2023 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES

SB 2190

Human Services Committee

Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

SB 2190 1/18/2023

Relating to the childcare assistance program; and to provide a statement of legislative intent.

11:01 AM **Madam Chair Lee** called the hearing to order. **Senators Lee, Cleary, Clemens, K. Roers, Weston, Hogan** were present.

Discussion Topics:

- Stabilized childcare programs
- Low-income working families
- Childcare assistance
- Eligibility

11:04 AM **Senator Hogan** introduced SB 2190 testimony in favor. #13895, 13896, 13897, 13898

11:12 AM Jessica Thomasson, Executive Director of the Human Services Division, ND Department of Health, and Human Services, presented proposed amendment testimony in favor. #14163

11:29 AM Robin Nelson, Boys and Girls Clubs of the Red River Valley, Fargo, ND, testified online in favor. #14245

Additional written testimony:

Sherri Miller, Executive Director, North Dakota Nurses Association in favor #14177 Kathy Busche, owner of two childcare programs in Hazen, in favor #14098

11:33 AM Madam Chair Lee closed the hearing.

Patricia Lahr, Committee Clerk

Human Services Committee

Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

SB 2190 1/18/2023

Relating to the childcare assistance program; and to provide a statement of legislative intent.

2:28 PM Madam Chair Lee called the meeting to order.

Senators Lee, Cleary, Clemens, K. Roers, Weston, Hogan are present.

Committee Discussion Topics:

- Cost/market considerations
- Provider schedule adjustment

2:29 PM Jessica Thommason, Executive Policy Director of the North Dakota **Department of Health and Human Services**, provides proposed amendment. #14163

2:39 PM Madam Chair Lee closed the meeting.

Patricia Lahr, Committee Clerk

Human Services Committee

Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

SB 2190 1/31/2023

Relating to the child care assistance program; and to provide a statement of legislative intent.

9:24 AM Madam Chair Lee called the meeting to order.

Senators Lee, Cleary, Clemens, K. Roers, Weston, Hogan were present.

Committee Discussion Topics:

- Amendment consideration
- Reimbursement structure

Senator Hogan provided proposed amendment on SB 2190 #18121

Senator K. Roers moves to adopt the amendment (LC 23.0292.02001)

Senator Hogan seconded.

Roll call vote.

| Senators | Vote |
|--------------------------|------|
| Senator Judy Lee | Υ |
| Senator Sean Cleary | Υ |
| Senator David A. Clemens | Υ |
| Senator Kathy Hogan | N |
| Senator Kristin Roers | Υ |
| Senator Kent Weston | Υ |

Motion passed. 5-1-0

Senator K. Roers moved **DO PASS as AMENDED** and **REREFER** to **APPROPRIATIONS**.

Senator Cleary seconded.

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Roll call vote.

| Senators | Vote |
|--------------------------|------|
| Senator Judy Lee | Υ |
| Senator Sean Cleary | Υ |
| Senator David A. Clemens | Υ |
| Senator Kathy Hogan | Υ |
| Senator Kristin Roers | Υ |
| Senator Kent Weston | Υ |

Motion passed 6-0-0.

Senator Hogan will carry SB 2190.

9:39 AM Madam Chair Lee closed the meeting.

Patricia Lahr, Committee Clerk

Adopted by the Senate Human Services Committee

January 31, 2023

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2190

Page 2, line 8, remove "Using the 2023 program year monthly benefit rates"

Page 2, replace lines 9 and 10 with "Each year, the child care assistance program must use information both from a market study and a cost study to inform its adjustment of the schedule, to result in an increase of no more than ten percent and no less than five percent each year."

Page 2, line 11, after the first "shall" insert "allocate five hundred thousand dollars to"
Renumber accordingly

Module ID: s_stcomrep_18_012 Carrier: Hogan

Insert LC: 23.0292.02001 Title: 03000

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

- SB 2190: Human Services Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS and BE REREFERRED to the Appropriations Committee (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2190 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.
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Renumber accordingly

2023 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2190

Appropriations Committee

Roughrider Room, State Capitol

SB 2190 2/15/2023

A BILL for an Act relating to the child care assistance program; and to provide a statement of legislative intent.

3:10 PM Chairman Bekkedahl opened the hearing on SB 2190.

Members present: Senators Bekkedahl, Krebsbach, Burckhard, Davison, Dever, Dwyer, Erbele, Kreun, Meyer, Roers, Schaible, Sorvaag, Vedaa, Wanzek, Rust, and Mathern.

Discussion Topics:

- Childcare assistance
- Application
- Working families

3:13 PM Senator Kathy Hogan, introduced the bill, testimony # 20918

3:20 PM Jessica <u>Thomasson</u>, Executive Director Health and Human Services, answered questions from the committee, no written testimony.

3:30 PM Chairman Bekkedahl closed the hearing.

Kathleen Hall, Committee Clerk

Appropriations - Human Resources Division

Roughrider Room, State Capitol

SB 2190 2/17/2023

A BILL for an Act relating to the child care assistance program; and to provide a statement of legislative intent.

8:34 AM Chairman Dever called the meeting to order. Members present: Senators Dever, Davison, Burckhard, Mathern, Kreun.

Discussion Topics:

- Waivers
- Assistance & outreach money
- Co-pays
- Utilization
- Fiscal note

8:34 AM Committee discussion.

8:43 AM Senator Mathern moved to adopt an amendment. Senator Davison seconded.

8:44 AM Senators Mathern & Davison withdrew Motion.

8:44 AM Committee recommended to amend the bill as discussed, in Full Appropriations.

8:45 AM Chairman Dever closed the meeting.

Susan Huntington, Committee Clerk

Appropriations - Human Resources Division

Roughrider Room, State Capitol

SB 2190 2/20/2023

A BILL for an Act relating to the childcare assistance program; and to provide a statement of legislative intent.

3:58 PM Chairman Dever opened the meeting. Members present: Senators Dever, Davison, Burckhard, Mathern, Kreun.

Discussion Topics:

- Amendment
- Committee action

3:58 PM Jessica Thomasson, Executive Director of Human Services, clarified issues.

4:00 PM Senator Mathern moved to adopt the amendment. LC 23.0292.03002 Senator Davison seconded.

| Senators | Vote |
|----------------------------|------|
| Senator Dick Dever | Υ |
| Senator Randy A. Burckhard | Υ |
| Senator Kyle Davison | Υ |
| Senator Curt Kreun | Υ |
| Senator Tim Mathern | Υ |

Motion passed 5-0-0.

