



Agenda

Tuesday, July 22, 2025—STAM Day 1

STAM Day 1 will focus on regional meetings, opportunities to hear from Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) leadership, and opportunities for peer-learning discussions.

Note: The Web-stream for Grand Ballroom sessions is available here: <https://stam2025.com>.

8:00–9:00 a.m. **Registration** **Grand Ballroom Foyer**

9:00–10:15 a.m.

Regional Introductions and Meetings

A-1: Northeast Region	Regency A
A-2: Southeast Region	Grand ABC
A-3: Midwest Region	Lake Fairfax
A-4: Northwest Region	Lake Anne
A-5: Southwest Region	Regency B

10:15–10:30 a.m.

Networking Break

10:30 a.m.–12:00 noon

Welcome

Grand Ballroom

- Tricia Haley, Supervisory Program Specialist, Technical Assistance Division, Office of Child Care (OCC)
- Anne-Marie Twohie, Acting Director, OCC

P-1: Keynote Address by Dr. Laurie Todd-Smith

- Dr. Laurie Todd-Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Early Childhood Development, Office of Early Childhood Development (ECD)

Deputy Assistant Secretary Laurie Todd-Smith will share the administration priorities and plans for early childhood.

12:00 noon–1:30 p.m.

Lunch (On Your Own)

1:30–3:00 p.m.

Breakout Session B

B-1: Introduction to Parental Choice	Grand ABC
B-2: Engaging Employers in the Child Care System	Grand Ballroom
B-3: CCDF Fiscal Fundamentals	Regency A
B-4: Supporting Parental Choice: Spotlight on Iowa Child Care Connect	Regency B
B-5: Maximizing Lead Agency Flexibilities To Expand Child Care Access	Lake Fairfax
Small-Group Listening Session for CCDF Administrators (By Invitation Only)	Lake Anne

B-1: Introduction to Parental Choice

- Julie Ingersoll, Equal Access Lead/Payment Practices Subject-Matter Expert, National Center on Subsidy Innovation and Accountability (NCSIA)
- Heather Mattison, Equal Access Subject-Matter Expert, NCSIA
- Liz Riley, Equal Access Subject-Matter Expert, NCSIA
- Suzanne West, Technical Assistance Liaison, NCSIA

Equal access refers to the assurance that children who receive services under the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) program have access to care that is comparable to the access of children whose parents are not eligible for assistance. This breakout will cover various components of equal access, including ensuring access to a full range of providers for families, ensuring adequate payment rates to providers, and supporting quality care. Whether you're new to the CCDF program or could use a refresher on the basics, come to this breakout to learn the basics and then participate in a fun and engaging quiz to test your knowledge.

B-2: Engaging Employers in the Child Care System

- Anna Carter, Southeast Region State and Territory Systems Specialist, Child Care State Capacity Building Center (SCBC)
- Harriet Dichter, Consulting Director, Early Childhood Systems, SCBC
- Erin Mewhinney, Early Childhood Quality Assurance Consultant, National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance (NCECQA)
- Rebecca Vlasin, Early Childhood Workforce Division Director, Colorado Department of Early Childhood
- Lisa Brewer Walraven; Child Development and Care Director; Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential
- Gwen Laaser, Child Care Services Director, Tennessee Department of Human Services

Child care is crucial for the economy, the enhancement of workforce participation, household income, and economic growth. As businesses recognize this, there's growing interest in how employers can support child care access and supply. This breakout will explore strategies to engage employers and their interaction with the child care system.

B-3: CCDF Fiscal Fundamentals

- Joshua Clement, Equal Access and Fiscal Technical Assistance Subject-Matter Expert, NCSIA
- Sharon Oakes, Fiscal Subject-Matter Expert, NCSIA

This breakout will provide an overview of the fiscal fundamentals for lead agencies in administering the CCDF program. Lead agency fiscal and program staff members will have the opportunity to discuss the allowable uses, restrictions, and flexibility of program funding and to view NCSIA budget tools to help manage CCDF program funds.

B-4: Supporting Parental Choice: Spotlight on Iowa Child Care Connect

- Denise Corvino, Midwest Region State and Territory Systems Specialist, SCBC
- Kim Engelman, Early Childhood Systems Consultant, SCBC
- Wendy Hoogeveen, Child Care Policy Chief, Co-CCDF Administrator, Division of Family Well-Being and Protection, Iowa Department of Health and Human Services

This breakout will explore how lead agencies can support parental choice. We will provide examples of best practices in websites and will share resources designed to support the needs of parents, leading to sustainable, long-term solutions.

