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## **Quality Progress Report (QPR)**

### **For**

### **Hawaii**

### **FFY 2023**

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The Quality Progress Report (QPR) collects information from states and territories (hereafter referred to as lead agencies) to describe investments to improve the quality of care available for children from birth to age 13. This report meets the requirements in the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014 for lead agencies to submit an annual report that describes how quality funds were expended, including the activities funded and the measures used to evaluate progress in improving the quality of child care programs and services.

For purposes of simplicity and clarity, the specific provisions of applicable laws printed herein are sometimes paraphrases of, or excerpts and incomplete quotations from, the full text. The lead agency acknowledges its responsibility to adhere to the applicable laws regardless of these modifications.

The contents of this document do not have the force and effect of law and are not meant to bind the public in any way. This document is intended only to provide clarity to the public regarding existing requirements under the law or agency policies.

## **QUALITY PROGRESS REPORT**

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The annual data provided by the QPR will be used to describe how lead agencies are spending a significant investment per year to key stakeholders, including Congress, federal, state and territory administrators, providers, parents, and the public.

**Specifically, this report will be used to:**

- Ensure accountability and transparency for the use of CCDF quality funds, including a set-aside for quality infant and toddler care and activities funded by American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act
- Track progress toward meeting state- and territory-set indicators and benchmarks for improvement of child care quality based on goals and activities described in CCDF Plans; and
- Understand efforts in progress towards all child care settings meeting the developmental needs of children
- Inform federal technical assistance efforts and decisions regarding strategic use of quality funds.

**What Period Must Be Included:** All sections of this report cover the federal fiscal year activities (October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023), unless otherwise stated. Data should reflect the cumulative totals for the fiscal year being reported, unless otherwise stated.

**What Data Should Lead Agencies Use:** Lead agencies may use data collected by other government and nongovernment agencies (e.g., CCR&R agencies or other TA providers) in addition to their own data as appropriate. We recognize that lead agencies may not have all of the data requested initially but expect progress towards increased data capacity. The scope of this report covers quality improvement activities funded at least in part by CCDF in support of CCDF activities. Lead agencies must describe their progress in meeting their stated goals for improving the quality of child care as reported in their FFY 2022-2024 CCDF Plan.

**How is the QPR Organized?**

The first section of the QPR gathers basic data on the population of providers in the state or territory and goals for quality improvement and glossary of relevant terms. The rest of the report is organized according to the ten authorized uses of quality funds specified in the CCDBG Act of 2014:

- 1) Support the training and professional development of the child care workforce
- 2) Improve the development or implementation of early learning and development guidelines
- 3) Develop, implement, or enhance a quality rating improvement system for child care providers
- 4) Improve the supply and quality of child care for infants and toddlers
- 5) Establish or expand a lead agency wide system of child care resource and referral services
- 6) Support compliance with lead agency requirements for licensing, inspection, monitoring, training, and health and safety
- 7) Evaluate the quality of child care programs in the state or territory, including how programs positively impact children
- 8) Support providers in the voluntary pursuit of accreditation
- 9) Support the development or adoption of high-quality program standards related to health, mental health, nutrition, physical activity, and physical development
- 10) Other activities to improve the quality of child care services supported by outcome measures that improve provider preparedness, child safety, child well-being, or kindergarten-entry.

The Office of Child Care (OCC) recognizes that quality funds may have been used to address the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. These activities should be reflected in the relevant sections of the QPR.

### **Reporting Activities Related to ARP Act Child Care Stabilization Grants**

The ARP Act included approximately \$24 billion for child care stabilization grants, representing an important opportunity to stabilize the child care sector and do so in a way that builds back a stronger child care system that supports the developmental and learning needs of children, meets parents' needs and preferences with equal access to high-quality child care, and supports a professionalized workforce that is fairly and appropriately compensated for the essential skilled work that they do. Lead agencies must spend stabilization funds as subgrants to qualified child care providers to support the stability of the child care sector during and after the COVID-19 public health emergency. Please refer to the information memorandum [ARP Act Child Care Stabilization Grants](#) (CCDF-ACF-IM-2021-02) for further guidance on the child care stabilization grants made available through the ARP Act.

While the OCC has established a new data collection form, the ACF-901 – American Rescue Plan (ARP) Stabilization Grants Provider-Level Data, as the primary data collection mechanism for reporting related to ARP stabilization grants, Section 13 of the QPR asks about activities related to stabilization grants made possible through ARP funding. The OCC will inform lead agencies if the data reported through the ACF-901 is complete enough to warrant skipping Section 13 of the QPR. The following information is requested in Section 13:

- If the lead agency ran more than one grant program;
- How stabilization grants were used to support workforce compensation; and
- Methods to eliminate fraud, waste, and abuse when providing stabilization grants

Section 13 should be used to report on ARP Stabilization Grants ONLY. Other child care sustainability or stabilization grant programs established or ongoing using other funding mechanisms (i.e., CCDF or other supplemental funding e.g., CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary Funds) should be reported in Section 11.

### **When is the QPR Due to ACF?**

The QPR will be due to the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) by the designated lead agency no later than December 31, 2023.

### **Glossary of Terms**

The following terms are used throughout the QPR. These definitions can also be found in section 98.2 in the CCDBG Act of 2014. For any term not defined, please use the lead agency definition of terms to complete the QPR.

***Center-based child care provider*** means a provider licensed or otherwise authorized to provide child care services for fewer than 24 hours per day per child in a non-residential setting, unless in care in excess of 24 hours is due to the nature of the parent(s)' work. Associated terms include "child care centers" and "center-based programs."

***Director*** means a person who has primary responsibility for the daily operations and management for a child care provider, which may include a family child care provider, and which may serve children from birth to kindergarten entry and children in school-age child care.

***Family child care provider*** means one or more individuals who provide child care services for fewer than 24 hours per day per child in a private residence other than the child's residence, unless care in excess of 24 hours is due to the nature of the parent(s)' work. Associated terms include "family child care homes."

***In-home child care provider*** means an individual who provides child care services in the child's own home.

***License-exempt*** means facilities that are not required to meet the definition of a facility required to meet the CCDF section 98.2 definition of “licensing or regulatory requirements.” Associated terms include “legally exempt” and “legally operating without regulation.”

***Licensed*** means a facility required by the state to meet the CCDF section 98.2 definition of “licensing or regulatory requirements,” which explains that the facility meets “requirements necessary for a provider to legally provide child care services in a state of locality, including registration requirements established under state, local or tribal law.”

***Programs*** refer generically to all activities under the CCDF, including child care services and other activities pursuant to §98.50 as well as quality activities pursuant to §98.43.

***Provider*** means the entity providing child care services.

***Staffed family child care (FCC) networks*** are programs with paid staff that offer a menu of ongoing services and resources to affiliated FCC educators. Network services may include individual supports (for example, visits to child care homes, coaching, consultation, warmlines, substitute pools, shared services, licensing TA, mental health services) and group supports (for example, training workshops, facilitated peer support groups).

***Teacher*** means a lead teacher, teacher, teacher assistant or teacher aide who is employed by a child care provider for compensation on a regular basis, or a family child care provider, and whose responsibilities and activities are to organize, guide and implement activities in a group or individual basis, or to assist a teacher or lead teacher in such activities, to further the cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development of children from birth to kindergarten entry and children in school-age child care.

## 1) Overview

*To gain an understanding of the availability of child care in the state or territory, please provide the following information on the total number of child care providers.*

### 1.1 State or Territory Child Care Provider Population

#### 1.1.1 Total Number of Licensed Providers:

Enter the total number of licensed child care providers that operated in the state or territory as of September 30, 2023. These counts should include all licensed child care providers, not just those serving children receiving CCDF subsidies.

