

Primer on Publicly-Funded Child Care and Early Learning

For Children Birth Thru Five in Hawai'i

Child Care and Early Learning opportunities support our young keiki and their `ohana by facilitating children's development and school-readiness and strengthening families' stability and economic security.

But for too many families, high-quality child care and early learning is out of their reach. Availability of seats in programs is insufficient for our population of children, and costs for care, which can exceed 20% of household incomes, are infeasible for many families to shoulder alone.

In Hawai'i,

- 95,704 children are under age 6¹,
- 64% have all parents in the workforce²,
- 14% live in poverty³,
- the annual cost of center-based infant care averages \$15,840⁴

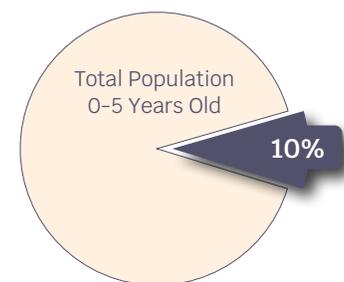
Expanding public investment is critical to increasing access to early care and learning opportunities to meet the state's high needs. Federal and state funding plays a pivotal role in building capacity, improving quality, and reducing and/or eliminating the financial burden for families of child care and early learning programs.

Public funding for early childhood programs is comprised of a complex array of federal, state, and even local funding sources and is distributed via a number of administrative agencies to a variety of early care and learning settings.

The information in this primer provides a general overview of the majority of available public funding for child care and early learning programs in Hawai'i and the flow of these funds.



Estimated Seats/Children Supported by Public Funding



	Funding for HI	Seats
Federal	\$159,086,441	7,933
State	\$19,286,592	1,712
Total	\$178,373,033	9,645

Child Care and Early Learning Settings

Licensed Child Care Centers	Licensed Family Child Care Homes	Family, Friend & Neighbor Care	Public Preschools
Set up specifically to provide child care for groups of children	Operated by a private care provider who cares for several children in his/her own home	Provided by a relative or friend who cares for a child in his/her own, or the child's home	PreK classrooms operated on public elementary or charter school campuses (Incl. classrooms providing Special Ed)
Ages 0-3 (Infant-toddler centers) Ages 2-5 (Group child care centers)	Any age	Any age	Ages 3-4
Typically full-day, year-round Operates according to state licensing standards for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • staff qualifications • adult-child ratio • health and safety 	Typically full-day, year-round Operates according to state licensing standards for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adult-child ratio • health and safety 	Exempt from state licensure	School-day, school-year Operates according to program quality standards for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • health and safety • staffing • classroom practices

Additionally, early learning services may be provided through the following.

(Administration of public funding for these services is not covered in this fact sheet.)

Family & Child Interaction Learning (FCIL) – Programs serving families of children ages birth through five who are cared for at home by a parent, relative, or babysitter. Children and family members participate in child development/learning activities and parent/caregiver education together.

Home Visiting Programs – Designated support staff (e.g., nurses, social workers, early childhood specialists) provide child development and parenting education to families with young children; also provide referrals and coordinate support services that facilitate healthy, secure and nurturing conditions for children and their families.

