



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

Access to Affordable Child Care Task Force

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Overview

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Provide an **overview** of Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)

Federal Reauthorization Requirements

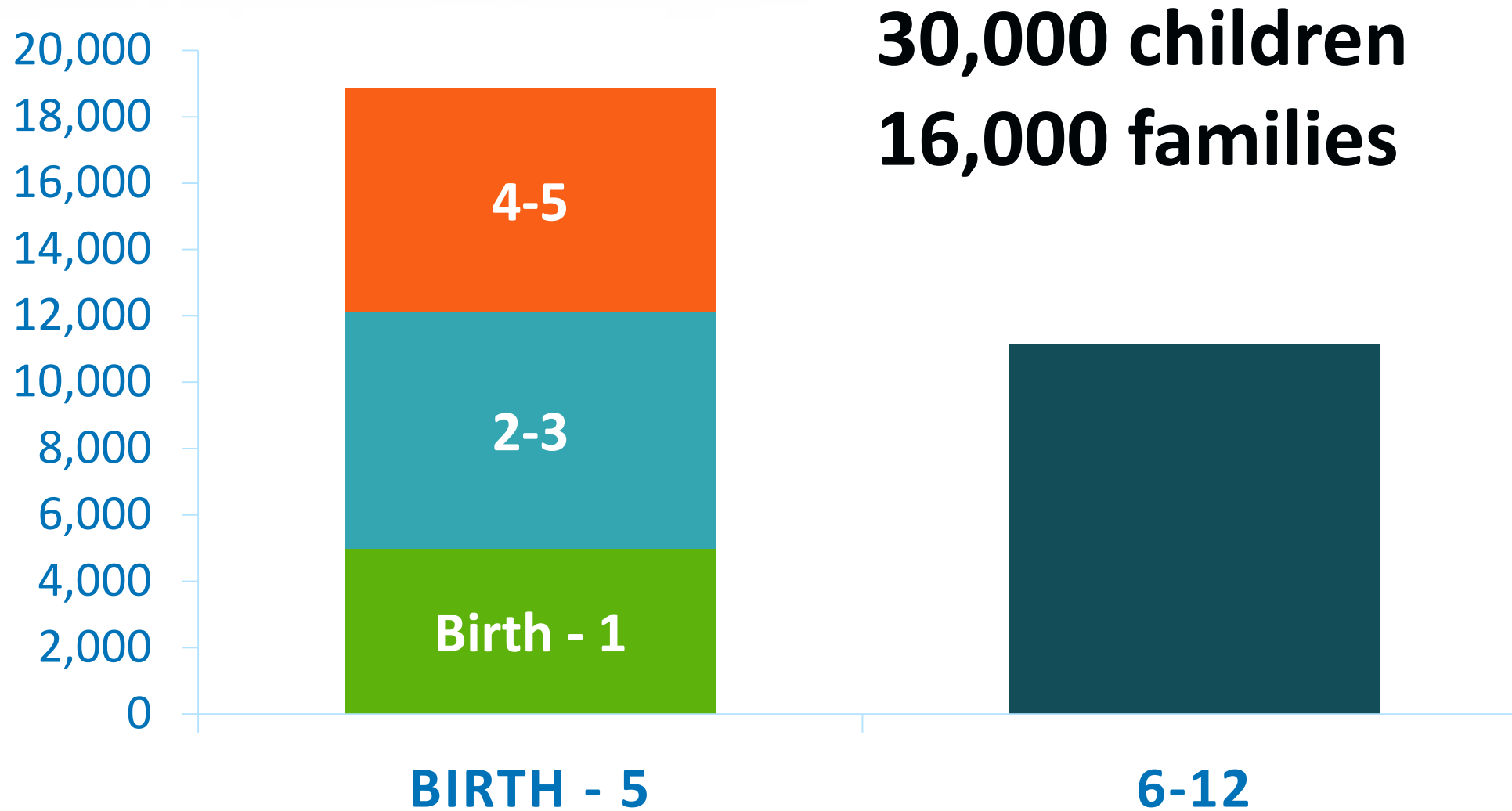
Pathways forward to ensure we have a stable early childhood system