☒ Licensed center-based programs **539**

☐ Unable to provide number. Indicate reason:

**Additional clarification: Based on most recent submission of the FY 2023 ACF-800 data there were 220 licensed center-based programs receiving CCDF funding. Please report the number of ALL licensed center-based programs operating in the state here, regardless of receipt of CCDF funding.**

☒ Licensed family child care homes **253**

☐ Unable to provide number. Indicate reason:

**Additional clarification: Based on most recent submission of the FY 2023 ACF-800 data there were 208 licensed family child care homes receiving CCDF funding. Please report the number of ALL licensed family child care homes operating in the state here, regardless of receipt of CCDF funding.**

## 2) Supporting the training and professional development of the child care workforce

Goal: *Ensure the lead agency's professional development systems or framework provides initial and ongoing professional development and education that result in a diverse and stable child care workforce with the competencies and skills to support all domains of child development.*

### 2.1 Lead Agency Progression of Professional Development

#### 2.1.1 Professional Development Registry:

Did the lead agency use a workforce registry or professional development registry to track progression of professional development during October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023?

☒ Yes. If yes, describe: **Hawaii DHS Early Childhood Registry tracks education, experiences and professional development for individuals working at a licensed child care facilities. However, the completion of on-going professional development was still a voluntary component of the Registry during FFY 2023.**

☐ No. If no, what alternative does the lead agency use to track the progression of professional development for teachers/providers serving children who receive CCDF subsidy? Describe:

#### 2.1.2 Participation in Professional Development Registry:

Are any teachers/providers required to participate?

☐ Yes. If yes, describe:

☒ No. If no, describe: **Hawaii DHS Early Childhood Registry tracks education, experiences and professional development for individuals working at a licensed child care facilities. However, the completion of on-going professional development was still a voluntary component of the Registry during FFY 2023.**

#### 2.1.3 Number of Participants in Professional Development Registry:

Total number of participants in the registry as of September 30, 2023 **15,386**

#### 2.1.4 Spending - Professional Development Registry:

Were funds from any sources (e.g., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, or ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) spent to support this activity?

☒ Yes, if so which funding source(s) were used?

- ☒ CCDF quality funds
- ☐ Non-CCDF funds
- ☐ CARES funds
- ☐ CRRSA Funds
- ☐ ARP Supplemental Discretionary
- ☐ ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside
- ☐ Unable to report. Indicate reason:

☐ No

## 2.2 Workforce Development

### 2.2.1 Professional Development and Career Pathways Support:

How did the lead agency help teachers/providers progress in their education, professional development, and/or career pathway between October 1, 2022 and September 30, 2023 (check all that apply)? If selected, how many staff received each type of support?

- ☒ Scholarships (for formal education institutions) **112**
- ☐ Financial bonus/wage supplements tied to education levels
- ☒ Career advisors, mentors, coaches, or consultants **69**
- ☐ Reimbursement for training
- ☐ Loans
- ☐ Substitutes, leave (paid or unpaid) for professional development
- ☐ Other. Describe:
- ☐ N/A. Describe:

### 2.2.2 Spending - Professional Development and Career Pathways Support:

Were funds from any sources (e.g., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, or ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) spent to support this activity?

☒ Yes, if so which funding source(s) were used?

- ☒ CCDF quality funds
- ☐ Non-CCDF funds
- ☐ CARES funds
- ☐ CRRSA Funds
- ☐ ARP Supplemental Discretionary
- ☐ ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside



☐ Unable to report. Indicate reason:

☐ No

## **2.3 Child Care Provider Qualifications**

### **2.3.1 Number of Licensed Child Care Programs Qualifications:**

Total number of staff in licensed child care programs with the following qualification levels as of September 30, 2023:

☒ Child Development Associate (CDA) **575**

☒ Associate's degree in an early childhood education field (e.g. psychology, human development, education) **377**

☒ Bachelor's degree in an early childhood education field (e.g. psychology, human development, education) **145**

☐ State child care credential

☐ State infant/toddler credential

☐ Unable to report this data. Indicate reason:

### **2.3.2 Number of Licensed CCDF Child Care Programs Qualifications:**

Total number of staff in licensed CCDF child care programs with the following qualification levels as of September 30, 2023:

☒ Child Development Associate (CDA) **417**

☒ Associate's degree in an early childhood education field (e.g. psychology, human development, education) **265**

☒ Bachelor's degree in an early childhood education field (e.g. psychology, human development, education) **111**

☐ State child care credential

☐ State infant/toddler credential

☐ Unable to report this data. Indicate reason:

## **2.4 Technical Assistance for Professional Development**

### **2.4.1 Technical Assistance Topics:**

Technical assistance on the following topics is available to providers as part of the lead agency's professional development system (can be part of QRIS or other system that provides professional development to child care providers):

- ☒ Business Practices
- ☒ Mental health for children
- ☒ Diversity, equity, and inclusion
- ☒ Emergency Preparedness Planning
- ☐ Other. Describe other technical assistance available to providers as part of the professional development system:

#### **2.4.2 Spending - Technical Assistance for Professional Development:**

Were funds from any sources (e.g., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, or ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) spent to support this activity?

☒ Yes, if so which funding source(s) were used?

- ☒ CCDF quality funds
- ☐ Non-CCDF funds
- ☐ CARES funds
- ☐ CRRSA Funds
- ☐ ARP Supplemental Discretionary
- ☐ ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside
- ☐ Unable to report. Indicate reason:

☐ No

### **2.5 Spending – Training and Professional Development**

#### **2.5.1 Spending – Training and Professional Development:**

What is the total amount spent across all funding sources (i.e., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, and ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) to support the training and professional development of the child care workforce during October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023? **\$674800**

☐ Unable to report total amount spent. Indicate reason:

*Optional:* Use this space to tell us any additional information about how funds were spent that is not captured in the items already reported.

### **2.6 Progress Update**

#### **2.6.1 Progress Update – Training and Professional Development:**

Supporting the training and professional development of the child care workforce

Measurable indicators of progress the state/territory reported in section 6.3.2 of the FFY 2022-2024 CCDF Plan.

**The Hawaii Department of Human Service will review and evaluate its operations and contracted service providers' quarterly activity report that provides data on number of individuals served and outcome measures to ensure outcome goals are met.**

**Number of licensed child care facilities becoming accredited by the National Association for the Education for Young Children (NAEYC) or the National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA);**

**Number of registered family child care homes that become accredited by the National Accreditation for Family Child Care (NAFCC);**

**Number of registered family child care providers and child care staff that receive scholarship funds from the Department;**

**Number of registered family child care providers and child care staff that receive a post-secondary degree or Child Development Associate through the scholarship funds from the Department;**

**Number of legally exempt child care providers caring for children whose families are receiving subsidies that are visited and meet minimum health and safety requirements;**

**Number of children whose families are receiving CCDF subsidies who attend an accredited child care facility or home;**

**Number of licensed and registered child care homes and facilities were provided training services;**

**Number of legally exempt providers caring for children whose families receive CCDF subsidies received health and safety training guidebooks;**

**Number of licensed and registered child care homes and facilities received health and safety training guidebooks;**

**Number of children served by the licensed and registered child care homes and facilities receiving training services;**

**Number of licensed and registered child care homes and facilities receiving health consultation services;**

**Number of licensed and registered child care homes and facilities receiving menu review;**

**Number of child care referral services provided by child care resource and referral agency;**

**Number of unduplicated persons receiving child care referral services provided**

by child care resource and referral agency;

Number of unduplicated persons finding child care as a result of child referral services provided by child care resource and referral agency;

Number of referrals to other types of resources or services needed provided by child care resource and referral agency;

The number of family child care providers or employees of licensed infant and toddler centers that are trained through the infant and toddler training contractor;

The number of infant and toddler age children served in programs operated by the participating trainees; and

The number of registered family child care homes and licensed infant and toddler centers adhering to the safe sleep requirements.

