

Recovery Act Funds for Child Care – Data Summary as of 03/31/2010

States are reporting on the use of supplemental Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) ARRA funds through two different data sources: 1) the ACF-696 Financial Report; and 2) data reported under section 1512 of the Recovery Act. The information below provides a summary about how States are using CCDF ARRA funds.

EXPENDITURES

- States reported spending **\$729 million or 37%** of their ARRA allocations as of March 31, 2010. States have until September 30, 2011 to spend their CCDF ARRA funds, and many States are apportioning spending across the expenditure period to sustain services for children over time.
- States are on target to meet the deadline for obligating or committing all of their ARRA funds by September 30, 2010. Fourteen States (AZ, AR, CO, HI, ID, LA, MA, MN, MT, NV, NJ, ND, TN, UT) reported obligating or expending all of their ARRA allocations. In total, States reported having expended or obligated \$1.25 billion or about 64% of the total ARRA funds awarded to States and Territories.

ACTIVITIES

- The majority of the reported ARRA expenditures were on **direct services (91%** or \$664 million).
- States reported either shortening, eliminating, or avoiding wait lists with the CCDF ARRA funds. States also reduced parent co-pays, increased eligibility limits, and added or extended job search for parents that may have lost their jobs. For example, Ohio reported serving 59,624 children with ARRA funds. Utah served 8,011 households by cutting parent co-pays, and Wyoming raised eligibility levels and added job search to the definition of work.
- \$53 million was reported as being spent on activities to improve the quality of child care. Lead Agencies focused quality funds on creating or expanding Quality Rating and Improvement Systems (QRIS), investing in infant and toddler programs, and improving health and safety standards. For example, Kansas is investing ARRA quality funds in the development of high quality standards for school age after-school programs through the “Strengthening After-school Programs” project. Minnesota has awarded grants for professional development and health and safety improvements to 323 providers.

JOBS

- 36 States and Territories reported creating or retaining **3,102 direct jobs** (measured in Full Time Equivalents) between January and March 2010.¹ These direct jobs included eligibility and licensing specialists, administrative positions, home visitors, education specialists, and child care providers through contracts/grants.
- CCDF Lead Agencies may only count direct jobs; therefore it is likely that the 3,133 direct jobs reported in the 1512 reports do not give a complete picture of the impact of CCDF ARRA funds on employment. Four States voluntarily reported estimates of the number of child care provider jobs and parental jobs that were indirectly supported through ARRA. According to the 1512 reports of these 4 States, at least **20,528 indirect jobs** were funded by ARRA.

¹ Rhode Island did not file a Section 1512 report for quarter ending 3/31/2010 because of an extension granted by OMB.