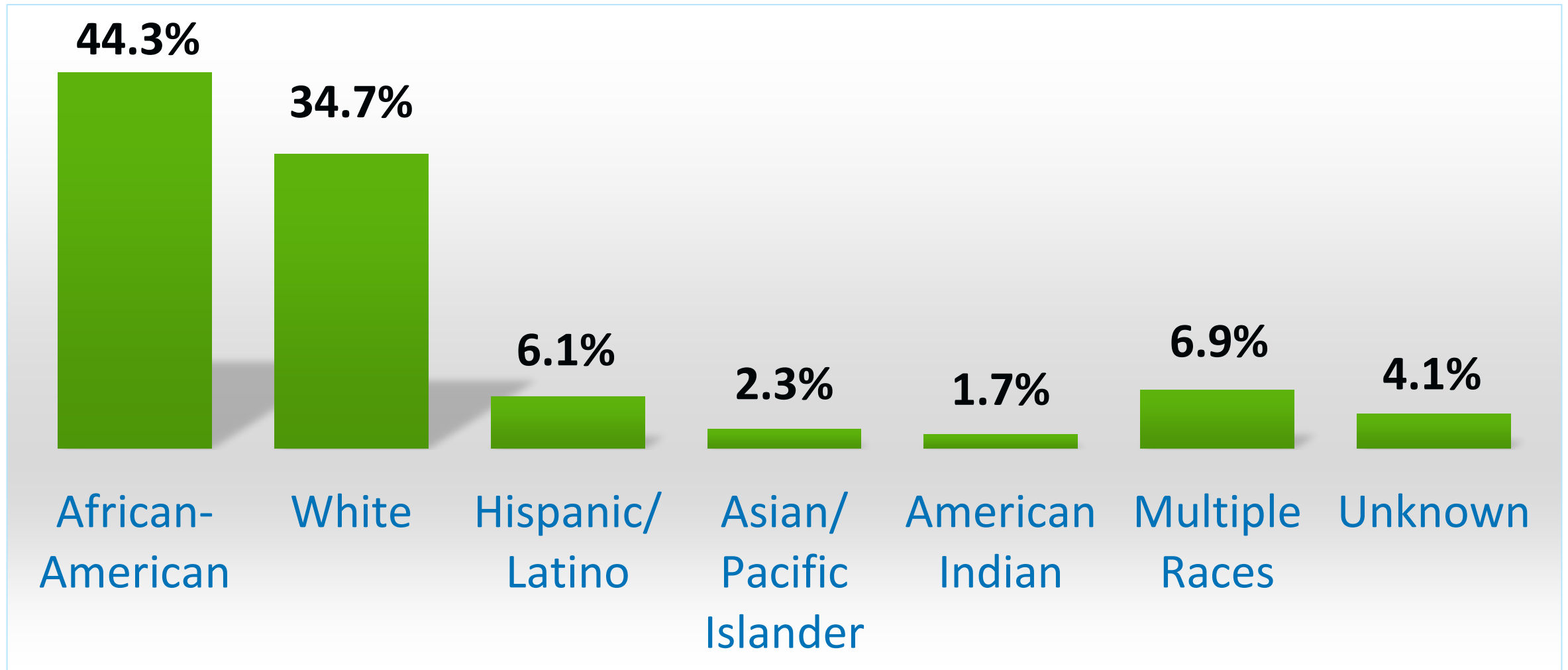
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Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)

Who does CCAP serve?



What is their race and ethnicity?



Are the parents in school or working?

MFIP Child Care

15,200 children in 7,588 families

43% Employment only
6% Education only
9% Employment and Training
7% Other activities
35% Transition Year families

Basic Sliding Fee Child Care

15,267 children in 8,121 families

86% Employment only
4% Education only
10% Employment and Training

What are the income limits?

At application: Income must be at or below 47% SMI

Assistance ends: Income exceeds 67% SMI

Family of 3

47% SMI = \$37,264

67% SMI = \$53,121

How many licensed providers are there?