Please include information on the outcomes and numerical targets achieved based on the measurable indicators of progress specified in section 6.3.2 of the FFY 2022-2024 CCDF Plan: **Number of licensed child care facilities becoming accredited by the National Association for the Education for Young Children (NAEYC) or the National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA) - 118;**

**Number of registered family child care homes that become accredited by the National Accreditation for Family Child Care (NAFCC) - 4;**

**Number of registered family child care providers and child care staff that receive scholarship funds from the Department - 112;**

**Number of registered family child care providers and child care staff that receive a post-secondary degree or Child Development Associate through the scholarship funds from the Department - 34;**

**Number of legally exempt child care providers caring for children whose families are receiving subsidies that are visited and meet minimum health and safety requirements - 154**

**Number of children whose families are receiving CCDF subsidies who attend an accredited child care facility or home - 899. These are point in time counts as of 9/30/2023.;**

Number of licensed and registered child care homes and facilities were provided training services - 798;

Number of legally exempt providers caring for children whose families receive CCDF subsidies received health and safety training guidebooks - Hawaii DHS will continue to work on obtaining the data about newly legally exempt providers that begin to care for children whose families received CCDF subsidies during FFY 2024 ;

Number of licensed and registered child care homes and facilities received health and safety training guidebooks -Hawaii DHS will continue to work on obtaining the data about new license and registered child care homes and facilities that start operating during FFY 2024 ;

Number of children served by the licensed and registered child care homes and facilities receiving training services - 11,016;

Number of licensed and registered child care homes and facilities receiving health consultation services - N/A.;

Number of licensed and registered child care homes and facilities receiving menu review - 108;

Number of child care referral services provided by child care resource and referral agency - 16,127 Numbers include online searches that may no result in referrals being sent directly to the individual if the individual entered online service as a "guest";

Number of unduplicated persons receiving child care referral services provided by child care resource and referral agency - 16,127 ;

Number of unduplicated persons finding child care as a result of child referral services provided by child care resource and referral agency -975, Number represents those families or individuals who responded to follow-up call and emails;

Number of referrals to other types of resources or services needed provided by child care resource and referral agency 20,876;

The number of family child care providers or employees of licensed infant and toddler

centers that are trained through the infant and toddler training contractor - 393;

The number of infant and toddler age children served in programs operated by the participating trainees - 5,938; and

The number of registered family child care homes and licensed infant and toddler centers adhering to the safe sleep requirements - 276.

### 3) Improving early learning and development guidelines

*Goal: To ensure the lead agency has research-based early learning and development guidelines appropriate for children birth to age 12, including children with special needs and dual language learners that are used to inform practice and professional development.*

#### 3.1 Early Learning and Development Guidelines

##### 3.1.1 Spending - Early Learning and Development Guidelines:

Were funds from any sources (e.g., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, or ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) spent to improve early learning and development guidelines during October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023?

☒ Yes, if so which funding source(s) were used?

☒ CCDF quality funds

☐ Non-CCDF funds

☐ CARES funds

☐ CRRSA Funds

☐ ARP Supplemental Discretionary

☐ ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside

☐ Unable to report. Indicate reason:

What is the total amount spent across all funding sources (i.e., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, and ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) on improving upon the development or implementation of early learning and development guidelines? **\$9300**

☐ Unable to report total amount spent. Indicate reason

*Optional:* Use this space to tell us any additional information about how funds were spent that is not capture in the item already reported:

☐ No

#### 3.2 Progress Update

##### 3.2.1 Progress Update - Early Learning and Development Guidelines:

Improving upon the development or implementation of early learning and development guidelines.

Measurable indicators of progress the state/territory reported in section 6.4.3 of the FFY 2022-2024 CCDF Plan:

Note: The information displayed is from the most recent approved FFY2022-2024 CCDF Plan.  
**N/A**

Please include information on the outcomes and numerical targets achieved based on the measurable indicators of progress specified in section 6.4.3 of the FFY 2022-2024 CCDF Plan:  
**Health and Safety guidebook: The guide presents health and safety best practices that a care provider can implement in their child care environment to help keep the children in their care healthy and safe, with an emphasis on why these procedures are important. The manual references the Department of Human Services Hawaii Administrative Rules.**

**The Choosing Quality Child Care booklets and brochures which are research-based publications, are given out to families are materials designed to help families make informed decisions about their young children's care.**



#### 4) Developing, implementing, or enhancing a quality rating and improvement system (QRIS) and other transparent system of quality indicator

*Goal: To ensure the lead agency implements a quality rating and improvement system, or other quality rating system, to promote high-quality early care and education programs.*

##### 4.1 Quality rating and improvement system status

###### 4.1.1 QRIS or other system of quality improvement status:

Indicate the status and include a description of the lead agency's quality rating and improvement system (QRIS) or other system of quality improvement during October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023?

☐ The lead agency QRIS is operating state- or territory-wide.

- General description of QRIS:
- How many tiers/levels? [insert number of tiers below as required and describe each tier and check off which are high quality]
  - Tier/Level 1:  
☐ High Quality
  - Tier/Level 2:  
☐ High Quality
  - Tier/Level 3:  
☐ High Quality
  - Tier/Level 4:  
☐ High Quality
  - Tier/Level 5:  
☐ High Quality
  - Tier/Level 6:  
☐ High Quality
  - Tier/Level 7:  
☐ High Quality
  - Tier/Level 8:  
☐ High Quality
  - Tier/Level 9:  
☐ High Quality
  - Tier/Level 10:  
☐ High Quality

- Total number of licensed child care centers meeting high quality definition:
- Total number of licensed family child care homes meeting high quality definition:
- Total number of CCDF providers meeting high quality definition:
- Total number of children served by providers meeting high quality definition:

☐ The lead agency QRIS is operating a pilot (e.g., in a few localities, or only a few levels) but not fully operating state- or territory-wide.

- General description of pilot QRIS (e.g., in a few localities, or only a few levels):
- Which localities if not state/territory-wide?
- How many tiers/levels? [insert number of tiers below as required and describe each tier and check off which are high quality

- Tier/Level 1:  
☐ High Quality
- Tier/Level 2:  
☐ High Quality
- Tier/Level 3:  
☐ High Quality
- Tier/Level 4:  
☐ High Quality
- Tier/Level 5:  
☐ High Quality
- Tier/Level 6:  
☐ High Quality
- Tier/Level 7:  
☐ High Quality
- Tier/Level 8:  
☐ High Quality
- Tier/Level 9:  
☐ High Quality
- Tier/Level 10:  
☐ High Quality

- Total number of licensed child care centers meeting high quality definition:
- Total number of licensed family child care homes meeting high quality definition:
- Total number of CCDF providers meeting high quality definition:
- Total number of children served by providers meeting high quality definition:

☐ The lead agency is operating another system of quality improvement.

- General description of other system:
- Describe assessment scores, accreditation, or other metrics associated with this system:
- Describe how “high quality” is defined in this system?
- Total number of licensed child care centers meeting high quality definition:
- Total number of licensed family child care homes meeting high quality definition:
- Total number of CCDF providers meeting high quality definition:
- Total number of children served by providers meeting high quality definition:

☒ The lead agency does not have a QRIS or other system of quality improvement.

- Do you have a definition of high quality care?

☒ Yes, define: **The State acknowledges high quality standards is by giving higher subsidy rates for centers and homes accredited by the National Association Education for Young Children (NAEYC), the National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA) and the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) quality standards.**

- Total number of licensed child care centers meeting high quality definition: **118**
- Total number of licensed family child care homes meeting high quality definition: **4**
- Total number of CCDF providers meeting high quality definition: **122**
- Total number of children served by providers meeting high quality definition: **937**

☐ No

#### 4.1.2 Spending - Quality rating and improvement system status:

Were funds from any sources (e.g., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, or ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) spent to support this activity?