4:02 PM Senator Davison moved DO PASS AS AMENDED on SB 2190. Senator Burckhard seconded.

| Senators | Vote |
|----------------------------|------|
| Senator Dick Dever | Υ |
| Senator Randy A. Burckhard | Υ |
| Senator Kyle Davison | Υ |
| Senator Curt Kreun | Υ |
| Senator Tim Mathern | Υ |

Motion passed 5-0-0.

Senator Mathern will carry SB 2190

4:06 PM Chairman Dever adjourned the meeting.

Susan Huntington, Committee Clerk

Appropriations Committee

Roughrider Room, State Capitol

SB 2190 2/20/2023

A BILL for an Act relating to the child care assistance program; and to provide a statement of legislative intent.

4:22 PM Chairman Bekkedahl opened the meeting on SB 2190.

Members present: Senators Bekkedahl, Krebsbach, Burckhard, Davison, Dever, Dwyer, Erbele, Kreun, Meyer, Roers, Schaible, Sorvaag, Vedaa, Wanzek, Rust, and Mathern.

Discussion Topics:

• Child care assistance

4:23 PM Senator Dever moved to adopt amendment 23.0292.03001 with further amendment of a change in language from "forty-one" to "thirty". Senator Mathern seconded the motion.

| Senators | Vote |
|----------------------------|------|
| Senator Brad Bekkedahl | Υ |
| Senator Karen K. Krebsbach | Υ |
| Senator Randy A. Burckhard | Υ |
| Senator Kyle Davison | Υ |
| Senator Dick Dever | Υ |
| Senator Michael Dwyer | Υ |
| Senator Robert Erbele | Υ |
| Senator Curt Kreun | Υ |
| Senator Tim Mathern | Υ |
| Senator Scott Meyer | Υ |
| Senator Jim P. Roers | Υ |
| Senator David S. Rust | Υ |
| Senator Donald Schaible | Υ |
| Senator Ronald Sorvaag | Υ |
| Senator Shawn Vedaa | Υ |
| Senator Terry M. Wanzek | Υ |

Motion passed 16-0-0.

4:24 PM Senator Dever moved DO PASS AS AMENDED. Senator Burckhard seconded the motion.

| Senators | Vote |
|----------------------------|------|
| Senator Brad Bekkedahl | Υ |
| Senator Karen K. Krebsbach | Υ |
| Senator Randy A. Burckhard | Υ |
| Senator Kyle Davison | Υ |
| Senator Dick Dever | Υ |
| Senator Michael Dwyer | Υ |
| Senator Robert Erbele | Υ |
| Senator Curt Kreun | Υ |
| Senator Tim Mathern | Υ |
| Senator Scott Meyer | Υ |
| Senator Jim P. Roers | Υ |
| Senator David S. Rust | Υ |
| Senator Donald Schaible | Υ |
| Senator Ronald Sorvaag | Υ |
| Senator Shawn Vedaa | Υ |
| Senator Terry M. Wanzek | Υ |

Motion passed 16-0-0.

Senator Mathern will carry the bill.

4:26 PM Chairman Bekkedahl closed the meeting.

Kathleen Hall, Committee Clerk

Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for the Senate Appropriations - Human Resources Division Committee

February 20, 2023

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2190

Page 2, line 26, replace "forty-one" with "thirty"

Renumber accordingly

17/2-20-23

Module ID: s_stcomrep_34_001 Carrier: Mathern

Insert LC: 23.0292.03002 Title: 04000

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2190, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (16 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2190 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill affects workforce development.

Page 2, line 26, replace "forty-one" with "thirty"

Renumber accordingly

2023 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

SB 2190

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee

Pioneer Room, State Capitol

SB 2190 3/8/2023

Relating to the childcare assistance program.

Chairman Weisz called the meeting to order at 10:56 AM.

Chairman Robin Weisz, Reps. Karen A. Anderson, Mike Beltz, Clayton Fegley, Kathy Frelich, Dawson Holle, Dwight Kiefert, Carrie McLeod, Todd Porter, Brandon Prichard, Karen M. Rohr, Jayme Davis, and Gretchen Dobervich present. Vice Chairman Matthew Ruby not present.

Discussion Topics:

- Eligible families
- Increasing enrollment
- Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic

Sen. Hogan introduced SB 2190 with supportive testimony (#22549).

Michelle Gee, with the Department of Health and Human Services, supportive testimony (#26873).

Additional written testimony:

Sherri Miller, Executive Director of the North Dakota Nurses Association, supportive testimony (#22893).

Chairman Weisz adjourned the meeting at 11:15 AM.

Phillip Jacobs, Committee Clerk

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee

Pioneer Room, State Capitol

SB 2190 4/13/2023

Relating to the childcare assistance program.

Chairman Weisz called the meeting to order at 3:11 PM.

Chairman Robin Weisz, Vice Chairman Matthew Ruby, Reps. Karen A. Anderson, Mike Beltz, Kathy Frelich, Dawson Holle, Dwight Kiefert, Carrie McLeod, Brandon Prichard, Karen M. Rohr, Jayme Davis, and Gretchen Dobervich present. Reps. Clayton Fegley and Todd Porter not present.

Discussion Topics:

· Committee work

Chairman Weisz called for a discussion on SB 2190.

Rep. Prichard moved a do not pass on SB 2190.

Seconded by Rep. Beltz.

Roll Call Vote:

| Representatives | Vote |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| Representative Robin Weisz | Υ |
| Representative Matthew Ruby | Υ |
| Representative Karen A. Anderson | Υ |
| Representative Mike Beltz | Υ |
| Representative Jayme Davis | N |
| Representative Gretchen Dobervich | N |
| Representative Clayton Fegley | AB |
| Representative Kathy Frelich | Υ |
| Representative Dawson Holle | Υ |
| Representative Dwight Kiefert | Υ |
| Representative Carrie McLeod | Υ |
| Representative Todd Porter | AB |
| Representative Brandon Prichard | Υ |
| Representative Karen M. Rohr | Υ |

Motion carries 10-2-2.

Carried by Rep. Beltz.

Chairman Weisz adjourned the meeting at 3:14 PM.