Licensed Family Child Care

Statewide: 9,425

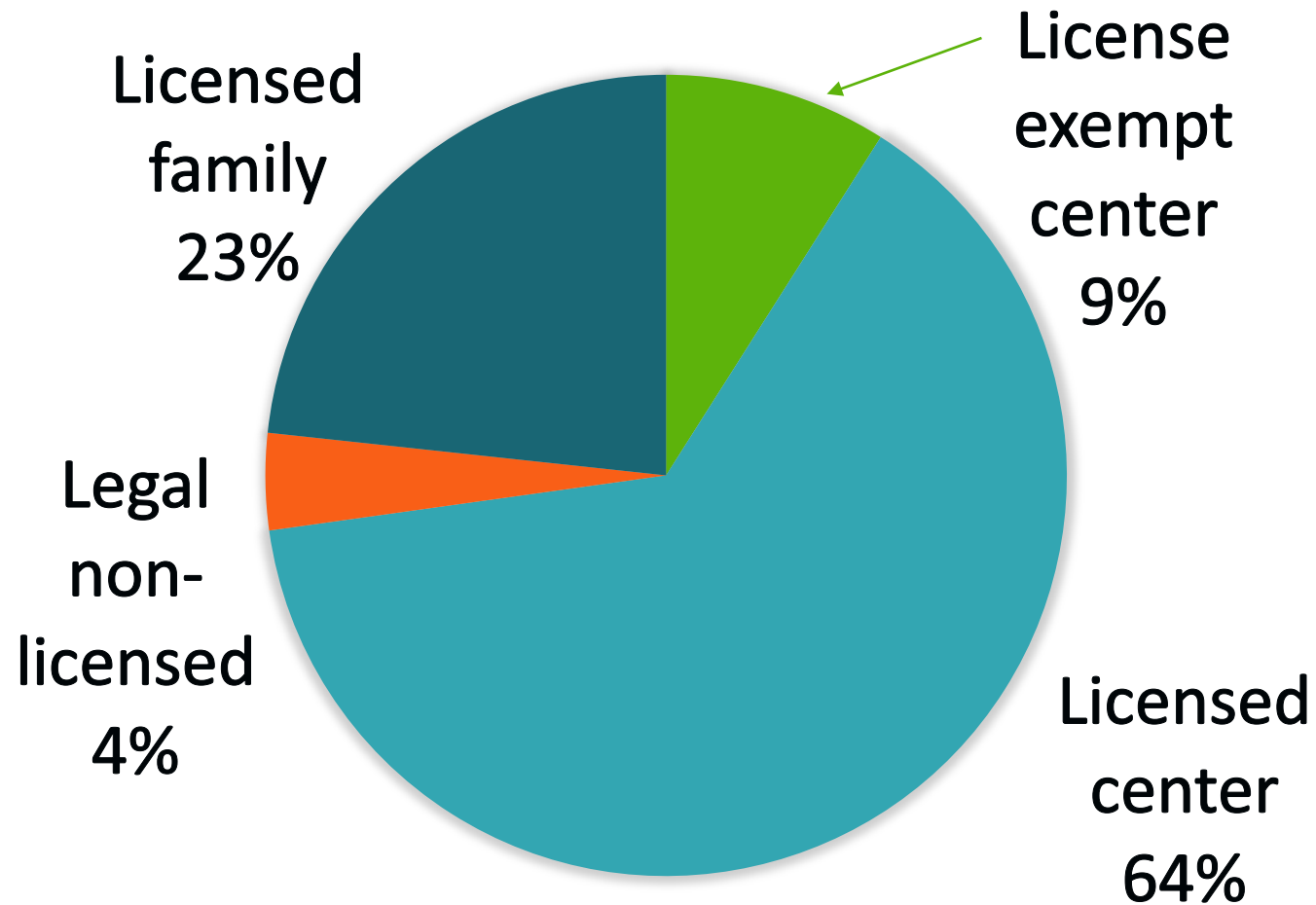
Paid by CCAP: 3,176

Licensed Centers

Statewide: 1,636

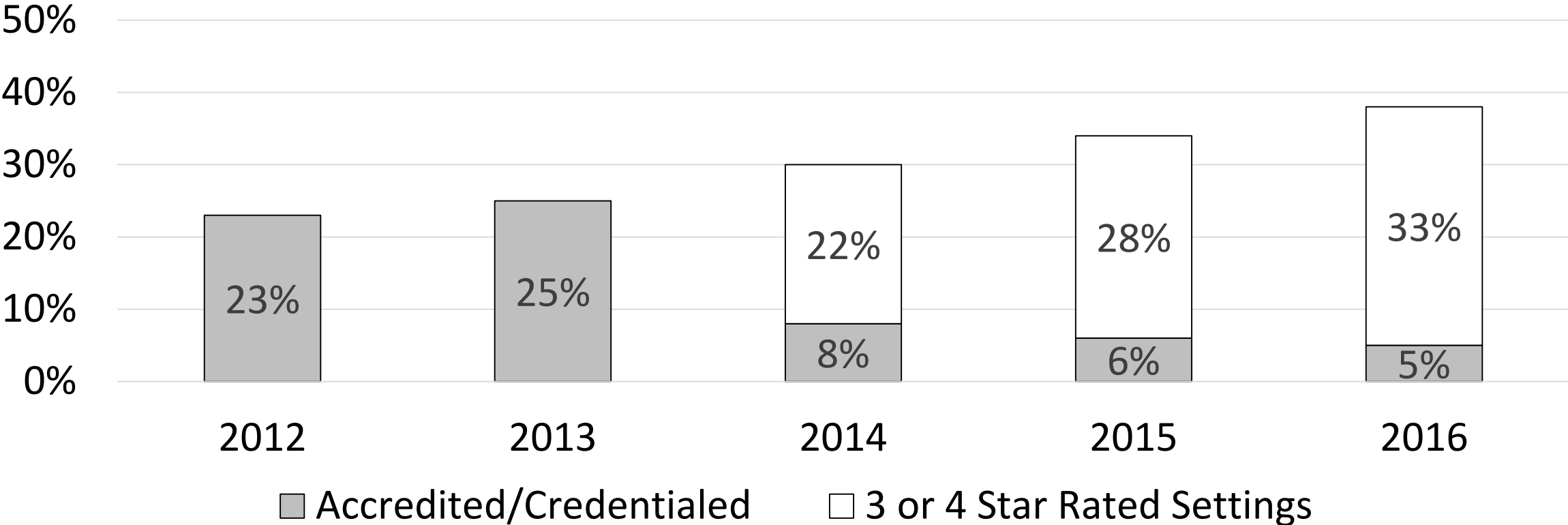
Paid by CCAP: 1,038

What type of child care do they use?



What percent are in high quality settings?

Percent of Children Receiving Child Care Assistance in High Quality Settings



What are the maximum rates?

The maximum amount that CCAP can pay per hour, day or week

Maximum Rates vary by:

- County
- Provider type
- Age of child
- Provider qualifications

Maximum rates are set by the Minnesota legislature

Maximum rates are currently set at the greater of the:

- rates in effect on 11/28/2011

OR

- 25th percentile of the 2011 market rate survey

What are examples of the Maximum Rates?

Example – Dakota County

Maximum Weekly Rates (standard)