☒ Yes, if so which funding source(s) were used?

☒ CCDF quality funds

☐ Non-CCDF funds

☐ CARES funds

☐ CRRSA Funds

☐ ARP Supplemental Discretionary

☐ ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside

☐ Unable to report. Indicate reason:

☐ No

## 4.2 Quality Rating and Improvement Systems participation

### 4.2.1 QRIS or other system of quality improvement participation:

What types of providers participated in the QRIS or other system of quality improvement during October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 (check all that apply)?

☐ Licensed child care centers

☐ Licensed family child care homes

☐ License-exempt providers

☐ Programs serving children who receive CCDF subsidy

☐ Early Head Start programs

☐ Head Start programs

☐ State Prekindergarten or preschool programs

☐ Local district-supported Prekindergarten programs

☐ Programs serving infants and toddlers

☐ Programs serving school-age children

☐ Faith-based settings

☐ Tribally operated programs

☒ Other. Describe: **Hawaii did not have a QRIS during October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023. Hawaii does not have the number of child care facility that became accredited during FFY 2023, however, as of 9/30/2023 we have a total of 122 child care facilities and homes accredited by NAEYC, NECPA and /or NAFCC.**

## 4.3 Quality Rating and Improvement Systems Benefits

### 4.3.1 Quality Rating and Improvement Systems Benefits:

What types of financial incentives or technical assistance are available for providers related to QRIS or other system of quality improvement? Check as many as apply.

☐ One-time grants, awards or bonuses

☐ Licensed child care centers

☐ Licensed family child care homes

☐ On-going or periodic quality stipends

☐ Licensed child care centers

- Licensed family child care homes
- ☐ Higher CCDF subsidy rates (including tiered rating)
  - Licensed child care centers
  - Licensed family child care homes
- ☐ Ongoing technical assistance to facilitate participation in QRIS or improve quality of programs already participating in QRIS (or some other technical assistance tied to QRIS)
- ☒ Other. Describe **The State does not have a QRIS system. National accreditation is voluntary to be sought by the child care facility or home. The State gives higher subsidy rates for centers and homes accredited by the National Association Education for Young Children (NAEYC), the National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA) and the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) quality standards.**

#### 4.3.2 Spending - Quality Rating and Improvement Systems Benefits:

Were funds from any sources (e.g., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, or ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) spent to support this activity?

☒ Yes, if so which funding source(s) were used?

- ☒ CCDF quality funds
  - ☐ Non-CCDF funds
  - ☐ CARES funds
  - ☐ CRRSA Funds
  - ☐ ARP Supplemental Discretionary
  - ☐ ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside
  - ☐ Unable to report. Indicate reason:
- ☐ No

#### 4.4 Spending – Quality Rating and Improvement Systems

##### 4.4.1 Spending – Quality Rating and Improvement Systems:

What is the total amount spent across all funding sources (i.e., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, and ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) related to QRIS or other quality rating systems during October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023? **\$205062**

☐ Unable to report total amount spent. Indicate reason

*Optional:* Use this space to tell us any additional information about how funds were spent that is not captured in the items already reported.

## **4.5 Progress Update**

### **4.5.1 Progress Update – Quality Rating and Improvement Systems:**

Developing, implementing, or enhancing a quality rating and improvement system (QRIS) or other transparent system of quality indicators.

Measurable indicators of progress the state/territory reported in section 7.3.6 of the FFY 2022-2024 CCDF Plan:

Note: The information displayed is from the most recent approved FFY2022-2024 CCDF Plan.

Please include information on the outcomes and numerical targets achieved based on the measurable indicators of progress specified in section 7.3.6 of the FFY 2022-2024 CCDF Plan: **The Accreditation Facilitation Project (AFP) pilot project is for registered family child care providers. The goal of the project is to support quality improvements efforts by providing technical assistance and support to providers working toward NAFCC accreditation. Family child care providers received coaching from certified NAFFC observers. Providers also received on-going professional development, individualized support, group focused support, and financial support which consisted of but not limited to membership fees, accreditation fees, and conference fees.**

## 5) Improving the supply and quality of child care programs and services for infants and toddlers

*Goal: Ensure adequate and stable supply of high quality child care with a qualified, skilled workforce to promote the healthy development of infants and toddlers. Please report on all activities funded by quality dollars and infant toddler set-aside.*

### 5.1 Infant/Toddler Specialists

#### 5.1.1 Infant/Toddler Specialists:

Did providers have access to infant/toddler specialists during October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023?

☐ Yes

- Number of specialists available to all providers
- Number of specialists available to providers serving children who receive CCDF
- Number of specialists available specifically trained to support family child care providers
- Number of providers served
- Total number of children reached

☒ No, there are no infant/toddler specialists in the state/territory.

☐ N/A. Describe:

#### 5.1.2 Infant/Toddler Specialists Supports Provided:

If yes, what supports do the infant/toddler specialists provide?

☐ Relationship-caregiving practices (or quality caregiving/developmentally appropriate practices)

☐ On-site and virtual coaching

☐ Health and safety practices

☐ Individualized professional development consultation (e.g., opportunities for or awareness on career growth opportunities, degreed/credential programs)

☐ Group professional development

☐ Family engagement and partnerships

☐ Part C early intervention services

☐ Mental health of babies, toddlers, and families

☐ Mental health of providers

☐ Behavioral Health

☐ Other. Describe

### **5.1.3 Spending – Infant/Toddler Specialists:**

Were funds from any sources (e.g., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, or ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) spent to support this activity?

☐ Yes, if so which funding source(s) were used?

☐ CCDF quality funds

☐ Non-CCDF funds

☐ CARES funds

☐ CRRSA Funds

☐ ARP Supplemental Discretionary

☐ ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside

☐ Unable to report. Indicate reason:

☒ No

## **5.2 Staffed Family Child Care Networks**

### **5.2.1 Number and Description of Staffed Family Child Care Networks:**

How many staffed family child care networks operated during October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023?

☐ Number of staffed family child care networks:

- ☐ Describe what the network/hub provides to participating family child care providers:

☒ No staffed family child care networks operate in state/territory

### **5.2.2 Spending - Staffed Family Child Care Networks:**

Were funds from any sources (e.g., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, or ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) spent to support this activity?

☐ Yes, if so which funding source(s) were used?

☐ CCDF quality funds

☐ Non-CCDF funds

☐ CARES funds



- ☐ CRRSA Funds
- ☐ ARP Supplemental Discretionary
- ☐ ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside
- ☐ Unable to report. Indicate reason:

☒ No

### 5.3 Spending - Programs and services for infants and toddlers

#### 5.3.1 Spending - Programs and services for infants and toddlers:

What is the total amount spent across all funding sources (i.e., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, and ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside), above and beyond to the 3% infant and toddler set-aside, to improve the supply and quality of child care programs and services for infants and toddlers during October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023? **\$1270855**

☐ Unable to report total amount spent. Indicate reason:

*Optional:* Use this space to tell us any additional information about how funds were spent that is not captured in the items already reported.

### 5.4 Progress Update

#### 5.4.1 Progress Update - Programs and services for infants and toddlers:

Improving the supply and quality of child care programs and services for infants and toddlers.

Measurable indicators of progress the state/territory reported in section 7.4.2 of the FFY 2022-2024 CCDF Plan:

Note: The information displayed is from the most recent approved FFY2022-2024 CCDF Plan.