B-5: Maximizing Lead Agency Flexibilities To Expand Child Care Access

- Lisa Brochard, Technical Assistance Consultant, NCECQA
- Amy Page, Managing Director, NCECQA
- Erika Bigelow, Division Director, Child Care Licensing, Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential

This breakout will explore how CCDF lead agencies can leverage quality and licensing flexibilities to enhance child care access; promote parental choice; and support the health, safety, and well-being of children. Attendees will gain insights into policy strategies, implementation examples, and opportunities for innovation within the CCDF program.

3:00–3:15 p.m.

Networking Break

3:15–4:45 p.m.

P-2: Plenary Session: Innovative Approaches to Driving Quality

Grand Ballroom

- Sam Aigner-Treworgy, Acting Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Early Childhood Development, ECD (*Moderator*)
- Marica Cox Mitchell, Chief Program Officer, Bainum Family Foundation
- Theresa Hawley, Executive Director, Center for Early Learning Funding Equity, Northern Illinois University
- Reagan Miller, Director, Child Care and Early Learning Division, Texas Workforce Commission

This plenary session will include introductory remarks from Deputy Assistant Secretary Laurie Todd-Smith, who will share her vision for driving quality in early childhood, followed by a moderated panel discussion with experts who bring different perspectives on rethinking, building, and implementing quality improvement strategies.

4:45 p.m.

Adjourn for the Day



Wednesday, July 23, 2025—STAM Day 2

STAM Day 2 will feature peer-learning discussions, networking opportunities, state and territory examples of innovative practices, and presentations by subject-matter experts (SME) and technical assistance (TA) specialists.

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9:00–10:30 a.m. **Welcome and Announcements** **Grand Ballroom**

- Tricia Haley, Supervisory Program Specialist, Technical Assistance Division, OCC

P-3: Plenary Session: Artificial Intelligence in CCDF Administration

- Mel Banks, Early Childhood Systems Consultant, SCBC
- Dave Cameron, Lead Content Strategist, SCBC
- Kim Nesmith, Midwest Region State and Territory Systems Specialist, SCBC
- Jane Yang, Chief, Artificial Intelligence Office, ACF

Delve into the fundamentals of artificial intelligence (AI) and its transformative potential in early childhood systems. This breakout will aim to equip administrators with a foundational understanding of AI concepts, applications, and implications, enabling them to harness AI technologies to enhance program efficiency, decision-making, and service delivery.

10:30–10:45 a.m. **Networking Break**

10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m. **Breakout Session C**

C-1: The Role of State Tax Measures in Child Care Systems	Lake Fairfax
C-2: Building Stronger Child Care Programs: An Introduction To Strengthening Business Practices Training of Trainers for Child Care Programs	Regency A
C-3: Fueling Child Care Success: Building Child Care Success Through Strategic Partnerships Like CACFP and Beyond	Regency B
C-4: Leading and Managing Change: What's Your Story?	Grand Ballroom
C-5: Innovations in Quality Measures	Grand ABC
Small-Group Listening Session for CCDF Administrators (By Invitation Only)	Lake Anne

C-1: The Role of State Tax Measures in Child Care Systems

- Harriet Dichter, Consulting Director, Early Childhood Systems, SCBC
- Kris Michaud, Northeast Region State and Territory Systems Specialist, SCBC
- Gina Forbes, Child Care Services Manager, Office of Child and Family Services, Maine Department of Health and Human Services

- Emily Hazard, Child Care Financial Assistance Program Administrator, Child Development Division, Vermont Department for Children and Families
- Dawn Rouse, Director of Statewide Systems, Child Development Division, Vermont Department for Children and Families
- Karen Powell, Deputy Assistant Superintendent, Early Childhood Care and Education, Louisiana Department of Education

States are working on a variety of fiscal measures to support access to, the quality of, and the supply of child care, including state-based tax credits and dedicated revenue streams. This breakout will focus on how these measures work and how they align with and leverage direct investment through the CCDF program.

