## Disparate Access: Head Start and CCDBG Data by Race and Ethnicity

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## Disparate Access



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## The Context

- High-quality child care and early education can build a strong foundation for young children's healthy development; yet, current federal and state child care and early education investments are not sufficient to meet the great need among young children.
- While these gaps in access to child care and early education are widely recognized, less is understood about how access differs by race and ethnicity.



## Federal Programs Serve Only a Fraction of Eligible Children

- Head Start serves 45 percent of eligible preschoolers and about 5 percent of eligible infants and toddlers in Early Head Start.
- Child care subsidies serve 17 percent of eligible children.


Source: HS analysis by NWLC; CCDBG analysis by HHS.

## Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start Findings

## Context and Methodology

- Federal to local funding stream.
- Early Head Start serves children birth through age 2.
- Head Start Preschool serves children ages 3 and 4.
- Eligibility parameters were based on children living at $100 \%$ FPL or below.
- This analysis does not include the Migrant and Seasonal or American Indian/Alaskan Native Program.


## Head Start Serves a Diverse Population

Children in All Head Start Programs by Race/Ethnicity, as Percentage of All Children Served


Source: CLASP analysis of Head Start Program Information Report (PIR) Data. U.S. totals include territories.

## Fewer than Half of Eligible Children were Served in Head Start Preschool

## Percent of Poor Children Ages 3 \& 4 Served by Head Start Preschool, by Race/Ethnicity



## Head Start Preschool State Findings



## Access to Early Head Start is Universally Low

Percent of Poor Children Ages 0-3 Served in Early Head Start, by Race/Ethnicity


# Child Care and Development Block Grant Findings 

## Context and Methodology

- Federal to State with significant state flexibility
- Eligibility
- Income
- Work/Education
- Serves Children Age 0-13
- In 2015, 1.4 million children were served nationally.
- This analysis includes only CCDBG funded child care.


## CCDBG serves a diverse population

Percent of Children Served in CCDBG, by Race/Ethnicity


Source: CLASP analysis of 2014 Office of Child Care administrative data.

## Low-income Children 0-13 with Working Parents Served Through CCDBG by Race/Ethnicity



## Access to CCDBG varies significantly by state

| CCDBG Eligible Children Served by Race/Ethnicity Top 5 States |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Black | Hispanic/Latino | AIAN | Asian |
| Pennsylvania (42\%) | New Mexico (20\%) | Arizona (43\%) | New York (73\%) |
| Delaware (39\%) | New Hampshire (18\%) | North Carolina (24\%) | California (29\%) |
| Missouri (37\%) | Pennsylvania (17\%) | Virginia (13\%) | Washington (24\%) |
| New York (37\%) | Alaska (17\%) | Washington (10\%) | Minnesota (16\%) |
| Kansas (35\%) | Massachusetts (17\%) | Oregon (9\%) | Wisconsin (13\%) |
| CCDBG Eligible Children Served by Race/Ethnicity Bottom 5 States |  |  |  |
| Black | Hispanic/Latino | AIAN | Asian |
| Maine (3\%) | Mississippi (1\%) | Hawaii (<1\%) | Arizona (<1\%) |
| South Carolina (4\%) | Oregon (1\%) | Florida (1\%) | Montana (<1\%) |
| Rhode Island (6\%) | South Carolina (1\%) | Kentucky (1\%) | North Dakota (<1\%) |
| District of Columbia (7\%) | Alabama (2\%) | Illinois (1\%) | South Dakota (<1\%) |
| South Dakota (9\%) | Arkansas (2\%) | Massachusetts (1\%) | Idaho (<1\%) |

## Hispanic/Latino Access is particularly disparate



## Latino Access to CCDBG



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## Understanding the Data

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- Federal funding has not kept pace with changing demographics.
- Targeted programs to increase access for specific populations work.
- Eligible children served in CCDBG varied tremendously across states.
- State CCDBG policies impact who accesses care.


## Conclusions and Next Steps

- Further federal and state investment in child care and early education programs.
- Improve data collection.
- Assess state policies for their impact on children of color.
- Consider ways to reach underserved populations.
- Increase collaborations among stakeholders to discuss disparities and equity in access to early education.


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