Phillip Jacobs, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

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Carrier: Beltz

SB 2190, as reengrossed: Human Services Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman) recommends DO NOT PASS (10 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Reengrossed SB 2190 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

TESTIMONY

SB 2190

Child Care Assistance Program Sliding Fee Schedule North Dakota Department of Human Services DN 241 (10-2022)

North Dakota Child Care Assistance Program
Sliding Fee Schedule
Effective October 1, 2022

LL - Lower Income Limit UL - Upper Income Limit SMI - State Median Income

| | Leve | l 1 (10% d | of State Median | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|------|------------|-----------------|---------|-------------|--------------|---------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|-------------------|--------------|---------|----------|--------------|---------|
| | | Inc | ome) | l | Level 2 (20 | % SMI) | ı | _evel 3 (30 | % SMI) | Level 4 (40% SMI) | |)% SMI) | Level 5 (50% SMI) | | Level 6 (60% SMI) | | Level 7 (85% SMI) | | | | | |
| HH Size | LL | UL | Copay (2.0%) | LL | UL | Copay (3.0%) | LL | UL | Copay (4.0%) | LL | UL | Copay (6.0%) | LL | UL | Copay (7.0%) | LL | UL | Copay (7.0%) | LL | UL | Copay (7.0%) | HH Size |
| 1 | \$0 | \$464 | \$10 | \$465 | \$928 | \$28 | \$929 | \$1,392 | \$56 | \$1,393 | \$1,856 | \$112 | \$1,857 | \$2,320 | \$163 | \$2,321 | \$2,784 | \$195 | \$2,785 | \$3,944 | \$277 | 1 |
| 2 | \$0 | \$607 | \$13 | \$608 | \$1,214 | \$37 | \$1,215 | \$1,820 | \$73 | \$1,821 | \$2,427 | \$146 | \$2,428 | \$3,034 | \$213 | \$3,035 | \$3,641 | \$255 | \$3,642 | \$5,158 | \$362 | 2 |
| 3 | \$0 | \$750 | \$15 | \$751 | \$1,499 | \$45 | \$1,500 | \$2,249 | \$90 | \$2,250 | \$2,998 | \$180 | \$2,999 | \$3,748 | \$263 | \$3,749 | \$4,497 | \$315 | \$4,498 | \$6,371 | \$446 | 3 |
| 4 | \$0 | \$892 | \$18 | \$893 | \$1,785 | \$54 | \$1,786 | \$2,677 | \$108 | \$2,678 | \$3,569 | \$215 | \$3,570 | \$4,462 | \$313 | \$4,463 | \$5,354 | \$375 | \$5,355 | \$7,585 | \$531 | 4 |
| 5 | \$0 | \$1,035 | \$21 | \$1,036 | \$2,070 | \$63 | \$2,071 | \$3,105 | \$125 | \$3,106 | \$4,140 | \$249 | \$4,141 | \$5,176 | \$363 | \$5,177 | \$6,211 | \$435 | \$6,212 | \$8,798 | \$616 | 5 |
| 6 | \$0 | \$1,178 | \$24 | \$1,179 | \$2,356 | \$71 | \$2,357 | \$3,533 | \$142 | \$3,534 | \$4,711 | \$283 | \$4,712 | \$5,889 | \$413 | \$5,890 | \$7,067 | \$495 | \$7,068 | \$10,011 | \$701 | 6 |
| 7 | \$0 | \$1,205 | \$25 | \$1,206 | \$2,409 | \$73 | \$2,410 | \$3,614 | \$145 | \$3,615 | \$4,818 | \$290 | \$4,819 | \$6,023 | \$422 | \$6,024 | \$7,228 | \$506 | \$7,229 | \$10,239 | \$717 | 7 |
| 8 | \$0 | \$1,231 | \$25 | \$1,232 | \$2,463 | \$74 | \$2,464 | \$3,694 | \$148 | \$3,695 | \$4,926 | \$296 | \$4,927 | \$6,157 | \$431 | \$6,158 | \$7,388 | \$518 | \$7,389 | \$10,467 | \$733 | 8 |

State Provider Rates

Allowable Monthly Maximums for Full Time Care--Category One (25 or more hours per week)

| Provider Type Provider Codes | Infant (Birth to 17 months) | Toddler (18 months to 2 years) | Preschool (3-5 years) | Other (6 up to 13) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| CENTER | \$913.33 | \$888.00 | \$811.00 | \$760.00 |
| C, E, K, M | \$228.33 (weekly) | \$222.00 (weekly) | \$202.75 (weekly) | \$190.00 (weekly) |
| LICENSED FAMILY/GROUP | \$700.00 | \$700.00 | \$680.00 | \$660.00 |
| F, G, H | \$175.00 (weekly) | \$175.00 (weekly) | \$170.00 (weekly) | \$165.00 (weekly) |
| SELF-DECLARED/ TRIBAL REGISTERED S, R | \$462.00 \$115.50 (weekly) | \$429.00 \$107.25 (weekly) | \$420.20 \$105.05 (weekly) | \$407.00 \$101.75 (weekly) |
| APPROVED RELATIVE | \$367.50 | \$346.50 | \$338.10 | \$325.50 |
| | \$91.87 (weekly) | \$86.62 (weekly) | \$84.52 (weekly) | \$81.37 (weekly) |

Allowable Monthly Maximums for Part-Time Care--Category Two (Less than 25 hours per week)

| Infant | Toddler | Preschool | Other (6 up to 13) | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| (Birth to 17 months) | (18 months to 2 years) | (3-5 years) | | |
| \$900.00 | \$824.00 | \$565.75 | \$535.25 | |
| \$225.00 (weekly) | \$206.00 (weekly) | \$141.43 (weekly) | \$133.81 (weekly) | |
| \$700.00 | \$700.00 | \$615.00 | \$540.00 | |
| \$175.00 (weekly) | \$175.00 (weekly) | \$153.75 (weekly) | \$135.00 (weekly) | |
| \$277.20 \$69.30 (weekly) | ' ' ' | | \$244.20 \$61.05 (weekly) | |
| \$220.50 | \$207.90 | \$202.86 | \$195.30 | |
| \$55.12 (weekly) | \$51.97 (weekly) | \$50.71 (weekly) | \$48.82 (weekly) | |

TESTIMONY Senate Human Services Committee

SB 2190

January 18, 2023 Senator Kathy Hogan

Chairman Lee and members of the Senate Human Service Committee, my name is Kathy Hogan, and I represent District 21 central Fargo and a corner of West Fargo.

The childcare infrastructure in ND is extremely fragile. This is the first of four bills that will offer specific solutions to stabilize this infrastructure. There isn't just one answer. These ideas came from interviews with many families, providers, excellent resources such as Childcare Aware, Growing Futures and providers I visited with at the door campaigning.

This bill addresses the need to support low-income families who are unable to work without necessary financial support and assure that providers are paid appropriately. In 2022, in response to the pandemic, North Dakota increased the income level for the CCAP to 85% of the state's median income so that more working families could get help with childcare costs. Attached is a copy of the sliding fee scale for your information and the program brochure. The department also moved to prospective payment in November which is a significant improvement.

This bill does four things:

- It encourages the simplification of the CCA application processes to assure that families are informed and educated about this resource.
- It increases the childcare assistance payment rate by 10% from the rates that were established during Covid.
- It encourages the Department to have a strategic plan including public education to both providers and low-income families regarding program benefits, application processes.
- 4 It eliminates family co-pays for the lowest income families.