C-2: Building Stronger Child Care Programs: An Introduction To Strengthening Business Practices Training of Trainers for Child Care Programs

- Zelda Boyd, Managing Director, NCECQA
- Maribel S.D. Loste, Director, Child Care and Development Fund Program, CNMI Department of Community and Cultural Affairs
- Cynthia Lara, Director, Child Care Licensing, Division of Early Care and Education, South Carolina Department of Social Services

This breakout will introduce the Strengthening Business Practices (SBP) Training of Trainers for Child Care Programs training, which is a resource designed to enhance the financial and operational sustainability of child care providers. Through a train-the-trainer model, states are building the internal capacity to deliver SBP content and to support providers in applying sound business practices. Participants will hear from state anchor trainers who are implementing this work and will share how SBP is helping their state strengthen their child care infrastructure, align with CCDF program goals, and support long-term program stability.

C-3: Fueling Child Care Success: Building Child Care Success Through Strategic Partnerships Like CACFP and Beyond

- Rhonda Clark, Northwest Region State and Territory Systems Specialist, SCBC
- Jeanne VanOrsdal, Early Childhood Quality Assurance Specialist, NCECQA
- Whitney Peters, Senior Policy Specialist, OCC
- Kay Larson, Early Childhood Director, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services

This presentation will guide child care providers, administrators, and stakeholders through the diverse funding opportunities available to support high-quality early childhood programs. Starting with the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), the breakout will explore how state-level support and the strategic integration of multiple funding streams can enhance program sustainability and can improve child outcomes.

C-4: Leading and Managing Change: What's Your Story

- Rae Anderson, Northeast Region State and Territory Systems Specialist, SCBC
- Sue Foley, Early Childhood Systems Consultant, SCBC
- Brandy Ishmon, Early Childhood Administrator, Arkansas Department of Education

- Jill Marini, Interim CCDF Administrator, Connecticut Office of Early Childhood
- Heidi Quinata, Chief Children's Services Administrator, Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services
- Tyreese Nicolas, Deputy Commissioner, Family Access and Engagement, Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care

State and territory leaders engaged in planning and implementing early childhood systems projects are leading and managing change. Understanding structural and transformative change and the impacts of change on systems conditions is key to successful change strategies. This discussion forum will engage state and territory leaders in peer-sharing of adaptive challenges and strategies, change management, and project management.

C-5: Innovations in Quality Measures

- Michelle Golus, Early Childhood Quality Assurance Consultant, NCECQA
- Erin Mewhinney, Early Childhood Quality Assurance Consultant, NCECQA
- Jocelyn Bowne; Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development, Program Supports and Innovation; Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care
- Cindy Ricketts; Bureau Chief; Program, Policy, and Regulatory Standards; Ohio Department of Children and Youth
- Stevie Romano, Deputy Director, Regulatory Compliance, Ohio Department of Children and Youth
- Rebecca Ullrich; Assistant Superintendent of Early Childhood Access, Enrollment, and Policy; Virginia Department of Education

This breakout will explore how states and territories consider innovative strategies to improve early childhood outcomes. With a focus on what truly makes a difference for young children, this breakout will highlight forward-thinking investments that strengthen quality and that drive measurable impacts on child development, family well-being, and program quality.

12:15–1:45 p.m.

Lunch (On Your Own)

1:45–3:15 p.m.

Breakout Session D

D-1: State–Tribal Coordination	Lake Fairfax
D-2: Free Professional Development Resources: Spotlight on the iPD and iCDA	Regency A
D-3: From Prevention to Management: Strategies To Address Subsidy Waitlists	Regency B
D-4: Use Cases for Artificial Intelligence in CCDF Administration	Grand ABC
D-5: Developing Monitoring and Inspection Checklists and Posting Full Reports	Grand Ballroom
Small-Group Listening Session for CCDF Administrators (By Invitation Only)	Lake Anne

D-1: State–Tribal Coordination

- Melissa Madrid, Senior Manager, Tribal Early Childhood Systems, Tribal Child Care Capacity Building Center
- Alejandra Rebolledo-Rea, Southwest Region State and Territory Systems Specialist, SCBC
- Michelle Busby, Quality and Systems Building Administrator, Child and Community Services Division, Arizona Department of Economic Security
- Anna Levine, Branch Chief, Child Care Policy and Development Branch, Child Care and Development Division, California Department of Social Services
- Kimberly Brown; Deputy Director; Early Care, Education, and Nutrition Division; New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department
- Cathi Arwood, Director, Child Care and Early Learning Policy and Program Assistance, Division of Child Care and Early Learning, Texas Workforce Commission