**As part of the contract service provider's contract, a quarterly activity report is due that collects data. The data for each contract varies dependent of the type of service being provided.**

**Examples of data collected are:**

**The number of children served by the child care centers on or near the Department of Education public high school campuses.**

**The number of teens that are promoted to the next grade level or graduate from high school.**

**The number of family child care providers or employees of licensed infant and toddler centers that are trained through the infant and toddler training contractor.**

The number of infant and toddler age children served in programs operated by the participating trainees.

The number of registered family child care homes and licensed infant and toddler centers adhering to the safe sleep requirements.

The number of individuals who have taken Safe Sleep Training.

The number of children whose families are receiving CCDF subsidies who are less than 12 months of age and are being cared for by a legally exempt child care provider.

The number of family child care providers that receive National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) accreditation.

The number of individuals that have completed the initial Health and Safety Assessment.

The number of individuals that have completed their required on-going Health and Safety Assessment.

Please include information on the outcomes and numerical targets achieved based on the measurable indicators of progress specified in section 7.4.2 of the FFY 2022-2024 CCDF Plan: **The contractor is responsible to develop and provide infant and toddler training statewide which supports the requirement that all infant and toddler staff complete at least 45 hours in infant and toddler development training. Training is offered at no-cost to providers and is available for those interested in increasing their professional development.**

The number of children served by the child care centers on or near the Department of Education public high school campuses - N/A, The State no longer has a contract with a provider to provide child care for teen parents on a DOE campus.

The number of teens that are promoted to the next grade level or graduate from high school - N/A.

The number of family child care providers or employees of licensed infant and toddler centers that are trained through the infant and toddler training contractor - 393.

The number of infant and toddler age children served in programs operated by the participating trainees - 5,958.

The number of registered family child care homes and licensed infant and toddler centers adhering to the safe sleep requirements - 276.

The number of individuals who have taken Safe Sleep Training - 7.

The number of children whose families are receiving CCDF subsidies who are less than 12 months of age and are being cared for by a legally exempt child care provider - 70.

The number of family child care providers that receive National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) accreditation - 4.

The number of individuals that have completed the initial Health and Safety Assessment - 1,651.

The number of individuals that have completed their required on-going Health and Safety Assessment - 1,194.

**6) Establishing, expanding, modifying, or maintaining a statewide system of child care resource and referral services**

*Goal: Lead agency provides: services to involve families in the development of their children, information on a full range of child care options, and assistance to families in selecting child care that is appropriate for the family's needs and is high quality as determined by the lead agency.*

**6.1 Spending – Child Care Resource and Referral Services**

**6.1.1 Spending – Child Care Resource and Referral Services:**

Were funds from any sources (e.g., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, or ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) spent to establish, expand, modify, or maintain a statewide CCR&R during October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023?

☒ Yes, if so which funding source(s) were used?

☒ CCDF quality funds

☐ Non-CCDF funds

☐ CARES funds

☐ CRRSA Funds

☐ ARP Supplemental Discretionary

☐ ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside

☐ Unable to report. Indicate reason:

What is the total amount spent across all funding sources (i.e., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, and ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) to establish, expand, modify, or maintain a statewide CCR&R during October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023? **\$612500**

☐ Unable to report total amount spent. Indicate reason:

*Optional:* Use this space to tell us any additional information about how funds were spent

☐ No

**6.2 Progress Update**

**6.2.1 Progress Update – Child Care Resource and Referral Services:**

Establishing, expanding, modifying or maintaining a statewide system of child care resource and referral services.

Measurable indicators of progress the state/territory reported in section 7.5.2 of the FFY 2022-2024 CCDF Plan:

Note: The information displayed is from the most recent approved FFY2022-2024 CCDF Plan. **The contracted service provider, as stipulated in their contract, is required to report on the following outcomes that outlines the proposed annual goal of 90-100% to correspond with the number of individuals served to ensure:**

**Number of families or individuals whose need for child care needs were met through the R/R services;**

**Number of eligible subsidy families provided consumer education services at time of subsidy intake interview who requested R/R services;**

**Number of families or individuals whose need for information on various programs were met;**

**Number of families or individuals whose need form information on IDEA were met;**

**Number of families or individuals whose need for information on child care assistance were met;**

**Number of child care providers that attended networking events hosted by the provider;**

**Number of prospective providers provided child care information and referral services;**

**Number of prospective providers provided information and referred to family child care recruitment program;**

**Number of child care providers and child care staff Statewide shall have received the requested child care information and referral services regarding he provider support/development activities;**

**Number of child care referral services provided by child care resource and referral agency;**

**Number of unduplicated persons receiving child care referral services provided by child care resource and referral agency;**

**Number of unduplicated persons finding child care because of child referral services provided by child care resource and referral agency; and**

**Number of referrals to other types of resources or services needed provided by child care resource and referral agency.**

Please include information on the outcomes and numerical targets achieved based on the measurable indicators of progress specified in section 7.5.2 of the FFY 2022-2024 CCDF Plan: **Number of families or individuals whose need for child care needs were met through the R/R**

services - 975, Number represents those families or individuals who responded to follow-up call and emails;

Number of eligible subsidy families provided consumer education services at time of subsidy intake interview who requested R/R services N/A. Starting 9/2023 interviews are not formally conducted.;

Number of families or individuals whose need for information on various programs were met - 975, Number represents those families or individuals who responded to follow-up calls and emails;

Number of families or individuals whose need form information on IDEA were met - 1,380;

Number of families or individuals whose need for information on child care assistance were met - 975. Number represents those families or individuals who responded to follow-up calls and emails;

Number of child care providers that attended networking events hosted by the provider - 278;

Number of prospective providers provided child care information and referral services - 319;

Number of prospective providers provided information and referred to family child care recruitment program - 306;

Number of child care providers and child care staff Statewide shall have received the requested child care information and referral services regarding he provider support/development activities - 2,780;

Number of child care referral services provided by child care resource and referral agency - 20,876;

Number of unduplicated persons receiving child care referral services provided by child care resource and referral agency - 16,127;

Number of unduplicated persons finding child care because of child referral services provided by child care resource and referral agency - 975. Number represents those individuals who responded to follow-up calls and emails ; and

Number of referrals to other types of resources or services needed provided by child care resource and referral agency - 20,876.

**7) Facilitating compliance with lead agency requirements for inspection, monitoring, health and safety standards and training, and lead agency licensing standards**

*Goal: To ensure child care providers maintain compliance with lead agency licensing, inspection, monitoring, and health and safety standards and training.*

**7.1 Complaints about providers**

**7.1.1 Number of Complaints about providers:**

How many complaints were received regarding providers during October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023? **30**

**7.1.2 Spending - Complaints about providers:**

Were funds from any sources (e.g., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, or ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) spent to support this activity (including maintaining a hotline)?

☒ Yes, if so which funding source(s) were used?

☒ CCDF quality funds

☐ Non-CCDF funds

☐ CARES funds

☐ CRRSA Funds

☐ ARP Supplemental Discretionary

☐ ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside

☐ Unable to report. Indicate reason:

☐ No

**7.2 Licensing Staff**

**7.2.1 Number of Licensing Staff:**

How many licensing staff positions were there in the state or territory during October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023? Number of staff **26**

**7.2.2 Spending – Licensing Staff:**

Were funds from any sources (e.g., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, or ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) spent to support this activity?



☒ Yes, if so which funding source(s) were used?