In looking at the data from the comprehensive rate study that was completed by Child Care Aware, it appears that there are Child Care Assistance families who are eligible are not applying or receiving assistance. This creates hardships for both families and providers. Here is the link to that report 2021-ccap-market-rate-survey and physically attached are the specific county reports for committee from various counties including two urban, one rural and one tribal county comparing child care costs and reimbursement rates.

This bill is targeted first and foremost targeted at helping low income working families access child care so that they may work or get training to improve their family by increasing their income. The bill also helps providers by providing increased reimbursement.

I look forward to working with the Department of Health and Human Services to strengthen this program.

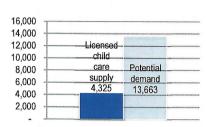
I am willing to answer any questions.



Burleigh County

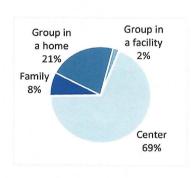
Children Potentially Needing Child Care

| | | <u>0-2 yrs</u> | <u>3 yrs</u> | 4-5 yrs | 6-12 yrs | <u>Total</u> | | |
|---|--|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|--|--|
| | Children in County by Age ¹ | 3,878 | 1,366 | 2,494 | 8,709 | 16,447 | | |
| | % of Children Ages 0 to 5 with All P | arents in the L | abor Force ¹ | | | 79.8% | | |
| | % of Children Ages 6 to 13 with All | Parents in the | Labor Force ¹ | | | 86.0% | | |
| Children Ages 0 to 5 potentially needing child care due to parents in workforce | | | | | | | | |
| | Children Ages 6 to 12 potentially needing child care due to parents in workforce | | | | | | | |
| | Capacity of state-licensed child care | e programs (fa | ımily, group, ce | enter, school | l-age ³) | 4,325 | | |
| Current Child Care Assistance Program Recipients Age 0-13 ¹ | | | | | | | | |
| | Percent to which supply meets pote | ntial demand | | | | 32% | | |
| | | | | | | | | |



State-Licensed Early Childhood Program Type and Capacity² (2020)

| | | Group in | Group in | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------|---------------|--------|
| | Family | a home | a facility | Center | Total |
| Number of Programs | 36 | 72 | 3 | 28 | 139 |
| Licensed Capacity | 324 | 885 | 80 | 2,838 | 4,127 |
| Reported Vacancies ⁴ | 37 | 60 | 9 | 291 | 397 |
| Providers/Capacity Added | 6/54 | 8/96 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 14/150 |
| Providers/Capacity Lost | 9/81 | 15/190 | 0/0 | 1/79 | 25/350 |
| Programs open before 7:00 a.m. | 5 | 15 | 2 | 10 | 32 |
| Programs open after 6:00 p.m. | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Programs open on Weekends | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Reported Size of Workforce | 47 | 112 | 23 | 553 | 735 |
| State-licensed school-age programs | s^3 | 3 | with a licensed | d capacity of | 198 |
| | | | | | |



Annual Cost of State-Licensed Child Care²

| Home-based Programs | | | Centers and (| Group Facilities |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Age of Child | <u>Average</u> | Highest Rate | | Highest Rate |
| Ages 0 to 17 months | \$8,420 | \$13,000 | \$10,579 | \$13,138 |
| 18 to 35 months | \$8,315 | \$13,000 | \$10,104 | \$11,901 |
| Ages 3 to 5 | \$8,199 | \$13,000 | \$9,328 | \$11,253 |

Ages 6 to 12 (Annual costs for school-age children vary greatly based on hours needed.)

www.ndchildcare.org

² Child Care Aware® of North Dakota NACCRRAware Database (surveyed between January and June 2020)

choice among programs.

^{1 2020} ND Kids Count Fact Book

³ School-age care numbers reflect programs licensed exclusively as before and after school programs under Early Childhood Services rules. Not all school-age programs are required to be licensed. In addition, many school-age children are enrolled in family/group programs and child care centers.

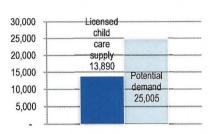
4 Vacancies change daily and may not match the location or program characteristics desired by families needing care. A 10% vacancy rate allows families some



Cass County

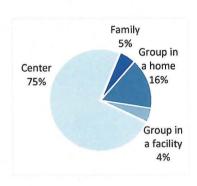
| Children Potentially Needing Child Care | Children | Potentially | / Needing | Child | Care |
|---|----------|-------------|-----------|-------|------|
|---|----------|-------------|-----------|-------|------|

| | | <u>0-2 yrs</u> | <u>3 yrs</u> | <u>4-5 yrs</u> | 6-12 yrs | <u>Total</u> |
|--|--|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------|--------------|
| | Children in County by Age ¹ | 7,836 | 2,587 | 4,955 | 15,618 | 30,996 |
| | % of Children Ages 0 to 5 with All I | Parents in the | Labor Force ¹ | | | 79.2% |
| | % of Children Ages 6 to 13 with All | Parents in the | Labor Force | | | 82.1% |
| Children Ages 0 to 5 potentially needing child care due to parents in workforce | | | | | | |
| Children Ages 6 to 12 potentially needing child care due to parents in workforce | | | | | | 12,819 |
| Capacity of state-licensed child care programs (family, group, center, school-age ³) | | | | | | 13,890 |
| Current Child Care Assistance Program Recipients Age 0-13 ¹ | | | | | | 1,547 |
| | Percent to which supply meets pot | ential demand | | | | 56% |
| | | | | | | |



State-Licensed Early Childhood Program Type and Capacity² (2020)

| | Group in | Group in | | |
|-----------------|--|--|---|--|
| Family | a home | a facility | <u>Center</u> | Total |
| 69 | 151 | 21 | 81 | 322 |
| 608 | 1,903 | 522 | 8,819 | 11,852 |
| 79 | 184 | 59 | 983 | 1,305 |
| 22/186 | 14/170 | 8/215 | 7/915 | 51/1486 |
| 19/171 | 21/275 | 6/168 | 12/1028 | 58/1642 |
| 16 | 28 | 8 | 46 | 98 |
| 8 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 21 |
| 8 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 17 |
| 84 | 270 | 136 | 1,539 | 2,029 |
| ns ³ | 25 | with a license | ed capacity of | 2,038 |
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Annual Cost of State-Licensed Child Care²

Ages 6 to 12 (Annual costs for school-age children vary greatly based on hours needed.)