This breakout will explore effective strategies for developing and strengthening respectful government-to-government relationships between CCDF state lead agencies and Tribal Nations, including CCDF Tribal lead agencies, Tribal communities, and Tribal leadership. Breakout participants will share approaches that honor Tribal ways of engagement, such as establishing trust, identifying appropriate points of contact, and formalizing mutual agreements. During this breakout, state lead agencies and other partners will offer promising practices and lessons learned in building relationships grounded in understanding and mutual respect. Participants will be able to explore resources designed to support coordination between state and Tribal CCDF lead agencies.

D-2: Free Professional Development Resources: Spotlight on the iPD and iCDA

- Michelle Brown; Senior Director of Training; National Center on Early Childhood Development, Teaching, and Learning (NCECDTL)
- Kristy Cox, Subject-Matter Expert, ZERO TO THREE
- Brittany King, Senior LMS Administrator, ZERO TO THREE
- Donna Ruhland, Senior Subject-Matter Expert–Child Care, NCECDTL
- Amy Page, Managing Director, NCECQA
- Robin Zeiter; State Administrative Manager; Professional Development and Outreach; Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential
- Kay Larson, Early Childhood Director, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services

Join us for a breakout to share a series of **free**, online professional development (PD) resources developed in collaboration with our partners in the Office of Head Start. The Individualized Professional Development (iPD) Portfolio has accessible, self-paced modules specifically for your role and interests. Anyone can sign up for these online trainings; they are free, are aligned with Child Development Associate (CDA) subject areas, and offer continuing education credits or certificates of completion. New this summer, we are introducing the iCDA Course Preparation Series on the iPD Portfolio.

This presentation will provide a walk-through of these new resources, the ways in which they complement CCDF program training goals, and the ways that lead agencies may use them to address child care training needs. Finally, we will hear from several states that have already adopted the iPD Portfolio as part of their state child care PD efforts.

D-3: From Prevention to Management: Strategies To Address Subsidy Waitlists

- Mary Beth Jackson, Senior Technical Assistance Specialist, NCSIA
- Sharon Oakes, Fiscal Subject-Matter Expert, NCSIA
- Nancy Peck, Technical Assistance Liaison, NCSIA
- Rebecca Ullrich; Assistant Superintendent of Early Childhood Access, Enrollment, and Policy; Virginia Department of Education

This breakout will help lead agencies avoid having to establish waitlists by outlining strategies to maximize child care resources through funding and partnerships. In addition, the breakout will help lead agencies make data-driven decisions on whether a waitlist is necessary and, if so, how to manage it.

D-4: Use Cases for Artificial Intelligence in CCDF Administration

- Mel Banks, Early Childhood Systems Consultant, SCBC
- Dave Cameron, Lead Content Strategist, SCBC
- Kim Nesmith, Midwest Region State and Territory Systems Specialist, SCBC
- Sara Smith, Digital Delivery, Senior Manager, SCBC
- Allison Wilson, Deputy Director, Child Care and Early Learning Division, Texas Workforce Commission

This breakout will demonstrate how AI can streamline data management, automate reporting, and generate consumer education content. Participants will gain insights from real-world examples and interactive demonstrations, equipping them with the knowledge to integrate AI technologies into their operations effectively.

D-5: Developing Monitoring and Inspection Checklists and Posting Full Reports

- Tracey Chestnut, Early Childhood Quality Assurance Specialist, NCECQA
- Kim Engelman, Early Childhood Systems Consultant, SCBC
- Laurie Audette, State Program Manager, Licensing Division, Connecticut Office of Early Childhood
- Cindy Ricketts; Bureau Chief; Program, Policy, and Regulatory Standards; Ohio Department of Children and Youth
- Stevie Romano, Deputy Director, Regulatory Compliance, Ohio Department of Children and Youth

Good reports begin with good data. This breakout will outline the journey of a monitoring and inspection report from the items on your inspection checklist to the consumer education report you share with the public. Learn how to ensure that the inspection checklist is comprehensive and how to post a full monitoring and inspection report that addresses health and safety and consumer education requirements. The breakout will include lead agency examples and will highlight tools and resources to help you meet consumer CCDF program requirements for health and safety and consumer education.

