New CAPS Requirements for Exempt Programs

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Welcome and Overview

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Focus of Webinar

Provide an overview of requirements for Exempt programs based on recent CCDF/CAPS changes

NOTE: Only applies to programs in category 1- Government owned or category 7- Day Camp that also receive subsidy funding through the CAPS program
CCDF History and Reauthorization Specifics
The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) is authorized under the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act.

CCDBG was first authorized in 1990. It was amended and reauthorized in 1996 and again in 2014.

In fiscal year 2014, CCDF made $5.3 billion available to states, territories, and tribes.

Georgia received over $193 million in fiscal year 2015.
Reauthorization

The 2014 reauthorization represents a “historic re-envisioning” of the law. This includes new requirements around:

- Health and safety standards
- Eligibility policies
- Quality improvement efforts
- Information provided to families about child care and child development

Georgia already meets many of the new requirements.
Reauthorization identified the following as the purposes of CCDF:

- Promoting self-sufficiency for low-income families
- Promoting involvement by parents and families in the development of their children in child care settings
- Improving the overall quality of child care services and programs
- Increasing the number and percentage of low-income children in high-quality child care settings
Why CCDF Matters?

- Provides financial assistance for child care to lower income families
- Assists states in improving the quality of early education
- Aligns with other early education programs and initiatives
  - Examples of alignment include Georgia’s Pre-K, Head Start, Early Head Start, and Early Learning Challenge
  - Designed to supplement, not supplant, current state early education initiatives
Impacts to CAPS Policy & Exempt Programs

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CAPS Purpose

- CAPS, funded through CCDF, provides child care assistance to families with low incomes
- CCDF is a vehicle toward:
  - Increasing access to quality programs for families with low incomes
  - Raising quality for early childhood education programs
New CAPS Policy for Exempt Programs

Types of Exempt Programs Authorized to Receive Subsidies:
- Governmental Entities
- Day Camp Programs

New Requirements
- Annual Enrollment
- CRC Requirements
- Monitoring Requirements
- Health and Safety Training Requirements
**Annual Enrollment**

Compliance Documents must be completed annually

- Child Care Provider Agreement
- Form W-9 for Tax Identification Purposes
- Assurance of Compliance with Federal Regulations Regarding Civil Rights – Form 704
- Policies, Procedures and Rates
- Direct Deposit Form
Criminal Records Checks

Require criminal records checks through DECAL

In addition to a federal fingerprint check, the new CCDF regulations require:

- National Sex Offender Registry Check
- Child Abuse Registry Check
- Record checks in states where the applicant has resided in the past 5 years
CCDF programs receiving subsidy funding are now subject to annual inspections for compliance with health, safety, and fire standards.

Inspections will begin around June 2017.

All inspections will be unannounced.

Findings are required to be posted online for five years after the monitoring date.
Health & Safety Training Requirement

Effective 10/1/16-

All direct care staff at exempt programs receiving CCDF funding (CAPS) must complete:

- Pre-service Health and Safety Orientation Training
- First-aid and CPR training

Training must be completed within 90 days of employment
Health & Safety Training topics

Part of new “Health & Safety Orientation training”
- Prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunization)
- SIDS and use of safe sleep practices
- Administration of medication
- Prevention of and response to food allergies
- Building and physical premises safety
- Prevention of shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma
- Emergency preparedness and response planning
- Storage of hazardous materials and bio contaminants
- Precautions in transporting children (if applicable)

To be acquired separately by approved source:
- First-aid and CPR
Training Sources

Private training vendors such as independent trainers and training companies
- Classroom based
- Online

Search for available training at:
www.training.decal.ga.gov

Pennsylvania State University’s Better Kid Care library
http://extension.psu.edu/youth/betterkidcare/early-care/ccdbg

Technical Colleges
- Technical Certificate of Credit
- Technical Diploma
The new CAPS policy, procedures guide and all associated appendices are located at:

www.CAPS.DECAL.ga.gov
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