| | Home-based | Programs | Centers and (| Group Facilities |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Age of Child | <u>Average</u> | Highest Rate | <u>Average</u> | Highest Rate |
| Ages 0 to 17 months | \$8,216 | \$11,180 | \$10,652 | \$14,891 |
| 18 to 35 months | \$7,960 | \$10,400 | \$10,011 | \$13,390 |
| Ages 3 to 5 | \$7,799 | \$10,400 | \$9,295 | \$11,985 |

¹ 2020 ND Kids Count Fact Book

² Child Care Aware® of North Dakota NACCRRAware Database (surveyed between January and June 2020)

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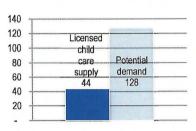
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Towner County

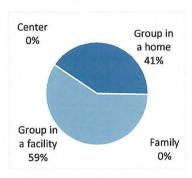
Children Potentially Needing Child Care

| | <u>0-2 yrs</u> | 3 yrs | <u>4-5 yrs</u> | 6-12 yrs | <u>Total</u> | |
|--|----------------|-------|----------------|----------|--------------|--|
| Children in County by Age ¹ | 63 | 31 | 58 | 187 | 339 | |
| % of Children Ages 0 to 5 with All Parents in the Labor Force ¹ | | | | | | |
| % of Children Ages 6 to 13 with All Parents in the Labor Force ¹ | | | | | | |
| Children Ages 0 to 5 potentially needing child care due to parents in workforce | | | | | | |
| Children Ages 6 to 12 potentially needing child care due to parents in workforce | | | | | | |
| Capacity of state-licensed child care programs (family, group, center, school-age ³) | | | | | | |
| Current Child Care Assistance Program Recipients Age 0-13 ¹ | | | | | | |
| Percent to which supply meets pote | ntial demand | | | | 34% | |



State-Licensed Early Childhood Program Type and Capacity² (2020)

| | Family | Group in a home | Group in a facility | Center | Total |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|-------|
| | raininy | <u>a nome</u> | <u>a racility</u> | Center | Total |
| Number of Programs | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Licensed Capacity | 0 | 18 | 26 | 0 | 44 |
| Reported Vacancies ⁴ | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Providers/Capacity Added | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 |
| Providers/Capacity Lost | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 |
| Programs open before 7:00 a.m. | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Programs open after 6:00 p.m. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Programs open on Weekends | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reported Size of Workforce | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 7 |
| State-licensed school-age program | 1^3 | 0 | with a license | d capacity of | 0 |



Annual Cost of State-Licensed Child Care²

| | Home-based | Programs ⁵ | Centers and Group Facilities | | |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Age of Child | <u>Average</u> | Highest Rate | <u>Average</u> | Highest Rate | |
| Ages 0 to 17 months | \$7,577 | \$9,100 | \$7,713 | \$9,880 | |
| 18 to 35 months | \$7,562 | \$9,100 | \$7,472 | \$9,620 | |
| Ages 3 to 5 | \$7,519 | \$9,100 | \$7,167 | \$9,412 | |

Ages 6 to 12 (Annual costs for school-age children vary greatly based on hours needed.)

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^{1 2020} ND Kids Count Fact Book. Some data from rural counties may be considered statistically unreliable due to the small sampling.

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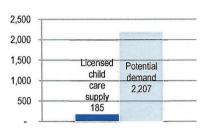
⁵ Due to the limited number of programs, rates reflect a regional average



Rolette County

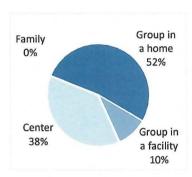
Children Potentially Needing Child Care

| | <u>0-2 yrs</u> | 3 yrs | <u>4-5 yrs</u> | 6-12 yrs | <u>Total</u> | |
|--|----------------|-------|----------------|----------|--------------|--|
| Children in County by Age ¹ | 727 | 279 | 607 | 2,004 | 3,617 | |
| % of Children Ages 0 to 5 with All Parents in the Labor Force ¹ | | | | | | |
| % of Children Ages 6 to 13 with All Parents in the Labor Force ¹ | | | | | | |
| Children Ages 0 to 5 potentially needing child care due to parents in workforce | | | | | | |
| Children Ages 6 to 12 potentially needing child care due to parents in workforce | | | | | | |
| Capacity of state-licensed child care programs (family, group, center, school-age ³) | | | | | | |
| Current Child Care Assistance Program Recipients Age 0-13 ¹ | | | | | | |
| Percent to which supply meets pot | ential demand | | | | 8% | |
| | | | | | | |



State-Licensed Early Childhood Program Type and Capacity² (2020)

| | | Group in | Group in | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| | Family | a home | a facility | <u>Center</u> | Total |
| Number of Programs | 0 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Licensed Capacity | 0 | 97 | 18 | 70 | 185 |
| Reported Vacancies ⁴ | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Providers/Capacity Added | 0/0 | 1/30 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 1/30 |
| Providers/Capacity Lost | 1/9 | 1/16 | 1/30 | 0/0 | 3/55 |
| Programs open before 7:00 a.m. | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Programs open after 6:00 p.m. | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Programs open on Weekends | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reported Size of Workforce | 0 | 13 | 9 | 17 | 39 |
| State-licensed school-age program | ns^3 | 0 | with a license | d capacity of | 0 |



Annual Cost of State-Licensed Child Care²

| | Home-based | Programs | Centers and C | Froup Facilities⁵ |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Age of Child | <u>Average</u> | Highest Rate | <u>Average</u> | Highest Rate |
| Ages 0 to 17 months | \$7,138 | \$9,100 | \$7,713 | \$9,880 |
| 18 to 35 months | \$7,094 | \$9,100 | \$7,472 | \$9,620 |
| Ages 3 to 5 | \$7,051 | \$9,100 | \$7,167 | \$9,412 |

Ages 6 to 12 (Annual costs for school-age children vary greatly based on hours needed.)

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choice among programs.

Due to the limited number of programs, rates reflect a regional average

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PROVIDERS?

Who may I use as a provider?

Families have the right to choose their own child care provider. Providers may be nonprofit, for profit, religious, or relatives. Families must contact their local human service zone office for information about licensing, self-declaration or approval of relative providers.

Who qualifies to be a provider?

To receive payment providers must be at least 18 years old, licensed, self-declaration, tribal registered or an approved relative. An approved relative must be related to the child by marriage, blood relationship or court decree, and:

- a grandparent or great grandparent
- an aunt or uncle
- a siblina

Approved relative providers can not live in the same home as the child for whom care is being provided.

What if my provider requires a contract?

If your child care provider requires you to sign a contract, read it carefully before signing so you are aware of all your obligations. DHS is not bound by or responsible for either party's compliance with the terms of any contract entered between a provider and a parent/caretaker.