- ☒ CCDF quality funds
- ☐ Non-CCDF funds
- ☐ CARES funds
- ☐ CRRSA Funds
- ☐ ARP Supplemental Discretionary
- ☐ ARP Stabilization 10% set aside
- ☐ Unable to report. Indicate reason:

☐ No

### **7.3 Health and Safety Standards Coaching and Technical Assistance**

#### **7.3.1 Coaching or technical assistance on health and safety standards as a result of inspection:**

How many child care programs received coaching or technical assistance to improve their understanding and adherence to CCDF health and safety standards as a result of an inspection or violation during October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023? **The department would need time to request a system report of all of the programs that had non compliances in health and safety standards during the FFY23 in order to be able to report the number of programs that received coaching or technical assistance.**

#### **7.3.2 Spending - Coaching or technical assistance on health and safety standards as a result of inspection:**

Were funds from any sources (e.g., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, or ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) spent to support this activity?

☒ Yes, if so which funding source(s) were used?

- ☒ CCDF quality funds
- ☐ Non-CCDF funds
- ☐ CARES funds
- ☐ CRRSA Funds
- ☐ ARP Supplemental Discretionary
- ☐ ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside
- ☐ Unable to report. Indicate reason:

☐ No

## 7.4 Spending - Compliance with health, safety, and licensing standards

### 7.4.1 Spending - Compliance with health, safety, and licensing standards:

What is the total amount spent across all funding sources (i.e., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, and ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) on facilitating compliance with lead agency requirements for inspections, monitoring, health and safety standards and training, and lead agency licensing standards during October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023? **\$2027224**

☐ Unable to report total amount spent. Indicate reason:

*Optional:* Use this space to tell us any additional information about how funds were spent that is not captured in the items already reported. **The Department's child care inspector positions are partially funded with federal funds. Training is contracted to provide low or no-cost to providers who are mandated to complete training in order to show compliance with health and safety standards.**

## 7.5 Progress Update

### 7.5.1 Progress Update - Compliance with health, safety, and licensing standards:

Facilitating compliance with lead agency requirements for inspection, monitoring, health and safety standards and training, and lead agency licensing standards.

Measurable indicators of progress the state/territory reported in section 7.6.3 of the FFY 2022-2024 CCDF Plan:

Note: The information displayed is from the most recent approved FFY2022-2024 CCDF Plan.

**Number of licensed and registered child care homes and facilities were provided training services;**

**Number of legally exempt providers caring for children whose families receive CCDF subsidies received health and safety training guidebooks;**

**Number of licensed and registered child care homes and facilities received health and safety training guidebooks;**

**Number of children served by the licensed and registered child care homes and facilities receiving training services;**

**Number of subsidy children served by the legally exempt provider caring for children whose families receive CCDF subsidies; and**

**Number of licensed and registered child care homes and facilities receiving menu reviews.**

Please include information on the outcomes and numerical targets achieved based on the measurable indicators of progress specified in section 7.6.3 of the FFY 2022-2024 CCDF Plan:

**Number of licensed and registered child care homes and facilities were provided training services - 926;**

**Number of legally exempt providers caring for children whose families receive CCDF subsidies received health and safety training guidebooks - Hawaii DHS will continue to work on obtaining the data about newly legally exempt providers that begin care for children whose families received CCDF subsidies during FFY 2023;**

**Number of licensed and registered child care homes and facilities received health and safety training guidebooks -Hawaii DHS will continue to work on obtaining the data about new licensed and registered child care homes and facilities that start operating during FFY 2024;**

**Number of children served by the licensed and registered child care homes and facilities receiving training services - 16,954;**

**Number of subsidy children served by the legally exempt provider caring for children whose families receive CCDF subsidies - 154; and**

**Number of licensed and registered child care homes and facilities receiving menu reviews - 108.**

**8) Evaluating and assessing the quality of child care programs and services, including evaluating how programs positively impact children**

*Goal: Lead agency investment in effective quality improvement strategies using reliable data from evaluation and assessment*

**8.1 Evaluation and assessment of center-based programs**

**8.1.1 Evaluation and assessment of center-based programs:**

What measure(s) or tool(s) were used to evaluate and assess the quality of and effective practice in center-based programs during October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023?

- ☐ QRIS
- ☐ CLASS
- ☐ ERS
- ☐ FCCERS
- ☐ ITERS
- ☐ State evaluation tool. Describe
- ☐ Core Knowledge and Competency Framework
- ☐ Other. Describe
- ☒ Do not evaluate and assess quality and effective practice

**8.1.2 Spending - Evaluation and assessment of center-based programs:**

Were funds from any sources (e.g., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, or ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) spent to support this activity?

- ☐ Yes, if so which funding source(s) were used?
  - ☐ CCDF quality funds
  - ☐ Non-CCDF funds
  - ☐ CARES funds
  - ☐ CRRSA Funds
  - ☐ ARP Supplemental Discretionary
  - ☐ ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside
  - ☐ Unable to report. Indicate reason:
- ☒ No

**8.2 Evaluation and assessment of family child care programs**

### 8.2.1 Evaluation and assessment of family child care programs:

What measure(s) or tool(s) were used to evaluate and assess the quality of and effective practice in family child care programs during October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023?

- ☐ QRIS
- ☐ CLASS
- ☐ ERS
- ☐ FCCERS
- ☐ ITERS
- ☐ State evaluation tool. Describe
- ☐ Core Knowledge and Competency Framework
- ☐ Other. Describe
- ☒ Do not evaluate and assess quality and effective practice

### 8.2.2 Spending - Evaluation and assessment of family child care programs:

Were funds from any sources (e.g., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, or ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) spent to support this activity?

- ☐ Yes, if so which funding source(s) were used?

- ☐ CCDF quality funds
- ☐ Non-CCDF funds
- ☐ CARES funds
- ☐ CRRSA Funds
- ☐ ARP Supplemental Discretionary
- ☐ ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside
- ☐ Unable to report. Indicate reason:

- ☒ No

## 8.3 Spending - Evaluation and assessment of child care programs

### 8.3.1 Spending - Evaluation and assessment of child care programs:

What is the total amount spent across all funding sources (i.e., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, and ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) on evaluating and assessing the quality of child care programs, practice, or child development during October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023?  
\$000

[ ] Unable to report total amount spent. Indicate reason:

*Optional:* Use this space to tell us any additional information about how funds were spent that is not captured in the items already reported. **The State does not evaluate and assess the quality of child care programs. All child care providers are monitored to ensure that all health and safety requirements in Hawaii Administrative Rules are being met.**

## 8.4 Progress Update

### 8.4.1 Progress Update - Evaluation and assessment of child care programs:

Evaluating and assessing the quality of child care programs and services, including evaluating how programs positively impact children.

Measurable indicators of progress the state/territory reported in section 7.7.2 of the FFY 2022-2024 CCDF Plan:

Note: The information displayed is from the most recent approved FFY2022-2024 CCDF Plan.

**Number of registered family child care providers and child care staff that receive scholarship funds from the Department;**

**Number of registered family child care providers and child care staff that receive a post-secondary degree or Child Development Associate through the scholarship funds from the Department;**

**Number of legally exempt child care providers caring for children whose families are receiving subsidies that are visited and meet minimum health and safety requirements; and**

**Number of children whose families are receiving CCDF subsidies who attend an accredited child care facility or home.**

Please include information on the outcomes and numerical targets achieved based on the measurable indicators of progress specified in section 7.7.2 of the FFY 2022-2024 CCDF Plan:

**Number of registered family child care providers and child care staff that receive scholarship funds from the Department - 56;**

**Number of registered family child care providers and child care staff that receive a post-secondary degree or Child Development Associate through the scholarship funds from the Department - 34;**

Number of legally exempt child care providers caring for children whose families are receiving subsidies that are visited and meet minimum health and safety requirements - 154; and

Number of children whose families are receiving CCDF subsidies who attend an accredited child care facility or home - 899.