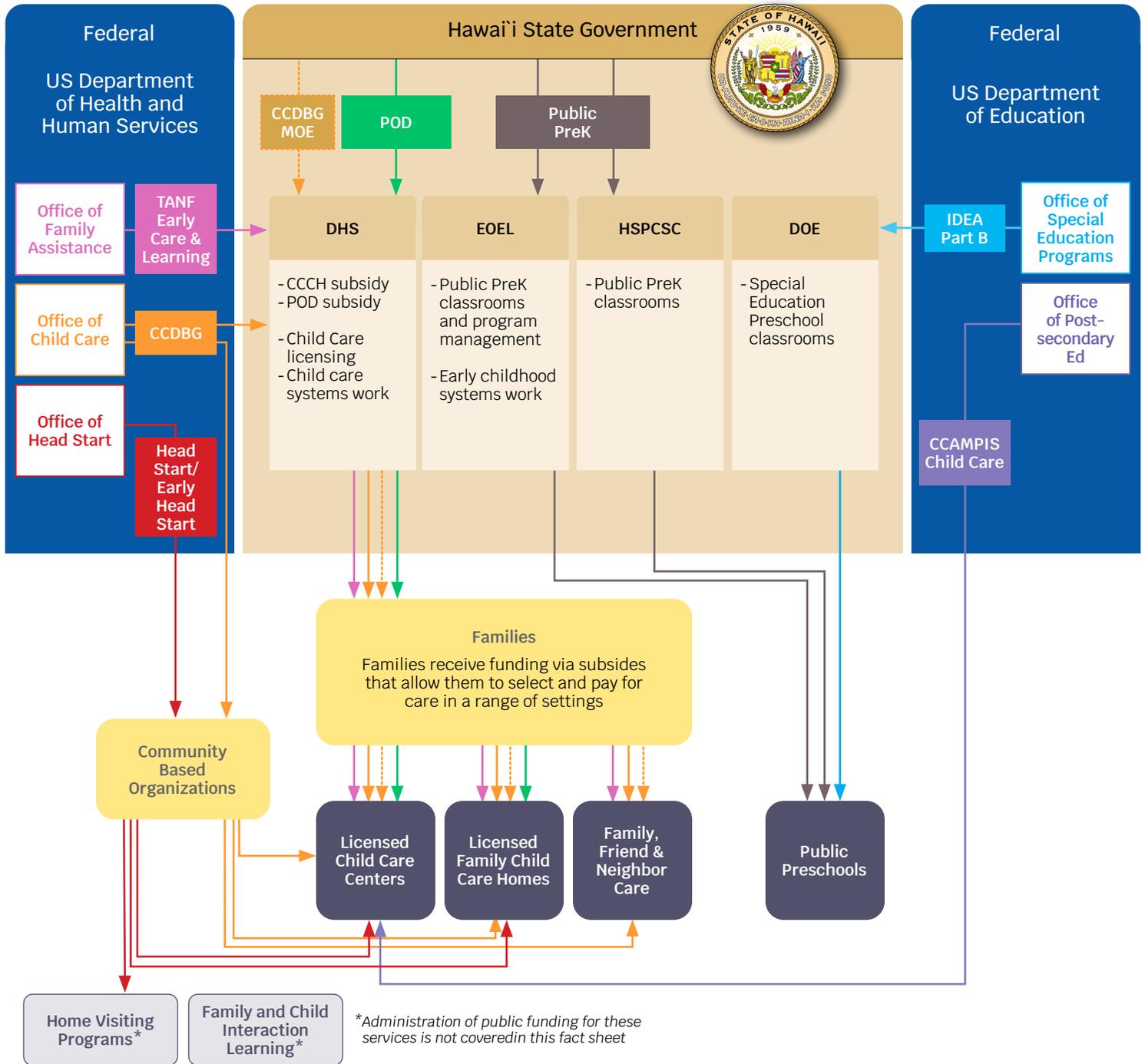
Primary State Administrative Agencies

DHS	EOEL	HSPCSC	DOE
<p>Department of Human Services Benefit, Employment and Support Services/ Child Care Program Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administers federally-funded CCDBG/TANF child care subsidy program for children birth to 13, Child Care Connection Hawaii (CCCH) • Administers state-funded child care subsidy program for preschool age children in the year prior to kindergarten-entry, Preschool Open Doors (POD) • Licenses and monitors regulatory compliance of child care programs • Administers funds to support statewide child care health, safety, licensing, training, capacity-building, quality improvement, consumer education, and data activities 	<p>Executive Office on Early Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charged with the development of a comprehensive and integrated statewide early childhood development and learning system • Manages overall Public Pre-kindergarten Program and operates Public PreK classrooms for children 4 years • Provides limited funding and oversight for some privately funded PreK classrooms and FCIL services located on DOE campuses 	<p>Hawai'i State Public Charter School Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operates Public PreK classrooms for children 3-4 years old 	<p>Department of Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operates Special Education Preschool classrooms for children 3-5 years old with special needs utilizing federal IDEA Part B funding