3:30–5:00 p.m.

Breakout Session E

E-1: Bridging the Gap: Connecting Payment Requirements With Real-World Implementation	Grand Ballroom
E-2: Exploring Strategies To Support the Child Care Workforce	Lake Fairfax
E-3: Using Cost Data To Support Parental Choice in Child Care	Grand ABC
E-4: Subsidy Flexibilities in the CCDF Program	Regency B
E-5: Foundations for Health and Safety in Child Care	Regency A
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E-1: Bridging the Gap: Connecting Payment Requirements With Real-World Implementation

- Joshua Clement, Equal Access and Fiscal Technical Assistance Subject-Matter Expert, NCSIA
- Julie Ingersoll, Equal Access Lead/Payment Practices Subject-Matter Expert, NCSIA
- Michael McKenzie, Senior Research Associate and Program Integrity Subject-Matter Expert, NCSIA
- Sarah Neville-Morgan, CCDF Administrator and Assistant State Superintendent, Maryland State Department of Education
- Keisha Maxwell, CCDF Co-Administrator, Administrator of Policy and Special Projects, Division of Early Childhood, Maryland State Department of Education
- Tara Phillips, CCDF Co-Administrator; Executive Director of Child Care Operations, Policy, and Strategy; Division of Early Childhood; Maryland State Department of Education
- Shantia Spencer, Quality Assurance Coordinator, Division of Early Childhood, Maryland State Department of Education
- Camie Galt, CCDF Co-Administrator, Office of Child Care, Utah Department of Workforce Services
- Ann Stockham-Meija, Subsidy Program Manager, Office of Child Care, Utah Department of Workforce Services

Paying prospectively based on authorized enrollment supports both parental choice and increased provider participation in the CCDF program. This breakout will provide an overview of prospective payment policies, and lead agencies will have an opportunity to share implementation challenges. The breakout will also contain a facilitated discussion focused on collaborative problem-solving. Topics will include procedures, communications, program integrity and accountability, fiscal issues, payment systems, and other key components of implementation.

E-2: Exploring Strategies To Support the Child Care Workforce

- Lisa Ojibway, Senior Early Childhood Quality Assurance Consultant, NCECQA
- Alexa Watkins, Infant/Toddler Task Lead, SCBC
- Michelle Wood, Bureau Chief of Quality Initiatives, Illinois Department of Human Services
- Trish Rooney, Associate Director of Child Care, Illinois Department of Human Services

- Phillip Smith, Assistant Director, Division of Child Care, Kentucky Department for Community Based Services
- Nicole Chiello, Associate Director, Office of Child Care, Rhode Island Department of Human Services
- Jordan Pargeter, Child Care and Development Fund Administrator, Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care

This engaging breakout will explore strategies and potential solutions to support the child care workforce. State presentations and facilitated roundtable discussions will focus on areas of compensation and benefits, career advancement opportunities, and favorable working conditions that support and retain a qualified workforce. Be part of the conversation that shapes the future of child care and empowers those who nurture our youngest minds!

E-3: Using Cost Data To Support Parental Choice in Child Care

- Lisa Brochard, Technical Assistance Consultant, NCECQA
- Heather Mattison, Equal Access Subject-Matter Expert, NCSIA
- Tara Williams, Associate Director of Early Care and Education, Maine Department of Health and Human Services
- Cindi Yang, Child Care Services Director, Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families

Data play a crucial role in shaping early childhood and afterschool systems. Estimating what it costs child care programs to provide care can inform decision-making regarding policies, financial strategies, and planning efforts aimed at enhancing parental choice. This interactive breakout is designed for CCDF administrators, data administrators, and policy staff members at all experience levels. This breakout will provide an overview of what cost data and cost modeling are and the ways that lead agencies can use them. The breakout will identify opportunities for expanding data use, particularly in understanding various types of providers, including center-based, family home, in-home, out-of-school time, and faith-based providers. This understanding will help support a mixed-delivery system and will inform long-term improvement plans.