## 9) Supporting child care providers in the voluntary pursuit of accreditation

*Goal: Support child care programs and FCCs in the voluntary pursuit of accreditation by a national accrediting body with demonstrated, valid, and reliable program standards of quality*

### 9.1 Accreditation Support

#### 9.1.1 Accreditation Support:

How many providers did the lead agency support in their pursuit of accreditation (e.g., financial incentives, technical assistance with the accreditation process, coaching/mentoring by accredited programs) during October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023?

☒ Yes, providers were supported in their pursuit of accreditation

- a. Licensed center-based programs **118**
- b. License-exempt center-based programs **0**
- c. Licensed family child care homes **9**
- d. License-exempt family child care homes (care in providers' home) **0**
- e. Programs serving children who receive CCDF subsidy **0**

☐ No lead agency support given to providers in their pursuit of accreditation.

☐ N/A. Describe:

#### 9.1.2 Spending – Accreditation Support:

Were funds from any sources (e.g., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, or ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) spent to support this activity?

☒ Yes, if so which funding source(s) were used?

- ☒ CCDF quality funds
- ☐ Non-CCDF funds
- ☐ CARES funds
- ☐ CRRSA Funds
- ☐ ARP Supplemental Discretionary
- ☐ ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside
- ☐ Unable to report. Indicate reason:

What is the total amount spent across all funding sources (i.e., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, and ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) on accreditation during October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023? **\$205062**



[ ] Unable to report total amount spent. Indicate reason:

*Optional:* Use this space to tell us any additional information about how funds were spent

[ ] No

## 9.2 Progress Update

### 9.2.1 Progress Update – Accreditation Support:

Supporting providers in the voluntary pursuit of accreditation.

Measurable indicators of progress the state/territory reported in section 7.8.2 of the FFY 2022-2024 CCDF Plan:

Note: The information displayed is from the most recent approved FFY2022-2024 CCDF Plan.

**Number of licensed child care facilities becoming accredited by the National Association for the Education for Young Children (NAEYC) or the National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA); and**

**Number of registered family child care homes and group child care homes that become accredited by the National Accreditation for Family Child Care (NAFCC).**

Please include information on the outcomes and numerical targets achieved based on the measurable indicators of progress specified in section 7.8.2 of the FFY 2022-2024 CCDF Plan: **The Accreditation Facilitation Project (AFP) pilot project is for registered family child care providers. The goal of the project is to support quality improvements efforts by providing technical assistance and support to providers working toward NAFCC accreditation. Family child care providers received coaching from certified NAFCC observers. Providers also received on-going professional development, individualized support, group focused support, and financial support which consisted of but not limited to membership fees, accreditation fees, and conference fees.**

**Number of licensed child care facilities becoming accredited by the National Association for the Education for Young Children (NAEYC) or the National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA) - Accreditation is voluntarily sought by the child care facilities and we do not know of the 118 child care facilities with accreditation status became accredited in this FFY 2023; and**

**Number of registered family child care homes and group child care homes that become accredited by the National Accreditation for Family Child Care (NAFCC) - 4. Accreditation is**

voluntarily sought by the family home and group home child care providers supported by Learning To Grow (LTG) in the Accreditation Facilitation Project. Currently there are 9 providers that were provided this support.

## 10) Supporting providers in the development or adoption of high-quality program standards related to health, mental health, nutrition, physical activity, and physical development

*Goal: Assist programs to meet high-quality comprehensive program standards relating to health, mental health, nutrition, physical activity, and physical development*

### 10.1 High-Quality Program Standards

#### 10.1.1 High-Quality Program Standards:

How did the state or territory help providers develop or adopt high quality program standards during October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023?

☐ QRIS, check which indicators the lead agency has established:

- ☐ Health, nutrition, and safety of child care settings
- ☐ Physical activity and physical development in child care settings
- ☐ Mental health of children
- ☐ Learning environment and curriculum
- ☐ Ratios and group size
- ☐ Staff/provider qualifications and professional development
- ☐ Teacher/provider-child relationships
- ☐ Teacher/provider instructional practices
- ☐ Family partnerships and family strengthening
- ☐ Other. Describe:

☐ Early Learning Guidelines

☐ State Framework. Describe

☐ Core Knowledge and Competencies

☒ Other. Describe **The State has a contract with the State Dept of Health to provide menu and nutrition reviews to licensed center-based providers so that providers are able to meet USDA nutrition standards. The State also contracts with an agency who assists family child care providers to participate in the USDA food nutrition reimbursement program by meeting nutrition standards.**

☐ N/A – did not help provider develop or adopt high quality program standards

#### 10.1.2 Spending - High-Quality Program Standards:

Were funds from any sources (e.g., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, or ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) spent to support this activity?

☒ Yes, if so which funding source(s) were used?

- ☒ CCDF quality funds
- ☐ Non-CCDF funds
- ☐ CARES funds
- ☐ CRRSA Funds
- ☐ ARP Supplemental Discretionary
- ☐ ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside
- ☐ Unable to report. Indicate reason:

What is the total amount spent across all funding sources (i.e., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, and ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) to support providers in the development or adoption of high-quality program standards related to health, mental health, nutrition, physical activity, and physical development during October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023? **\$105000**

☐ Unable to report total amount spent. Indicate reason:

*Optional:* Use this space to tell us any additional information about how funds were spent that is not captured in the items already reported.

☐ No

## 10.2 Progress Update

### 10.2.1 Progress Update - High-Quality Program Standards:

Supporting the development or adoption of high-quality program standards related to health, mental health, nutrition, physical activity, and physical development.

Measurable indicators of progress the state/territory reported in section 7.9.2 of the FFY 2022-2024 CCDF Plan:

Note: The information displayed is from the most recent approved FFY2022-2024 CCDF Plan. **The priority of the Hawaii Department of Human Services is to ensure the health, safety and well-being of children in care with licensed, registered, and legally exempt providers through on-going monitoring inspections, completion of background checks as appropriate to the provider type, and establishing minimum standards for health and safety for legally exempt providers caring for children whose families are receiving CCDF subsidies.**

**Number of licensed child care facilities inspected annually;**

**Number of legally exempt providers caring for children whose families receive CCDF**

subsidies inspected annually; and  
Number of background checks completed annually.

Please include information on the outcomes and numerical targets achieved based on the measurable indicators of progress specified in section 7.9.2 of the FFY 2022-2024 CCDF Plan:  
Number of licensed child care facilities inspected annually - 717;

Number of legally exempt providers caring for children whose families receive CCDF subsidies inspected annually - 154; and

Number of background checks completed annually - 8320.

## 11) Other activities to improve the quality of child care services

*Goal: To improve the quality of child care programs and services related to outcomes measuring improved provider preparedness, child safety, child well-being, or kindergarten-entry*

### 11.1 Sustainability funding to child care providers

#### 11.1.1 Sustainability funding to child care providers:

Did the state or territory continue to provide stabilization grants to child care providers using funds other than the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Stabilization funds during October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023?

☐ Yes. If yes, describe and check which types of providers were eligible and number served.

☐ Licensed center-based programs

☐ License-exempt center-based programs

☐ Licensed family child care homes

☐ License-exempt family child care homes (care in providers' home)

☐ In-home (care in the child's own home)

☐ Other (explain)

☒ No.

☐ N/A. Describe:

#### 11.1.2 Spending – Sustainability funding to child care providers:

Were funds from any sources (e.g., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, or ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) spent to support this activity?

☐ Yes, if so which funding source(s) were used?

☐ CCDF quality funds

☐ Non-CCDF funds

☐ CARES funds

☐ CRRSA Funds

☐ ARP Supplemental Discretionary

☐ ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside

☐ Unable to report. Indicate reason:

☒ No

### 11.2 Data Systems Investment

### 11.2.1 Data Systems Investment:

Did the state/territory invest in data systems to support equitable access to child care (e.g., modernizing and maintaining systems; technology upgrades and data governance improvements to provide more transparent and updated information to parents; a workforce registry; updated QRIS systems; CCR&R updates; monitoring systems) from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023?

