

Recommendation for Federal Funds Allocated to Child Care in Arkansas

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Section 4: Ensure Equal Access to Child Care for Low-Income Children

Subsidy - AECA would like to thank the DCCECE for the proposed increase in voucher reimbursement rates that more closely align with costs of providing quality child care. This is crucial for compensation for child care providers and for building equal access for families.

Section 4.1.6 a and b: AECA recommends the use of a subsidy agreement model for infants and toddlers as done through [Early Head Start Partnerships](#)

Section 4.4.1 b: AECA recommends paying subsidy based on enrollment rather than attendance. This will stabilize budgets for providers and contribute to continuous quality improvement, and encourage those currently not participating in the voucher program to get started. This policy change would need to apply to centers and to family child care homes.