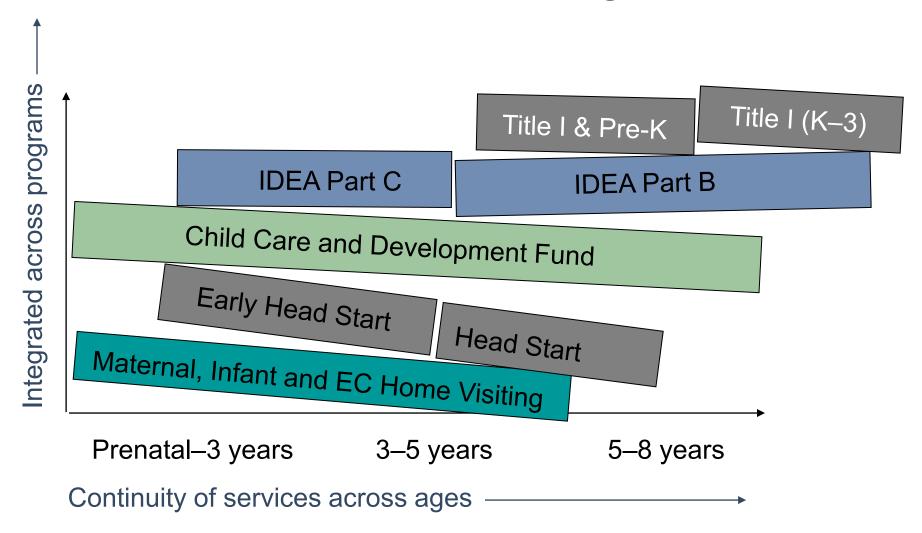
Head Start National T/TA System, state-based registries, curricula companies

Accountability

Head Start monitoring v licensing inspection v. Pre-K monitoring/compliance



Federal Policies Are Not Integrated



Discussion: Can Effective Governance Overcome the Root Causes of ECE Fragmentation?

Where does a unified governance structure make the most difference in coordinating ECE programs? What is working in your state right now?

If you do not have a unified governance structure, what is on your Wishlist?

If you could lead an advocacy effort at the federal level to overcome some of the fragmentation in early childhood policy or to improve how ECE programs are governed at the state level, what would you do?

As the foremost experts in the administration of ECE programs in the country, what federal changes would you recommend to federal policymakers to make the coordination better?