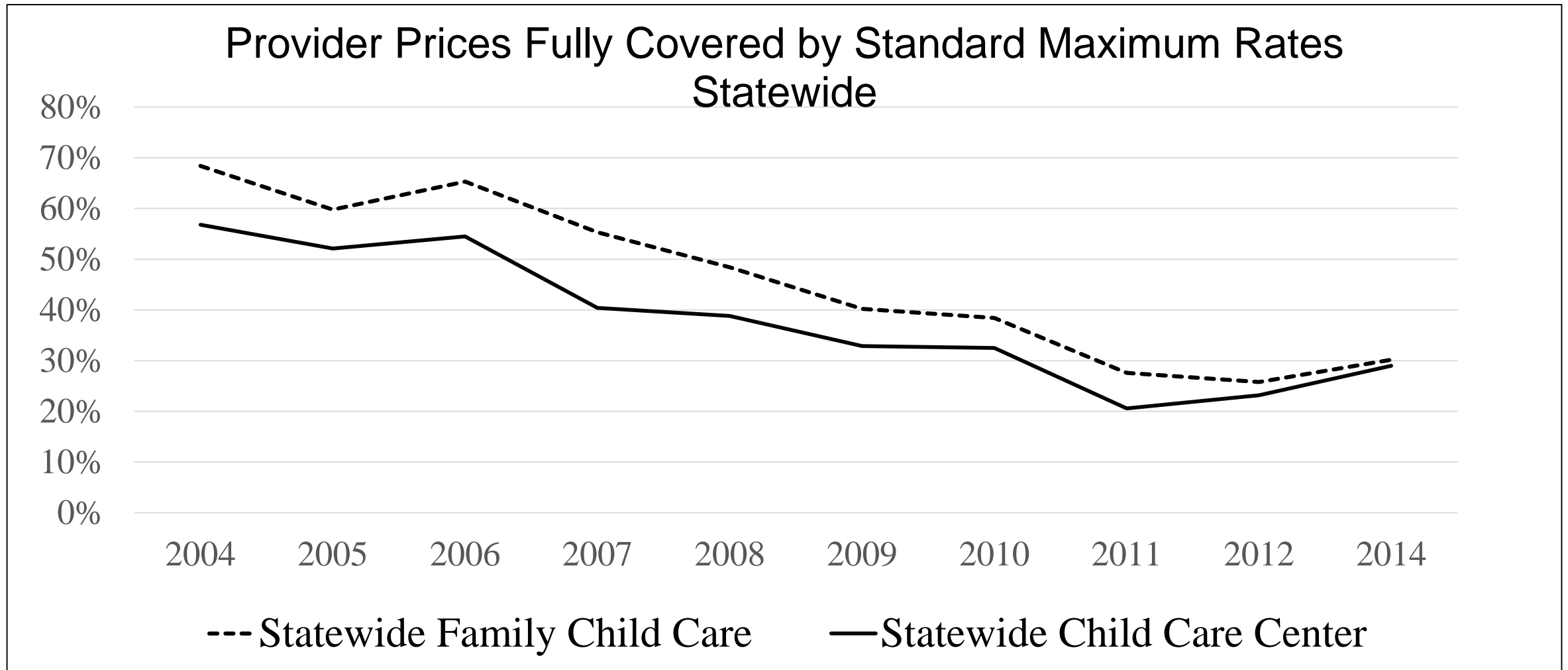
	Licensed Family	Licensed Center
Infant	\$157.75	\$268
Toddler	\$140	\$225
Preschooler	\$134.82	\$201
School Age	\$120	\$184.02

Example – Isanti County

Maximum Weekly Rates (standard)

	Licensed Family	Licensed Center
Infant	\$130	\$185
Toddler	\$125	\$165
Preschooler	\$120	\$157
School Age	\$100	\$130

Do the maximum rates cover provider prices?



Payment timeframes

- Local agencies (counties, subcontracted agencies or tribes) receive bills, and then enter and approve payments.
- Statewide, in SFY16 - 50% of providers were paid within 10 days of the end of a service period, and 85% of providers were paid within 30 days of the end of a service period.

Child Care Assistance Program Funding

Funding for 2015 was \$247 million:

- \$142 million, including federal and state funding, for MFIP child care
- \$105 million, including federal, state and county funding, for Basic Sliding Fee child care

How many families are waiting?

Over 5,500 families
are waiting for Basic
Sliding Fee Child
Care



Federal Reauthorization



We can do better for Families & Children

Support families trying to
achieve self-sufficiency

Support children and their
need for security and
consistency in caregivers



We can do better for Providers

Support the cost of providing quality child care

Support the need for consistent income when running a business



We can do better for CCAP Workers

Support workers by:

- Reducing the amount of paperwork that needs to be processed
- Reducing how often cases need to be changed



We are required to make changes

- Federal Law: CCDBG Reauthorization of 2014
- Most changes required by 9/30/2016
- MN's waiver is for 1 year (until 9/30/2017)
- Possible financial penalties



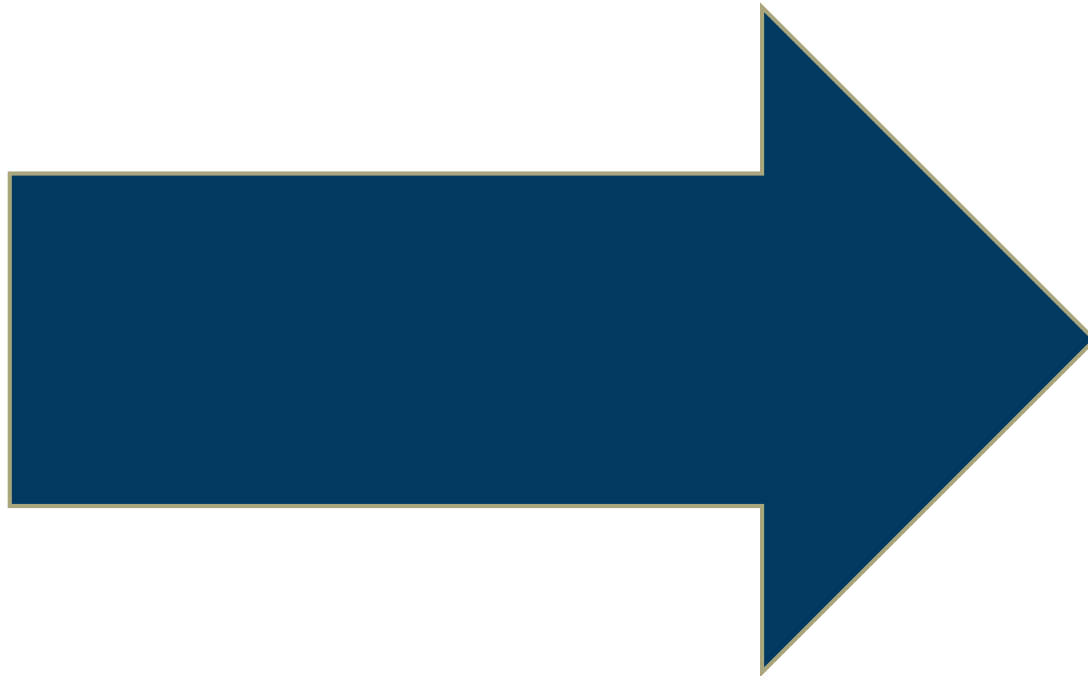


What
changes are
proposed?

