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## **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

# 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

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Podcasts

Radio Ads

Webinars



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State Program

# Employee Child Care Assistance Partnership (ECCAP) Program

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Apply for your Employee Child Care Assistance Partnership (ECCAP)

# Applications

Application Status	Number of Applicants (Families)	Number of Children
<b>Approved</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>113</b>
Denied – Ineligible Employer	56	75
Denied – CCAP	22	27
Denied – Non-Contribution	4	4
Denied – Insufficient Documentation	8	11
Pending	1	1
Terminated	8	13
Total	181	244

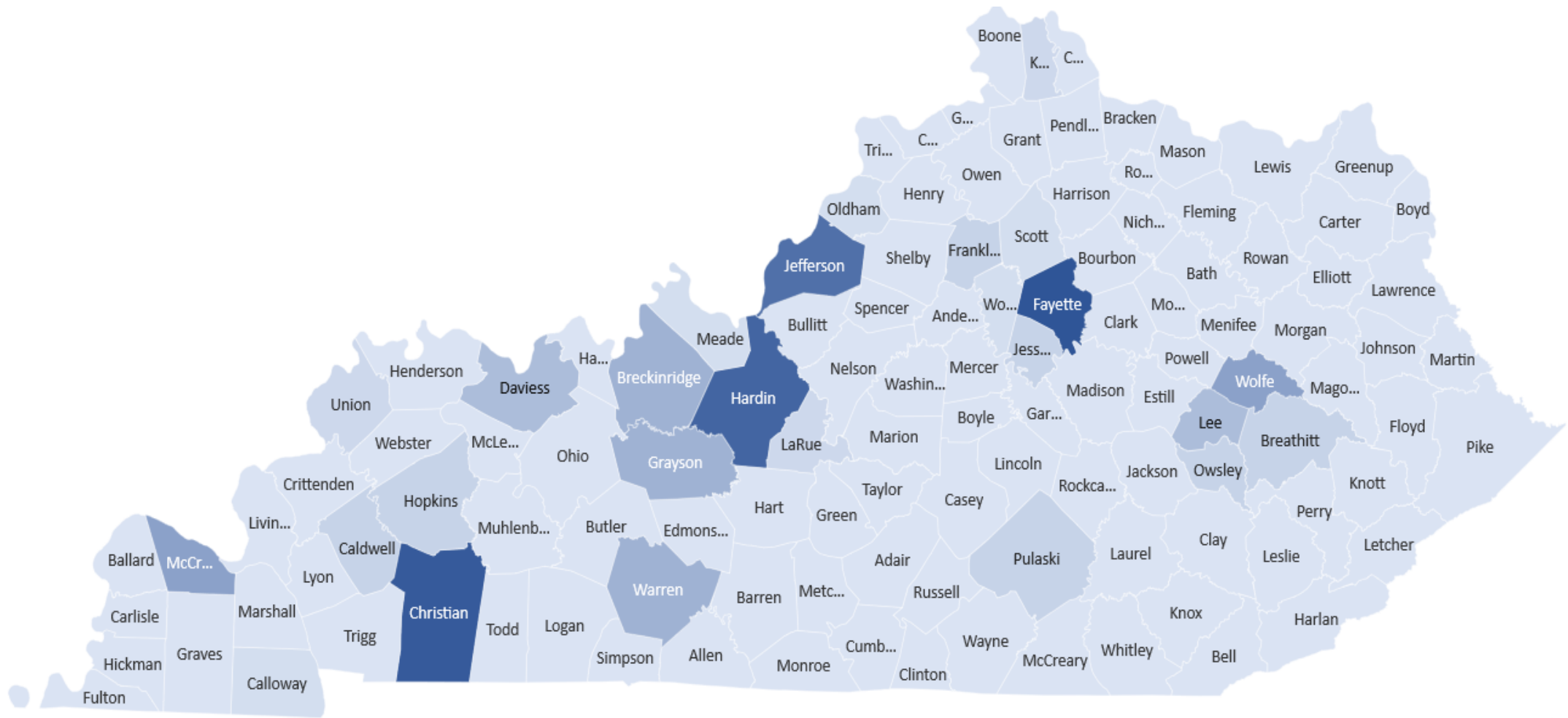
Payments made: \$39,581.90

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?

