Employee Child Care Assistance Partnership (ECCAP)

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What is ECCAP?

• HB 499 was passed in the 2022 Regular Session.

• $15 million in General Funds was appropriated to create a public/private partnership between employers and the state to assist families with the cost of high quality child care.

• The state match is based upon the employee’s household size and income in relation to the state median income (SMI).

• ECCAP helps businesses recruit and retain staff while also supporting a community’s business, education, and family support network.
Who is Eligible to Participate?

**Employers**
- Non-profit entity
- For-profit entity
- Operate in Kentucky
- Small businesses

**Employees**
- Must work in Kentucky
- Not eligible for CCAP

**Child Care Providers**
- Regulated by DCBS
- Licensed or certified
- Participate in KY All STARS

Not eligible for CCAP
Milestones

• HB 499 was filed by Representative Heavrin.
• April 8, 2022 – The bill was signed by Governor Beshear.
• September 21, 2022 – DCBS filed a new proposed administrative regulation, 922 KAR 2:165, with the Legislative Research Commission.
• February 16, 2023 – 922 KAR 2:165 became effective.
• April 2, 2023 – DCBS began accepting ECCAP applications.
• July 1, 2023 – DCBS began disbursing state matches to eligible providers.
Collaboration

• Met with other states with similar programs
  • Florida – Florida Child Care Executive Partnership administered by local partnership boards
  • Wisconsin – Partner Up! Contracted slots in child care, no cost to employees, and included funding priorities
  • Michigan – Tri-Share, eligible to employees above subsidy income, administered by regional hubs

• Collaborated with KY Chamber, Metro United Way, and others throughout implementation
Marketing

- Billboards
- Commercials
- Flyers
- Podcasts
- Radio Ads
- Webinars

Affordable child care is here with the Employee Childcare Assistance Partnership.

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Employee Child Care Assistance Partnership (ECCAP) Program

Sign Up

Apply for your Employee Child Care Assistance Partnership (ECCAP)
## Applications

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Payments made: $39,581.90  
Projected payments: $183,299.26  
Number of employers participating: 27
Where Are These Funds Going?
Where Do We Go From Here?

• Challenges
  • This is a pilot program
  • Statewide child care capacity
  • Engaging ALL partners more effectively
  • Benefit equity for employees/employers

• Next Steps
  • Develop online portal for application submission and processing
  • Continue marketing
  • Develop templates for businesses to use
  • Feedback from early adopters
Questions?