12-month Redeterminations

6

months

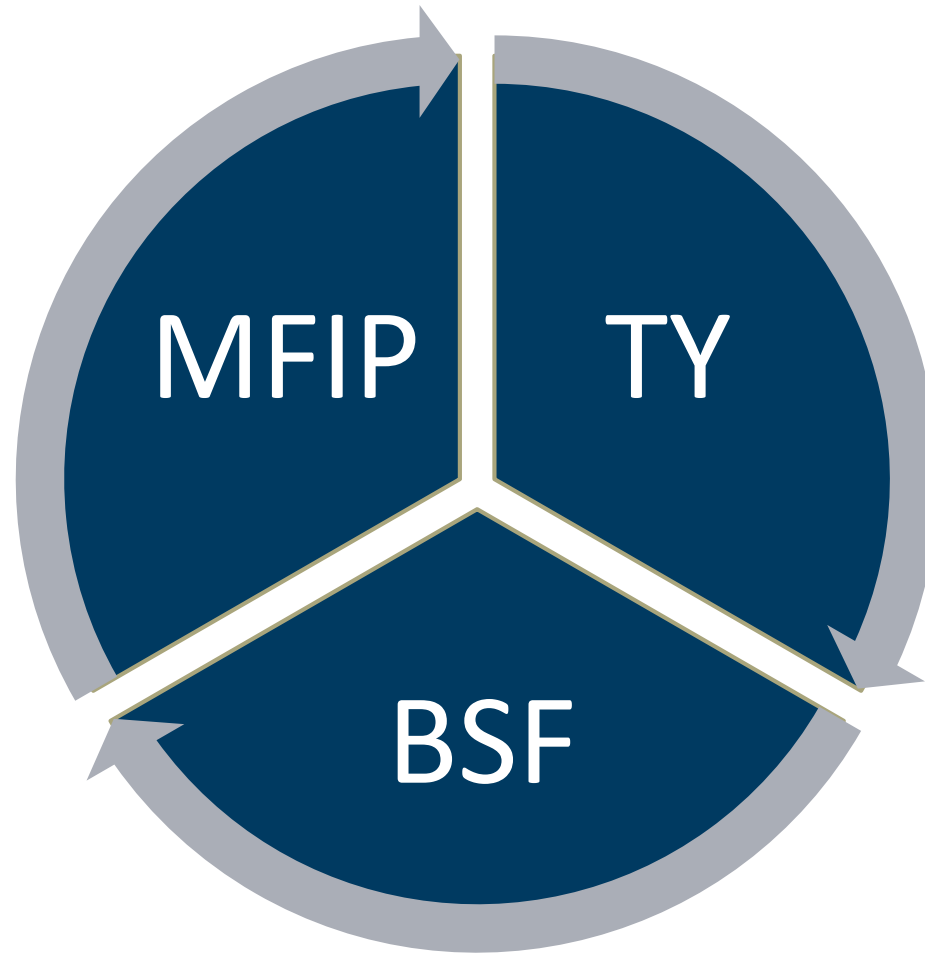


12

months

Continuous Eligibility

MFIP Child Care



- Transition Year
Child Care**
- Allow Education
 - Reduce # of months of MFIP receipt required

**Basic Sliding Fee
Child Care**

Eliminate 6 month limit
on Portability Pool

Reporting Requirements

Current

Report changes in:

- Address
- Provider
- Earned income: \$100 per month or more
- Unearned income: \$50 per month or more
- Work or school ending
- Work schedule or hours
- School schedule or hours
- Immigration status
- Family status
- Visitation or custody schedule

Proposed

Report changes in:

- Address
- Provider
- Income over 85% SMI
- Work or school ending
- Immigration Status
- Family Status
- Custody schedule

Copays and Graduated Phase-Out

Copays do not increase during 12 month period.

Assistance continues during 12 month period if income is less than 85% SMI.

Family of 3

47% SMI = \$37,264

67% SMI = \$53,121

85% SMI = \$67,392

Maintain Consistent Child Care

Steady Authorization

Fewer decreases
in amount of care
authorized

Employment Requirements

Care continues if
work hours
decrease

Temporary Changes

- medical leave
- school break
- seasonal work

Extended Eligibility

3 months of care
when work or
school ends



Homeless Families

Expedited Application

Application processed within 5 working days. Have up to 3 months to submit verifications.

Activity Exemption

Have up to 3 months to find work, start school, or set up Employment Plan.



Payment Policies

Payment Timeframe

Bills paid within 21 days

Update Maximum Rates

Set maximum rates based on the most recent market rate survey



Health and Safety – Background Studies

What is included?

- Fingerprint-based state and FBI record check
- State criminal, sex offender registry, and child abuse and neglect database in Minnesota and any state where person has resided in the last 5 years
- National Sex Offender Registry

Health and Safety – Annual Visits

All licensed family child care programs and licensed centers must be inspected annually for compliance with licensing standards

Unlicensed providers receiving CCAP must be inspected annually for compliance with health and safety standards (except related caregivers):

- Legal nonlicensed providers
- License-exempt centers

Health and Safety Standards and Training

- There are 11 new federal health and safety topics
- Licensed centers and licensed family child care providers are already mostly in compliance
- Many existing trainings are being modified to address the new health and safety topics