What access to my children do I have while they are at my providers?

Families must be given unlimited access to their child(ren) in child care and to the providers who are providing the care. This access is to be during normal operating hours of the child care facility.

Who do I contact for more information?
Your local human service zone office, http://www.nd.gov/DHS/locations/countysocialserv/index.
html, or the North Dakota Department of Human Services
1-800-755-2716.

WILL MY PERSONAL INFORMATION BE PROTECTED?



Is my information kept confidential?

The information you provide is held in confidence and used solely for program administration.

Do I have to provide my Social Security Number?

The Privacy Act of 1974 requires the following information be provided when individuals are requested to disclose their social security numbers:

- Disclosure of the social security number is voluntary and it is requested for identification purposes.
- Failure to disclose this information will not affect participation in this program.

Non-discrimination in Federal Assistance Program

You have the right to file a written complaint if you believe that you or members of your household have been discriminated against by reason of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, political beliefs, handicap, or status with respect to marriage or public assistance. A written complaint may be filed with your local human service zone office; the North Dakota Department of Human Services office for Civil Rights, Legal Advisory Unit, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250, 701-328-2311 or 711 (TTY); Fax 701-328-2173, email: dhslau@nd.gov; or U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, 200 Independence Ave. SW, HHH Building, Room 509-F, Washington, DC 20201 (1-800-368-1019 or TDD 1-800-537-7697; Fax 202-619-3437).

Economic Assistance Division
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Bismarck, ND 58505-0250
Phone: 1-800-755-2716 Fax: 701-328-1060
ND Relay TTY 1-800-366-6888
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www.nd.gov/dhs

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Helping Families with Child Care Costs



ABOUT CCAP

The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) helps pay a portion of the cost of child care for working families, or families in training or education programs.



WHO DOES CCAP SERVE?

Families with low income who are:

- Working
 - Paid employment or self-employed
- In allowable education or training programs
 - **Note**: You must turn in a copy of your class schedule if attending allowable postsecondary school or training
- Looking for employment, education or training activities, and housing in situations of homelessness (limited time)



WHO MAY BE ELIGIBLE?

What are the age requirements for children?

- Children are eligible from birth through the certificate period in which their 13th birthday falls.
- A child with special needs may qualify up to age 19.

What are the income and asset limits?

- Monthly income from wages, child support, pensions, veteran's benefits or other sources must be less than the CCAP income limits. Please contact your local human service zone office or visit http://www.nd.gov/dhs/ services/financialhelp/childcare.html for the current limits.
- A CCAP Sliding Fee Schedule was developed to determine cost sharing by a family and CCAP based on income, size of the family, age of the child, type of provider, and level of care.
 - The CCAP Sliding Fee Schedule can be found at: http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/docs/dn-241-child-care-assistance-sliding-fee-scale.pdf, or through your local human service zone office.



How do I apply?

Online: https://www.applyforhelp.nd.gov.

By Request: Applications are available from your local human service zone office.

Print: https://apps.nd.gov/itd/recmgmt/rm/stFrm/eforms/Doc/sfn00598.pdf



Need help?

Who can help me find a child care provider?

- Child Care Aware® of North Dakota can assist parents in choosing a provider who will meet their needs.
- You can also search for care and view resources at www.ndchildcare.org/parents, or call
- 800-997-8515 (press 1) to speak with a referral specialist.

Who do I contact for more information?

- Your local human service zone office http://www.nd.gov/DHS/locations/ countysocialserv/index.html
- The North Dakota Department of Human Services 1-800-755-2716

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CCAP?

How is my child care paid?

The ND Department of Human Services (DHS) will pay a portion of your child care determined by using the CCAP Sliding Fee Schedule. Payment is made directly to the provider unless the provider requests that payment be made directly to the family.

What is a Child Care Certificate?

A child care certificate is issued to a family and provider once they are determined eligible, and have chosen an eligible provider for the program.

The certificate contains:

- the name and address of the parent/caretaker
- the period of time covered by the certificate
- the monthly co-payment for which the family is responsible
- the children who are eligible to receive child care
- the level of care and provider each child is eligible for

What are my program rights?

As a participant in CCAP there are certain rights that protect you. You have the right to:

- Review the policy manual.
- Withdraw your application prior to receiving benefits.
- Appeal and request a fair hearing if you disagree with any decision made by CCAP to deny, reduce, or terminate benefits.
 - Note: Appeals must be requested within 30 days from the print date on the notice that is being appealed.

What happens if I give false information on purpose?

If you give false information on purpose, it might result in legal action against you (criminal or civil). It might also mean we reduce your benefits, take money back from you, or disqualify you from benefits temporarily or permanently.

Chairman Lee, Vice-Chair Cleary, and members of the Senate Human Services committee:

My name is Kathy Busche. I own and operate two childcare programs in Hazen. One program is a group facility licensed for 30. I own the facility and operate a 0-5 program with a current enrollment of 33 children. The second program is my home where I operate a school age program with a license for 30 with 25 children enrolled. The facility is Step 2 in Bright and Early QRIS. Our home program is Step 1 QRIS. I have been operating my business out of my home since 2007 and purchased and renovated the facility opening the second location in January 2022. I have a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from MSUM and providing quality childcare is my passion.

I am sorry I cannot be present to testify in person, but unfortunately, I do not have the backup staff required to be away from our programs at the present time.

I am writing today in support of SB 2190. Of the 58 children I care for between my two programs I care for 21 children who currently receive child care assistance. The process for parents to reapply for childcare assistance can be daunting. The month prior to the expiration of their certificate for assistance parents are mailed an information requesting updated information. They are told in their paperwork not to begin filling out the paperwork until the beginning of the month of expiration. This timeline is frustrating as a provider as the state allows up to 30 days to process the paperwork from parents. This means that more often than not parents child care assistance certificates expire leaving their providers waiting for certificates to be processed in order to receive payment. Streamlining this process would be greatly beneficial to parents and will hopefully reduce the processing time for re-certification.

Although not directly addressed in this bill I do have a complaint in regards to the maximum payment for license types in the sliding fee scale created by the state of North Dakota. Currently the maximum payment for an infant in a center-based program is \$913.33 per month whereas a family/group program maximum payment is only \$700. This discrepancy doesn't take into account programs such as mine that are group facilities with the same staff and overhead as a center program. I recently raised my rates and my new full-time rates come to \$780 per month regardless of age of the children which although not much higher than the state maximum payment for a group license for infants and toddlers it is significantly higher than the payment for preschool and school age children. My families receiving assistance simply cannot afford the excess payment which increases as their children get older. In fact, a number of current families have been forced to drop their children down to 3-4 days per week in order to keep their child care fees are under the state maximum. This is a workforce issue. Parents who qualify for assistance need high quality care in programs such as mine but are often forced to decrease their hours at work in order to stay under the state maximum payment.