☒ Yes. Describe: **The State invested funds to build a new workforce registry system. Child care staff will have access to their education, employment and training records in the new system.**

☐ No

### 11.2.2 Spending - Data Systems Investment:

Were funds from any sources (e.g., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, or ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) spent to support this activity?

☒ Yes, if so which funding source(s) were used?

☒ CCDF quality funds

☐ Non-CCDF funds

☐ CARES funds

☐ CRRSA Funds

☐ ARP Supplemental Discretionary

☐ ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside

☐ Unable to report. Indicate reason:

☐ No

## 11.3 Supply and Demand Analysis

### 11.3.1 Supply and Demand Analysis:

Did the state/territory conduct an analysis of supply and demand or other needs assessment to identify areas of focus to build supply or target funding from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023?

☐ Yes. Describe findings:

☒ No

### 11.3.2 Spending - Supply and Demand Analysis:

Were funds from any sources (e.g., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, or ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) spent to support this activity?

☐ Yes, if so which funding source(s) were used?

- ☐ CCDF quality funds
- ☐ Non-CCDF funds
- ☐ CARES funds
- ☐ CRRSA Funds
- ☐ ARP Supplemental Discretionary
- ☐ ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside
- ☐ Unable to report. Indicate reason:

☒ No

## 11.4 Supply and Demand Initiatives

### 11.4.1 Supply and Demand Initiatives:

Did the state/territory implement initiatives designed to address supply and demand issues related to child care deserts and/or vulnerable populations (such as infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, English language learners, and children who need child care during non-traditional hours) during October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023? Check all that apply.

- ☐ Child care deserts
- ☐ Infants/toddlers
- ☐ Children with disabilities
- ☐ English language learners
- ☐ Children who need child care during non-traditional hours
- ☒ Other. Describe: **The State did not implement initiatives designed to address supply and demand issues related to child care deserts and/or vulnerable populations (such as infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, English language learners, and children who need child care during non-traditional hours) during October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.**

### 11.4.2 Spending - Supply and Demand Initiatives:



Were funds from any sources (e.g., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, or ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) spent to support this activity?

☐ Yes, if so which funding source(s) were used?

☐ CCDF quality funds

☐ Non-CCDF funds

☐ CARES funds

☐ CRRSA Funds

☐ ARP Supplemental Discretionary

☐ ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside

☐ Unable to report. Indicate reason:

☒ No

### **11.5 Provider Compensation and Benefits**

#### **11.5.1 Spending - Provider Compensation and Benefits:**

What compensation and benefits improvements did teachers/providers receive between October 1, 2022 and September 30, 2023 (check all that apply)? If indicated, how many providers received each type of support?

☐ Financial bonuses (not tied to education levels)

☐ Salary enhancements/wage supplements

☐ Health insurance coverage

☐ Dental insurance coverage

☐ Retirement benefits

☐ Loan Forgiveness programs

☐ Mental Health/Wellness programs

☐ Start up funds

☐ Other. Describe:

☒ N/A. Describe: **No compensation and benefits were provided to providers between October 1, 2022 and September 30, 2023.**

#### **11.5.2 Spending - Provider Compensation and Benefits:**

Were funds from any sources (e.g., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, or ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) spent to support this activity?

☐ Yes, if so which funding source(s) were used?

- ☐ CCDF quality funds
- ☐ Non-CCDF funds
- ☐ CARES funds
- ☐ CRRSA Funds
- ☐ ARP Supplemental Discretionary
- ☐ ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside
- ☐ Unable to report. Indicate reason:

☒ No

## **11.6 Spending – Other Activities to Improve the Quality of Child Care Services**

### **11.6.1 Spending – Other Activities to Improve the Quality of Child Care Services:**

What is the total amount spent across all funding sources (i.e., CCDF quality set aside, non-CCDF funds, CARES, CRRSA, ARP Supplemental Discretionary, and ARP Stabilization 10% set-aside) on other activities to improve the quality of child care services during October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023? **\$2511240**

☐ Unable to report total amount spent. Indicate reason:

*Optional:* Use this space to tell us any additional information about how funds were spent that is not captured in the items already reported.

## **11.7 Progress Update**

### **11.7.1 Progress Update – Other Activities to Improve the Quality of Child Care Services:**

Other activities to improve the quality of child care services supported by outcome measures that improve provider preparedness, child safety, child well-being, or kindergarten-entry.

Measurable indicators of progress the state/territory reported in section 7.10.1 of the 2022-2024 CCDF Plan:

Note: The information displayed is from the most recent approved FFY2022-2024 CCDF Plan.

**The Hawaii Department of Human Services is currently working to enhance the consumer education public website.**

Please include information on the outcomes and numerical targets achieved based on the measurable indicators of progress specified in section 7.10.2 of the 2022-2024 CCDF Plan: **The**

Hawaii Department of Human Services (DHS) has a provider grants portal system that must be maintained to assist providers through the application process, grant award process, and assist providers to be able to demonstrate compliance with the program. DHS also provides funding to support a shared services program to assist providers with their business management practices. And DHS is currently working on the consumer education public website with our contracted vendor.

## 12) Annual Report

Lead agencies must submit an annual report, as required at 45 CFR § 98.53(f) (4), describing any changes to lead agency regulations, enforcement mechanisms, or other lead agency policies addressing health and safety based on an annual review and assessment of serious child injuries and any deaths occurring in child care programs receiving CCDF, and in other regulated and unregulated child care centers and family child care homes, to the extent possible.

### 12.1 Annual Report and Changes

#### 12.1.1 Annual Report:

Describe the annual review and assessment of serious injuries and any deaths occurring in child care programs receiving CCDF, and in other regulated and unregulated child care centers and family child care homes, to the extent possible. **DHS looked at substantiated complaint reports addressing serious harm/injury, supervision, and discipline. Hawaii did not have any substantiated child death complaint reports**

#### 12.1.2 Annual Report Changes:

Describe any changes to lead agency regulations, enforcement mechanisms, or other lead agency policies addressing health and safety based on the annual review and assessment. **We found no policy changes are needed to our established Hawaii Administrative Rules or enforcement mechanisms.**

### 13) American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Child Care Stabilization Grants

*Goal: To ensure the lead agency implements an equitable stabilization grant program. The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act included approximately \$24 billion for child care stabilization grants, representing an important opportunity to stabilize the child care sector and do so in a way that builds back a stronger child care system that supports the developmental and learning needs of children, meets parents' needs and preferences with equal access to high-quality child care, and supports a professionalized workforce that is fairly and appropriately compensated for the essential skilled work that they do. Lead agencies must spend most stabilization funds as subgrants to qualified child care providers to support the stability of the child care sector during and after the COVID-19 public health emergency. Section 13 should be used to report on ARP Stabilization Grants ONLY.*

#### 13.1 Multiple Grant Programs

##### 13.1.1 ARP Act Stabilization multiple grant programs:

Did you run more than one grant program? If so, list the number of separate grant programs and describe their uses.

☐ Yes. Describe:

☒ No

#### 13.2 ARP Act Stabilization Grants workforce compensation

##### 13.2.1 ARP Act Stabilization Grant strategies for workforce compensation:

Which of the following methods were used to support workforce compensation (e.g., bonuses, stipends, increased base wages, or employee benefits) with stabilization grants? (check all that apply)

☐ Targeted grants to support workforce compensation (no other allowable uses)

☒ Providing bonus funds to providers that increased child care staff compensation through stabilization grants

☐ Requiring a specific percentage or amount of stabilization grant funding go toward child care staff compensation increases. Percent or amount for staff compensation:

☐ Other (Describe):