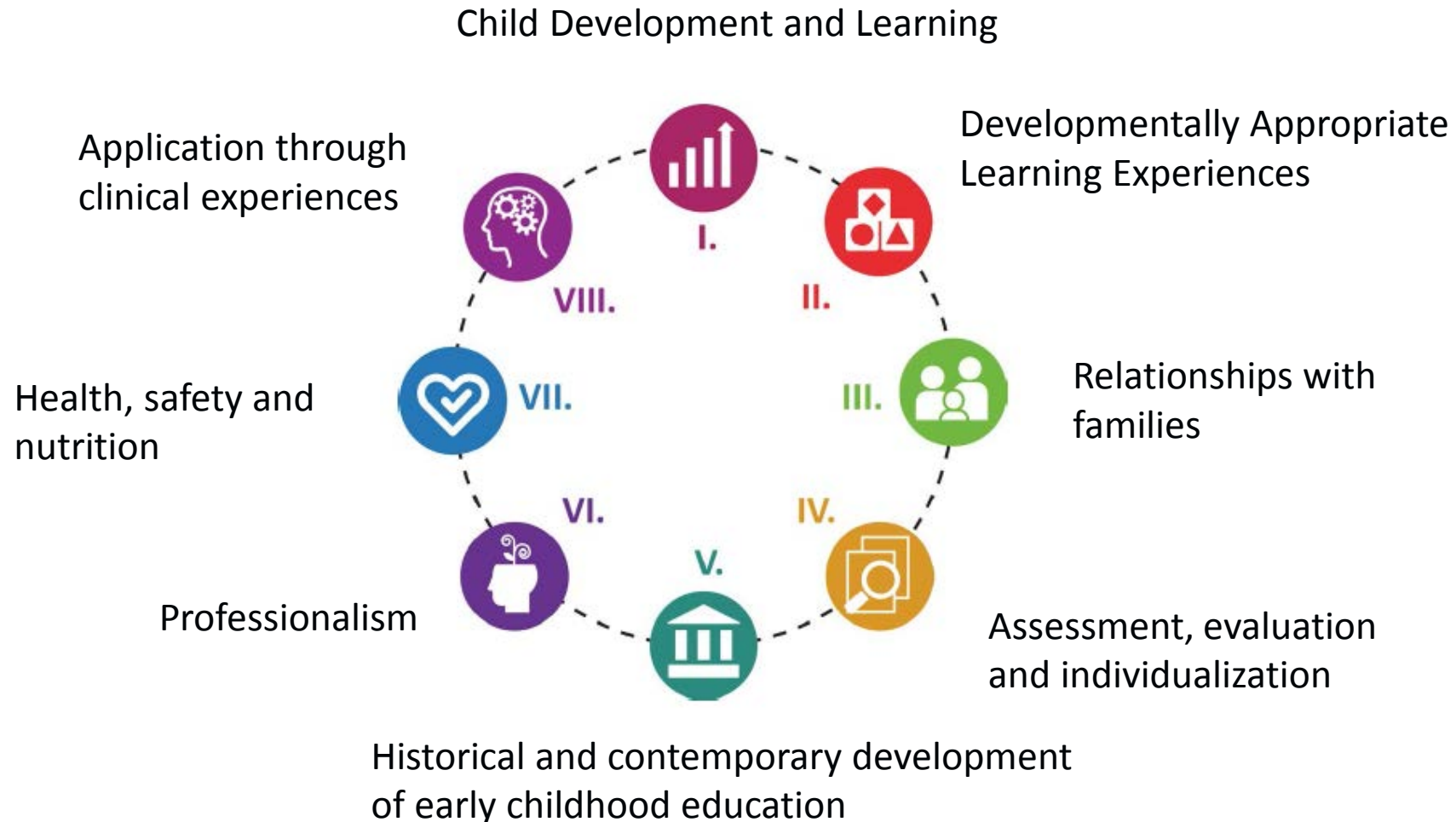
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Training for Child Care Providers

Training for Child Care Providers

- What is the Minnesota Knowledge and Competency Framework?
- What is Parent Aware?
- How is training delivered in Minnesota?
- How much training is available?
- What is the cost of training?
- How do training requirements for Licensing and Parent Aware compare?

Knowledge and Competency Framework



Parent Aware

Minnesota's Quality Rating and Improvement System

- Rates programs on a One-to-Four Star basis
- Helps families search for high quality care
- Helps programs improve their practices
- Helps children become ready for school



How is training for child care providers delivered in MN?