My recommendation to the committee and the Department of Health and Human Services is to amend the sliding fee scale to create a flat rate maximum for all licensed programs in the state of North Dakota which provides parents the ability to continue in the workforce full-time.

Thank you for your time and I am available to answer any questions the committee may have.

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Testimony Senate Bill No. 2190 Senate Human Services Committee Senator Judy Lee, Chairman

January 18, 2023

Chairman Lee and members of the Senate Human Services

Committee, I am Jessica Thomasson, Director of the Human Services

Division in the Department of Health and Human Services (Department).

I am here today to provide testimony on Senate Bill 2190.

Senate Bill 2190 proposes changes to North Dakota Century Code chapter 50-33 relating to Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP).

Section 1 page 1 lines 12-14, require the CCAP to provide for a "streamlined application coordinated with the supplemental nutrition assistance program and medical assistance".

The Department's Self-Service Portal and Combined Eligibility
System (SPACES), includes a mobile friendly online application individuals
can use to apply for the Child Care Assistance Program, along with all
other Economic Assistance Programs, including the Supplemental
Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Medicaid coverage. The online
application is designed to ask only for the information necessary for the
programs the individual has requested to be considered for.

In addition, the Department offers a paper application that is also designed to allow individuals to completed specific sections based on the assistance requested.

The proposed change on page 2 lines 8-10, requires a ten percent annual increase in the maximum monthly benefit rate, utilizing the 2023 program year as the base. The Department is proposing an amendment to this section which would require the program to use both a market

study and a cost study to inform its adjustment of the provider payment schedule, to result in an increase of no more than 10 percent each year.

An annual market study and cost study would allow the Department to consider more comprehensively the cost of providing child care when setting payment rates utilized as the basis for payments in the Child Care Assistance Program.

This concludes my testimony, and I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2190

Page 2, line 8, remove "Using the 2023 program year monthly benefit rates"

Page 2, replace lines 9 and 10 with "Each year the child care assistance program must use information from both a market study and a cost study to inform its adjustment of the provider payment schedule, to result in an increase of no more than ten percent each year."

Renumber accordingly



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January 18, 2023

Dear Senator Lee and the Senate Human Services Committee:

On behalf of the North Dakota Nurses Association (NDNA), I am writing this letter to support SB 2190 relating to the childcare assistance program; and to provide a statement of legislative intent.

NDNA is the only professional organization representing all nurses in North Dakota. Our mission is to advance the nursing profession by promoting professional development of nurses, fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting the safety and well-being of nurses in the workplace, and by advocating on health care issues affecting nurses and the public.

Currently, childcare costs account for 15% to 40% of the average household budget in North Dakota, which often isn't sustainable for young working families, according to the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services (DHSS)...most North Dakota communities are experiencing greater workforce shortages this year than last year, with job openings in August up 4.3% over the same month a year ago and the state's unemployment rate being the sixth lowest in the nation."1

We support proposals that improve access to affordable and quality childcare services. To assist the nursing workforce, our families are counting on feeling secure that their children are taken care of while they are busy taking care of their patients. It's imperative for the State, healthcare providers and payers, businesses, and our community leaders to come together for sustainable solutions for the children of our nursing workforce.

We respectfully ask that you support SB 2190.

1 https://www.governor.nd.gov/news/burgum-sanford-unveil-child-care-proposal-support-working-families-address-workforce

Sincerely,

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Testimony in Support of SB 2190

Good morning Chair Lee and members of the Senate Human Services Committee,

My name is Robin Nelson. I write this testimony in support of <u>SB 2190</u>, a bill that relates to the child care financial assistance program.

I reside in District 41, and I serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Red River Valley in Fargo. Ours is a non-profit organization that operates 12 licensed child care sites in which we serve approximately 600 school-age youth every day.

It is widely acknowledged that our state is experiencing a child care crisis with regard to availability, affordability, and access. We are thankful that you as legislators are taking actions to help address this issue as it not only affects children and their families, but also the workforce and economy. To recycle a quote from one of my colleagues, child care is the business that keeps other businesses in business.

We support this Senate Bill 2190 for the following reasons:

- 1. It creates a streamlined process the current application process is often overwhelming for families, and especially for those with language barriers and/or limited access to technology. The proposed process therein utilizes forms that have already been gathered and submitted.
- 2. It provides an annual escalator for benefit amounts.
- 3. It helps create more awareness of the financial assistance program something that is typically left to child care providers, and that often happens when a family asks about scholarships or falls behind in payments.
- 4. This bill will help the many families that fall into what is commonly referred to as the "gap" category those who earn too much to qualify for a certain percentage of assistance (referred to in this bill as a sliding fee), but are still unable to pay for that gap due to escalating costs of child care services. In the past, our organization has used a scholarship fund to assist families that fall into that gap; but, since the stabilization grants are expiring, all of our available funds will be routed to increased staff compensation in order to retain and attract employees, while trying to not increase the tuition we charge families.

I respect there will be more bills introduced that are related to child care, and many of the components of various bills may be combined into a singular version.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Red River Valley supports the concepts of this bill, and we respectfully encourage the committee to recommend a "do pass" on Senate Bill 2190.

Thank you for your time. I welcome any questions.

DHS draft amendments to 2190 with KH additions in Red

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2190

Page 2, line 8, remove "Using the 2023 program year monthly benefit rates"

Page 2, replace lines 9 and 10 with "Each year the childcare assistance program must use information from both a market study and a cost study to inform its adjustment of the provider payment schedule, to result in an increase of no more than ten percent and no less than 5% each year."

Page 2, line 11 The Department shall allocate \$500,000 to advertise the childcare assistance program and shall provide sign up assistance to increase awareness of and enrollment in the program.

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Renumber according

BIENNIUM TO DATE INFORMATION ON SELECTED DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS
JULY 2021 - December 2021

SECTION 1: TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) APPROPRIATION 2021-2023 BIENNIUM \$8,969,794

2,447

1,936

418

| BUD: (7/21-1 | | ACTUAL (7/21-12/21) | | | |
|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| Monthly Avg Cases | Monthly Avg Cost per Case | Monthly Avg Cases | Monthly Avg Cost per Case | Spent to Date | Percent of Appropriation Used* |
| 1,020 | \$ 311 | 947 | \$ 307 | \$ 1,741,407 | 19.49 |

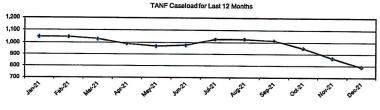
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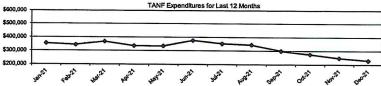
Average monthly TANF recipients:

Average number of children receiving TANF benefits:

Average number of child only cases:

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 allotted Pandemic Emergency Assistance Funds to states administering TANF programs. These funds were made available to provide non-recurrent, short term benefits to address a specific crisis or episode of need. ND utilized the \$1.3 million received to provide children receiving TANF with back to school costs for the 2021-2022 school year. These payments are not included in the Quarterly Budget Insight data.