Public Funding Sources Supporting Access

Federal		Funding for HI	Seats/Children supported		
Head Start/ Early Head Start <i>Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Head Start</i>	Funding for 1) high-quality early childhood education and extensive health, nutrition, and family engagement and support services to three- and four-year-old children living in poverty; and 2) services to infants and toddlers from low-income families to promote their physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development and enable parents to fulfill their roles as primary caregivers and teachers of their children.	\$29,422,820 ⁵	2,959⁶		
			HS 2,326		
			EHS 633		
Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) <i>Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Child Care</i>	Funding to develop and implement a subsidy program for low-income families with children under age 13 (the majority of children served are under five) and improve the quality of child care available.	\$118,107,781	3,360		
	State allocation (Child Care Connection Hawaii)		\$116,107,781 ⁷	3,048 ⁸	
	Tribal/Native Hawaiian allocation		\$2,000,000 ⁹	312 ¹⁰	
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) <i>Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Family Assistance</i>	Block grants to states to design and operate programs that help low-income families achieve self-sufficiency, including child care, state preschool, and other early education programs.	\$10,000,000 ¹¹	N/A		
IDEA Part B - Special Education Preschool <i>Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs</i>	Funding provides for special education preschool services to children three through five	\$1,341,237 ¹²	1,578¹³		
Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) <i>Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education</i>	Funding supports campus-based child care programs for college students (in Hawai'i, at UH-Manoa Children's Center)	\$214,603 ¹⁴	36¹⁵		
		\$159,086,441	7,933		
Hawai'i State Government		Funding	Seats/Children supported		
CCDBG State Maintenance of Effort (MOE)	Funds to meet Maintenance of Effort requirement for federal CCDBG funding.	\$4,971,630 ¹⁶	See CCDBG, above		
Preschool Open Doors (POD)	Funding to promote school readiness by providing child care subsidies to eligible families for the year prior to kindergarten. Subsidies assist with payments to licensed group child care facilities (e.g., preschools).	\$4,600,000 ¹⁷	612¹⁸		
Public Prekindergarten	Funding to provide high-quality learning experiences that address children's physical development and health, social and emotional development, cognition, language and literacy, and approaches to learning.	\$9,714,962 ¹⁹	1,100²⁰		
	EOEL appropriation			\$7,073,037	740
	HSPCSC appropriation			\$2,641,925	360
		\$19,286,592	1,712		
Total		\$178,373,033	9,645		

Flow of Public Funding



Endnotes

- 1 Census, [2019 ACS B23008](#)
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- 3 Census, [2019 ACS B17006](#)
- 4 [PATCH report 2020](#)
- 5 [2018-2019 allocation](#)
- 6 Numbers served for 2018-2019 ([Hawaii Factsheet 2020](#))
- 7 [GY2021 allocation](#), State allocation includes COVID supplemental (CRRSA) and ARPA funds but NOT ARPA Child Care Stabilization Grant funding

- 8 State allocation (Child Care Connection Hawaii) – estimate for 0-5 based on monthly average of total children for Jan-June 2021 (Child Care Connection Hawaii) and [historical ACF statistical data for children served by age](#)
- 9 [GY2021 allocation](#)
- 10 Tribal/Native Hawaiian allocation (Community Based Organizations) - per KOKA and MFSS for 2021
- 11 [FY2020 expenditure](#)
- 12 [FY2022 estimated allocation](#)
- 13 [HIDOE Child Counts for 2021-22](#)

- 14 [FY2020 allocation](#)
- 15 Average per UH Manoa Children's Center
- 16 [GY2021](#)
- 17 FY2022 appropriation
- 18 Aug 2021 PATCH data
- 19 FY2022 appropriations
- 20 Total available slots for FY2022 appropriation; actual enrollment constrained by COVID-19 conditions (e.g., health and safety restrictions on capacity and reductions in family uptake due to pandemic concerns/issues)



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