Approved training

Offered by:
Child Care Aware
system

Counts for Licensing
and Parent Aware

Approved training

Offered by:
Organizations
Independent
Trainers

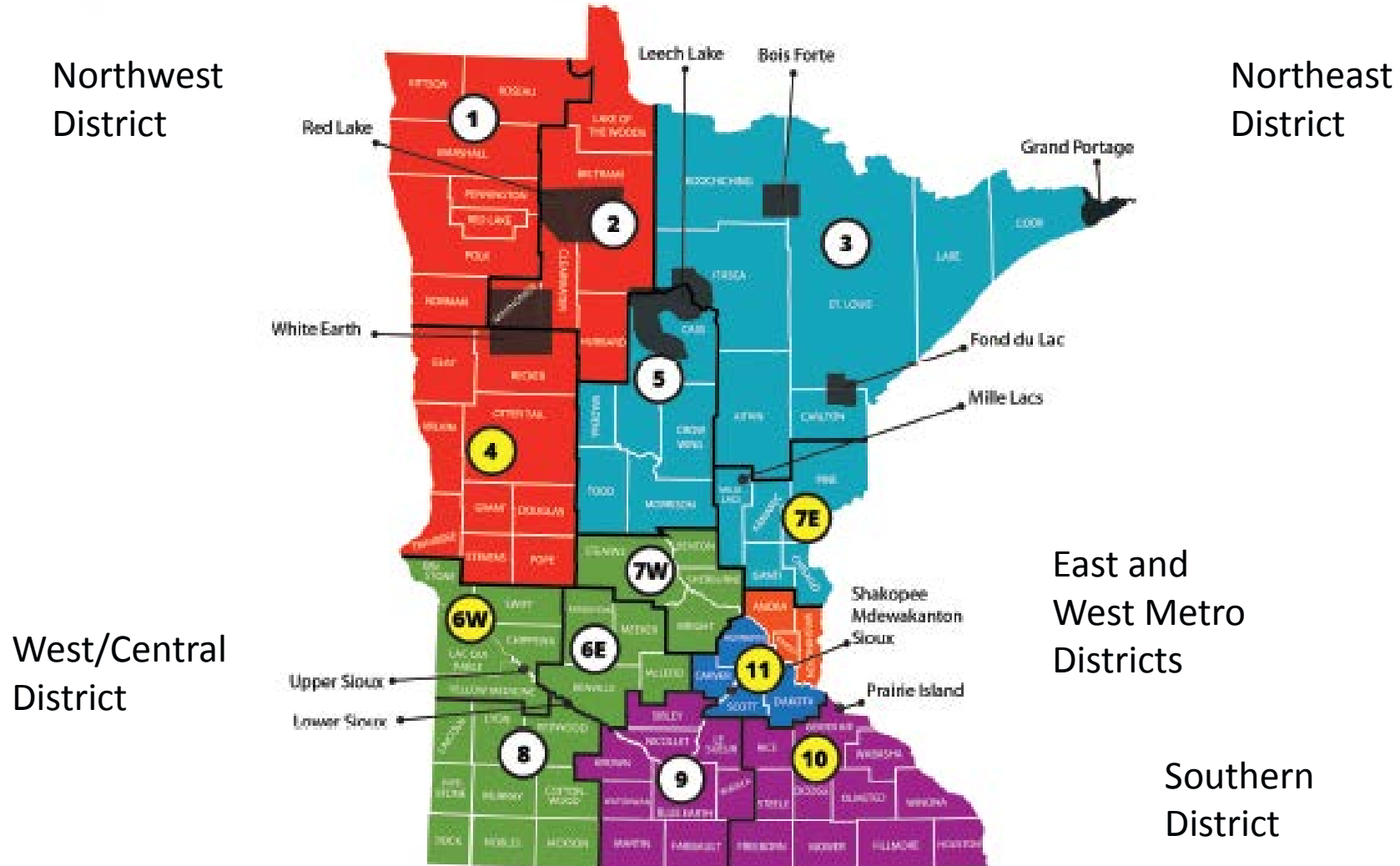
Counts for
Licensing and
Parent Aware

Unapproved training

Offered by:
Organizations
Independent
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Counts for
Licensing

Child Care Aware system



Training Availability FY2016

Number trainings:

6,122

Cancelled: 13%

By type:

