



NCSL Child Care Focus Group

December 9, 2015 • 8 – 11 a.m.

Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
2660 Woodley Rd. NW • Washington, DC 20008

Harding Room - Mezzanine Level

Session Goals:

- Gather input from state legislators regarding their perspective on child care
- Understand legislator's concerns regarding the reauthorization of the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)
- Enhance NCSL's ability to support state legislators as they navigate changes to the child care system

8 – 8:30 a.m. Welcome, Introductions, Focus Group Overview and Goals
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8:30 – 9 a.m. CCDBG Reauthorization: Implications for State Legislatures
Hear from a key official on the current status and details of the CCDBG Reauthorization law, which will provide a backdrop for the focus group's work.

Speaker: Rachel Schumacher, Director, Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

9 – 10:45 a.m. Focus Group Work
The discussion will start out with questions related to the Child Care and Development Block Grant reauthorization presentation and your thoughts on and knowledge of the three main areas of change: family access and outreach, quality improvements, and health and safety standards. We will then move into a more general conversation about child care state policy. Some sample questions will include:

1. What role do you think your state child care subsidy program fills?
2. How often, if ever, do you address child care in your committee meetings?
3. Most of you have Head Start, pre-K, and private and community-based child care. How do you see these programs working together? (e.g. systems development, improving coordination/collaboration of early learning programs and funding)

10:45 – 11 a.m. Closing Remarks
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Continental breakfast will be served.

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