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State Superintendent of Schools

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Ellen Wheatley
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Dear Ms. Wheatley,

At this time, Maryland has not yet finalized its plan for utilizing the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSA) funds. Maryland's current Planned Use of the CRRSA Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Funds Report is included below and organized according to the guidance provided.

1. Direct Child Care Services (Subsidies)

Yes, Maryland will use CRRSA funds to support childcare for emergency, essential employees not covered by CARES Act funds.

2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

Yes, Maryland will use CRRSA funds to expenses to support child care providers' implementation of health and safety practices and policies in line with guidance from State and local health departments and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

Yes, Maryland plans to use a portion of the CRRSA funds to support the stability of the child care sector to help child care providers (program facilities and workforce) pay for increased operating expenses during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

Yes, Maryland will use CRRSA funds to support childcare providers that did not participate in the Subsidy Program prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

5. Other

At this time, Maryland does not plan to use CRRSA child care funds for any other activities or assistance not described above.

Thank you for the opportunity to describe Maryland's support for child care providers, families, and young children during these unprecedented circumstances.

Best Regards,

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