

**BCDHS PROPOSED ARPA DISCRETIONARY FUNDS INITIATIVES –
Internal
Project Period - October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2024** (Award date April 14, 2021)

Total: \$29,736,767 5% Admin: \$1,486,838

Category	Initiative/Activity	Initial & Revised (as Applicable) Description Subject to Further Vetting	Status (as of 8/4/22)
Workforce	Child Care Workforce Recruitment/Retention Incentives Exploration Project	Design/implement pilots on implementing WF study recommendations to recruit/retain staff. NOTE: This project focuses on documenting/testing strategies; not on providing state/federal funded bonuses directly to staff.	Request for Applications (RFA) under development
Workforce	Early Childhood/School Age Career Exploration and Expansion Initiative Proposals	Solicit proposals, scored and awarded multiple awardees including Child Care Basics Course and Mini-Internship; Afterschool Basics Course at NHTI, Apprenticeship CDA Program; Credential Incentive Program; Workforce Job Listing and Recruiting Program; among others	Several small pilots funded/underway; RFA under development for additional projects
Business-Employers Support/Supply Building	Business and Child Care Partnership* Program	A program for businesses to support employees needing child care (on and offsite) with funding for care along with PS campaign to promote ways businesses can support child care	RFA under development
Supply Building/Workforce	Family Child Care Start-Up/Expansion Initiative (Supply/Providers)	Training, financial incentives, supplies, materials and mentoring to help build the supply of licensed and license-exempt family child care across the state, targeting child care deserts, infant/toddler care, care during non-traditional hours in areas of demonstrated need	RFA under development
Supply Building	Program Expansion Initiative via Facilities Modifications (Providers: Supply Building)	RFP facilities funder to provide both project management and build out materials/supplies for expanding and starting up child care centers across the state	RFA under development
Family Access	Increased Income Eligibility Pilot (6 months)	Expand CCDF income eligibility at initial determination from 220% to 250% of FPL for 6 months. Document increased cost and number of newly eligible families. Revised: Estimate the cost of expanding CCDF eligibility at initial determination from 220% to 250% of FPL, including the number of newly eligible families.	Unable to conduct pilot, as it requires a systems change, which cannot be done for a short/temporal period of time.
Family Access/Provider Support	CCDF Enrollment-based Payment	Conduct 3-month pilot for all programs serving children receiving CCDF NH CC Scholarship Program (CCSP) funding; Pay providers at child's approved service level based on enrollment vs. attendance. Document increased cost and absentee rates.	Completed. DHHS to propose to include this policy change in 2024-2025 biennium budget
Family Access/Provider Support	Absent Due to COVID	Continue existing program through future months (BEYOND 9/4?)	
Quality Improvement/Workforce	SERESC: PTAN; ACROSS NH Increases for Mental Health Staff/Children and Families (NOTE: approx. \$50K per contract/year for 2 years)	Provide staff self-care/wellness support and training/technical assistance and support for early childhood and school age program to foster children's healthy social/emotional development through consultation to prevent suspension/expulsion, Pyramid Model implementation and trauma-informed care.	Completed
Quality Improvement/Workforce	QRIS - QRIS Validation Study	Conduct a study to determine the extent to which NH's QRIS ratings are associated with: 1) measures of observed quality; and 2) measures of children's development; and the extent to which the quality measurement and rating processes are working to differentiate meaningful levels of program quality. To be designed via PDG year 3 (cost TBD) and implemented with ARPA D (2023)	On track for 2023
Quality Improvement/Workforce	QRIS - QRIS Quality Incentives - payments to programs	Provide GSQ Incentive Funds to programs based on formula that co-considers current quality payments via web billing for children receiving NHCCSP support and (additional) incentives for all programs to participate in GSQ; also to including "onboarding" support/ incentives to programs. Supplemental to CCDF quality	In place
Quality Improvement/Workforce	QRIS - Assessment Tools and QRIS materials: Environment Rating Scale (ERS) support for QRIS; classroom kits	Assessment Tools and QRIS materials	In process of purchasing
Quality Improvement/Workforce	QRIS - Professional Development: Training, coaching, support (readiness, implementation, CQI)	Professional Development: RE: Pyramid Mod.; QRIS; developmental screening; other; Expanding no cost or low cost access to in-person and online PD, including adding online access to courses on general environmental health and lead, housing/homelessness issues and services/supports, and other key BCDSHC, other DHHS bureaus/divisions and DOE priorities. Pilot a tiered system of incentives for staff to achieve credentials and increase their skills/knowledge via PD activities.	Implemented in part; To be further developed
Quality Improvement/Access	Increase access to MH services for children in EC/child care/school age programs	Partner with the DHHS Children's Behavioral Health Bureau and 10 Community MH Centers to increase access to Community MH services for children in EC/child care/school age programs with social emotional/behavioral challenges/needs	Under discussion
Infrastructure Building	Supporting Child Care Community (Access, Quality, Partnerships)	Under discussion	To be included in TBD contract

This plan is flexible; prioritization, strategy and cost are all subject to change before September 2023 and dependent on other influencing factors.