E-4: Subsidy Flexibilities in the CCDF Program

- Janet Feil, Subject-Matter Expert, NCSIA
- Alyssa Pullen, Eligibility Subject-Matter Expert, NCSIA
- Liz Riley, Equal Access Subject-Matter Expert, NCSIA
- Danielle Greer, Supervisor, CCCAP Policy and Eligibility Administration, Colorado Department of Early Childhood
- Ryan Page, Director of Child Care, Co-CCDF Administrator, Division of Family Well-Being and Protection, Iowa Department of Health and Human Services
- Wendy Hoogeveen, Child Care Policy Chief, Co-CCDF Administrator, Division of Family Well-Being and Protection, Iowa Department of Health and Human Services

This breakout will focus on the flexibilities of CCDF subsidy administration to maximize family choice and available care options. It will explore flexible options to serve families, including hours of care, parental choice in provider types, and family-friendly application and eligibility practices. CCDF administrators and subsidy policy leads will learn how the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act allows states and territories to design child care subsidy programs that best meet the unique needs of families in their areas.

E-5: Foundations for Health and Safety in Child Care

- Jeanne VanOrsdal, Early Childhood Quality Assurance Specialist, NCECQA
- Tracey Chestnut, Early Childhood Quality Assurance Specialist, NCECQA
- Becky Halligan, Child Development Consultant, Child Care and Development Division, California Department of Social Services

Discover how the updated Caring for Our Children Basics (CFOCB) equips lead agencies with clear, foundational health and safety standards informed by CCDF program requirements. This breakout will introduce the revised content, new implementation tools, and strategies for integrating CFOCB into policy, licensing, and monitoring systems.

5:00 p.m.

Adjourn for the Day

TA Requests During STAM 2025

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You can complete and submit a brief form, and your state systems specialist will provide followup information.

You can also access the form at https://bit.ly/TA_Intake.



Thursday, July 24, 2025—STAM Day 3

STAM Day 3 will feature regional meetings, peer-learning discussions, networking opportunities, state and territory examples of innovative practices, and presentations by SMEs and TA specialists.

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Networking Break

10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Breakout Session G

G-1: Promoting Informed Child Care Choices	Regency A
G-2: Recruiting Faith-Based Child Care Providers	Grand ABC
G-3: Maximizing Funding Through Partnerships: Lead Agency Funding Flexibilities	Grand Ballroom
G-4: Strengthening Data Systems To Answer Questions That Matter	Lake Fairfax
G-5: Child Care Disaster Recovery: Understanding Impact and Strategies To Bounce Back	Regency B

G-1: Promoting Informed Child Care Choices

- Janet Feil, Subject-Matter Expert, NCSIA
- Paula Koos, Tribal Subsidy and Comprehensive Background Check Lead, NCSIA
- Alyssa Pullen, Eligibility Subject-Matter Expert, NCSIA
- Sarah Thacker, Program Coordinator, Child Care Subsidy Section, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

This breakout will introduce the Promoting Informed Child Care Choices modules. Participants will learn about the training series, understand the benefits of the training for subsidy staff, and learn how to access and use the modules. Each module offers ways to enhance skills and knowledge related to consumer education and parent, family, and community engagement and to support the CCDBG Act in promoting parental choice.

G-2: Recruiting Faith-Based Child Care Providers

- Erin Mewhinney, Early Childhood Quality Assurance Consultant, NCECQA
- Sheri Fischer, Early Childhood Quality Assurance Consultant, NCECQA
- Michelle Golus, Early Childhood Quality Assurance Consultant, NCECQA

- Ben O'Dell, Senior Advisor, Center for Faith, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This breakout will explore strategies for recruiting faith-based child care providers to participate in the CCDF program. Attendees will discuss how to build trust and to strengthen partnerships and will identify strategies to expand access to quality child care and to promote parental choice.

G-3: Maximizing Funding Through Partnerships: Lead Agency Funding Flexibilities

- Joshua Clement, Equal Access and Fiscal Technical Assistance Subject-Matter Expert, NCSIA
- Sharon Oakes, Fiscal Subject-Matter Expert, NCSIA

During this breakout, lead agencies will participate in an interactive discussion on how to build partnerships and combine funds to maximize CCDF program funds. Facilitated discussions will touch on the flexibility of CCDF program funding as well as on partner funding sources, such as the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Head Start/Early Head Start, and Social Services Block Grant programs. A panel of lead agency representatives will be available to share their expertise.

