

APS/Child Care ELC
Monthly Update

March 2006

APS:

APS data reports for Q3 are being received and are under review. There is no pending legislative or rule revisions for the APS program.

Child Care:

Early Learning Initiative (ELI), currently 8,041 children are authorized. A new contract opportunity has been offered for July 06-June 07. The bidder's conference occurred March 21st but was not heavily attended. The deadline for submission of a request is April 30th. Attendance at the bidder's conference is not a requirement. The department anticipates several requests to be submitted.

Rules have been drafted to address provider and caretaker overpayments within the ELI program. The department will be processing these rules (i.e. filing, implementing) very soon.

The Market Rate survey has been mailed to providers with a due date of March 31st. OSU will then begin the analysis of the data.

The federal Improper Payment project, of which Ohio was one of the four participating states, has officially concluded phase two. The final report is posted at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb/ta/ipi/phase2/sec1_1.htm

CCIDS/3299 replacement system: no update, the department is still working on the IFP document to secure a state term contract to assist with business needs, including a survey of counties and providers.

Several bills are scheduled for hearings this week.

HB 383, Sponsor-Representative Fessler. An amendment has been introduced this week that removes the summary suspension language (which would allow the department to suspend a license for a short period of time) and adds language to the appeal process which would require two providers, appointed by CCAC, to participate.

SB 238, Sponsor-Senator Niehaus. This bill includes language that will no longer allow the department to pay family child care providers that live with the child they are caring for, (e.g.: grandma lives with the child and is being paid with subsidy funds for the care of this child). Federal funding does not allow this and Ohio is aligning statute to mirror federal language.

No other bills are active this week.

The next scheduled APS/BCCD ELC meeting is Tuesday, May 2, 2006. 10:00am-3:00pm, 255 E. Main Street, 3rd Floor, Video Conference Room.