Classroom 5,584

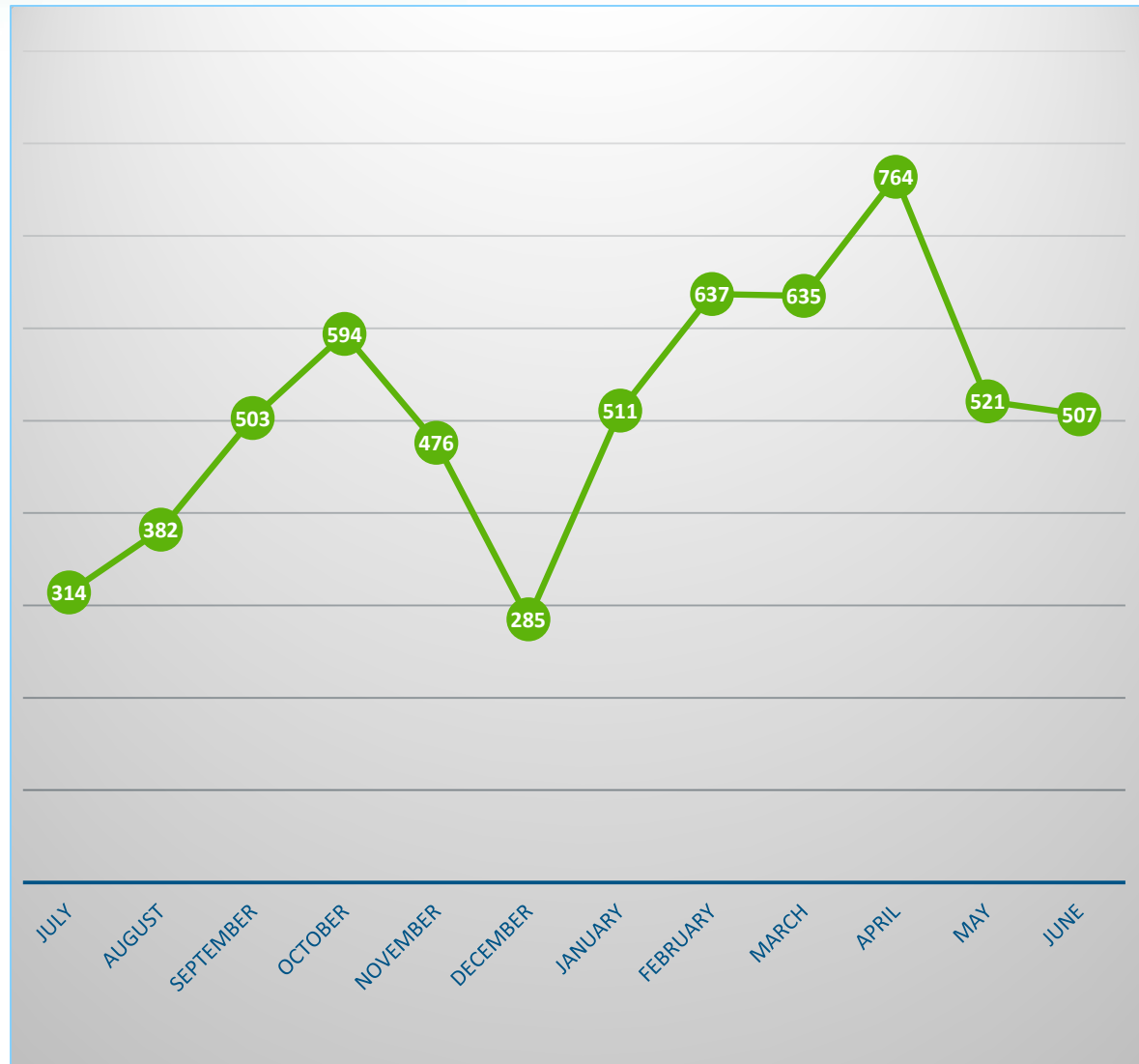
Web-based 545

By language:

Somali 119

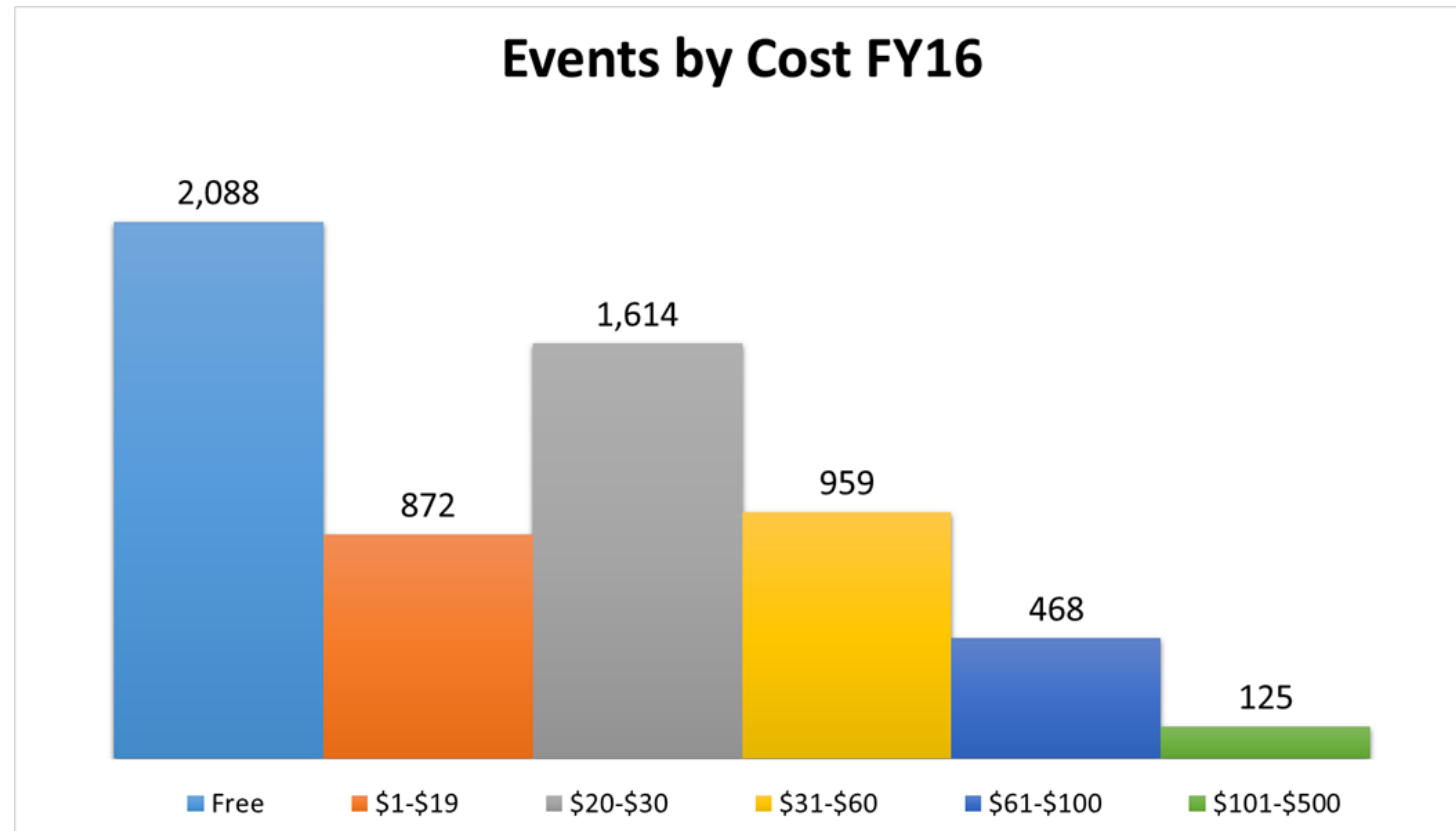
Spanish 104

Hmong 38



Training Cost

More than half of all approved trainings offered last year in Minnesota were free or low cost.



Training cost per provider

- Family child care provider
 - If low cost, \$5 per hour training
 - 80 hours required every 5 years
 - Approximately \$80 per year training costs
- Child care center lead teacher
 - If low cost, \$5 per hour training
 - 200 hours required every 5 years
 - Approximately \$200 per year training costs

Licensing and Parent Aware training requirements

We aligned:

- Licensing training requirements
- Parent Aware training requirements
- Knowledge and Competency Framework

Approved training will now count for Licensing *and*, if in the appropriate Knowledge and Competency Framework, for Parent Aware.



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Pathway Forward

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Need to **meet federal** reauthorization of Child Care Development Funds **requirements.**

Need to **explore how we move towards** an early childhood system in Minnesota.



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