G-4: Strengthening Data Systems To Answer Questions That Matter

- Mel Banks, Early Childhood Systems Consultant, SCBC
- Dave Cameron, Lead Content Strategist, SCBC
- Kim Nesmith, Midwest Region State and Territory Systems Specialist, SCBC
- Sara Smith, Digital Delivery, Senior Manager, SCBC

During this interactive breakout, participants will explore the real-world questions they face and will examine how their current data and information technology systems support—or hinder—their ability to respond. Through collaborative activities and peer discussion, we will identify common challenges, share successful strategies, and reflect on practical steps to strengthen data systems. Participants will leave with strategies on how to align people, processes, and tools to build systems that support better decisions and better outcomes for children and families.

G-5: Child Care Disaster Recovery: Understanding Impact and Strategies To Bounce Back

- Alejandra Alvarez-Ibanez, Southeast Region State and Territory Systems Specialist, SCBC
- Kathy Edler, CCDF Technical Assistance Consultant, Emergency Preparedness Disaster Response and Recovery Task Lead, SCBC
- Whitney Peters, Senior Policy Specialist, OCC
- Laura Hewitt, CCDF Coordinator, Division of Child Development and Early Education, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
- Cynthia Lara, Director, Child Care Licensing, Division of Early Care and Education, South Carolina Department of Social Services
- Amy Vega Ojeda, Administrator, Puerto Rico Administration for Integral Development of Childhood

Disaster impacts can be extensive, affecting everything from infrastructure to the availability of critical services. Child care serves as a cornerstone for community recovery, providing critical support that enables families to rebuild their lives after a disaster.

This breakout will highlight how lead agencies use technology, data-driven approaches, and the flexibility of CCDF program funding to monitor, analyze, and address these challenges, ensuring recovery efforts and adaptive solutions for providers and families.

12:15–1:45 p.m.

Lunch (On Your Own)

1:45–3:15 p.m.

**P-4: Plenary Session:
Showcase of TA and Research Resources**

Grand Ballroom

Introduction:

➤ Tricia Haley, Supervisory Program Specialist, TA Division, OCC
Child Care Technical Assistance Network (CCTAN) Representatives:

Child Care State Capacity Building Center (SCBC)

- Alexa Watkins, Infant/Toddler Task Lead, SCBC
- Kim Engelman, Early Childhood Systems Consultant, SCBC
- Kathy Edler, CCDF Technical Assistance Consultant, Emergency Preparedness Disaster Response and Recovery Task Lead, SCBC

National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance (NCECQA)

- Jeanne VanOrsdal, Early Childhood Quality Assurance Specialist, NCECQA
- Sheri Fischer, Early Childhood Quality Assurance Consultant, NCECQA
- Michelle Golus, Early Childhood Quality Assurance Consultant, NCECQA
- Erin Mewhinney, Early Childhood Quality Assurance Consultant, NCECQA
- Lisa Brochard, Technical Assistance Consultant, NCECQA

National Center on Subsidy Innovation and Accountability (NCSIA)

- Alyssa Pullen, Eligibility Subject-Matter Expert, NCSIA
- Michael McKenzie, Senior Research Associate and Program Integrity Subject-Matter Expert, NCSIA

Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) Representative:

- Tracy Carter Clopet, Senior Social Science Research Analyst, OPRE

This breakout will showcase select tools from CCTAN and OPRE that are designed to support lead agencies with practical guidance and resources for effective program delivery.

3:15–3:45 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Grand Ballroom

- Anne-Marie Twohie, Acting Director, OCC

3:45 p.m.

Adjournment

Friday, July 25, 2025—Territory Meeting Day

OCC will host a half-day meeting for territory CCDF administrators and staff members (by invitation only).

8:30–9:00 a.m.

Registration

Grand Ballroom Foyer

9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

**Territory CCDF Administrators and
Staff Members Meeting**

Lake Anne

12:00 noon

Adjournment

The Office of Child Care would like to thank members of the STAM 2025 Planning Team for the time and effort they spent in preparing for this meeting. We appreciate all your hard work, and we couldn't have done this without you.

We would also like to thank the STAM 2025 presenters for sharing their experiences and insights, fostering discussions, and creating unique learning opportunities for meeting participants.

Finally, we express our gratitude to STAM 2025 participants, both for your contributions to this meeting and for the work that you do all year-round in supporting children and families across the country.





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