SECTION 2: CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE (CCA) APPROPRIATION 2021-2023 BIENNIUM \$60,041,919

| BUD (7/21-1 | | ACTUAL (7/21-12/21) | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|--|-------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| Monthly Avg Children for whom CCA paid | Monthly Avg Cost per Child | Monthly Avg Children for whom CCA paid | Monthly Avg | Spent to Date | Percent of Appropriation Used* |
| 2,940 | | | | | 21.9% |

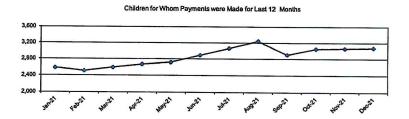
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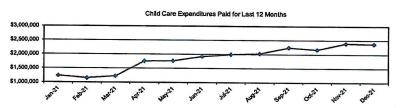
Average number of families receiving payments:

e payment per family:

1,824 \$1,201

Jeelved additional funding to assist CCAP families and providers during the national emergency with paying for child care costs and increased operating expenses. Effective March 2021, the Child Care Assistance Program is making payments to providers based on the maximum state rate and waiving the copayment families are normally responsible to pay. These payments are reflected in the Quarterly Budget Insight data.





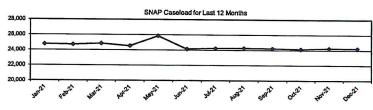
SECTION 3: SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) APPROPRIATION 2021-2023 BIENNIUM \$1,398,725

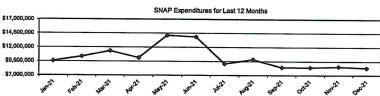
| BUD: (7/21-1 | | ACTUAL (7/21-12/21) | | | |
|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| Monthly Avg Cases | Monthly Avg Cost per Case | Monthly Avg Cases | Monthly Avg Cost per Case | Spent to Date | Percent of Appropriation Used* |
| 25,000 | \$ 280 | 24,204 | \$ 362 | | 28.9% |

PROGRAM NOTES:

Average number of individuals receiving SNAP: 52,869
Average number of children under 18 receiving SNAP: 21,602
Average number of cases with an elderly person (60 or older): 6,448
Average number of cases with earned income: 7,225

Due to the Pandemic, Emergency Allotments were to ensure all households received the maximum SNAP benefit from March 2020 through May 2021. These allotments are reflected in the Quarterly Budget Insight data.





: of Blennlum Expired 25% - Payments for TANF, SNAP, and Adoption are made at the beginning of the month for the current month. Payments for Foster Care are made the last day of the month for the month. Therefore 6 months of payments have been made or 25% (6/24) of the biennium has expired.

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SECTION 4: LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)
A THREE YEAR COMPARISON OF HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING BENEFITS

PROGRAM NOTES:

Total benefits paid for regular and emergency home energy assistance.

^The benefit year begins each year on October 1st.

In March 2020, the Department was awarded approximately \$5.5 million in LIHEAP funds through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act passed by Congress.

These benefits are reflected in the Quarterly Budget Insight data. No relief has been paid from 2022 benefits

| Home Energy Assistance | 2020 Benefits^ | 2021 Benefits* | 2022 Benefits^ |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Number of households receiving benefits | 12,787 | 12,870 | 9,761 |
| Average benefit per household | 893 | 1,161 | 174 |
| Total benefits paid | 11,417,026 | 14,936,928 | 1,692,329 |

SECTION 5: FOSTER CARE (MAINTENANCE AND REHAB) APPROPRIATION 2021-2023 BIENNIUM \$67,565,809

| | DGET -12/21) | ACTUAL (7/21-12/21) | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Monthly Avg Cases | Monthly Avg Cost | Monthly Avg Cases | Monthly Avg Cost | s | pent to Date | Percent of Appropriation Used* |
| 1,129 | Varied by placement | 1,099 | See program notes | \$ | 15,180,020 | 22.59 |

PROGRAM NOTES:

Average monthly cost foster care family homes (71% of caseload): \$1,218

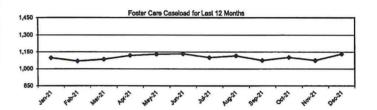
Average monthly cost therapeutic family foster care (17% of caseload): \$4,316

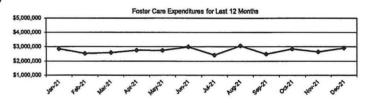
Average monthly cost qualified residential treatment program (12% of caseload): \$6,945

Fluctuations in expenses are due to the timing of when payments are made.

The Monthly Avg Cases represents only foster care placements that receive payment.

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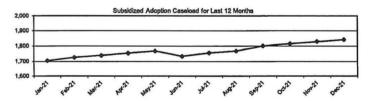
SECTION 6: SUBSIDIZED ADOPTION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN APPROPRIATION 2021-2023 BIENNIUM \$44,675,700

| | OGET -12/21) | ACTUAL (7/21-12/21) | | | |
|-------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Monthly Avg | Monthly Avg Cost | Monthly Avg Cases | Monthly Avg Cost | Spent to Date | Percent of Appropriation Used* |
| 1,789 | \$ 1,015 | 1,801 | \$ 1,086 | \$ 11,736,673 | 25.8% |

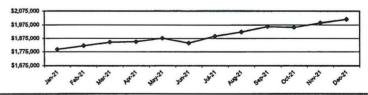
PROGRAM NOTES;

A special needs child is a child legally available for adoptive placement and who is seven years of age or older; under eighteen years of age with a physical, emotional, or mental disability or has been diagnosed to be a high risk for such a disability; a member of a minority; or a member of a sibling group.

In March 2020, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act increased the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) by 6.2% until the Public Health Emergency related to the COVID-19 Health Pandemic is terminated.



Subsidized Adoption Expenditures for Last 12 Months



SECTION 7: CHILD SUPPORT

CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM NOTES:

<u>A IV-D case</u> receives full services and is created when the child support program receives an application for services from one of the parents, a referral from a department program (TANF, Foster Care, and Medicaid), or a request for assistance from another state's program.

A NonIV-D case is one in which there is a child support order but the child support program has not received an application, a referral, a request for assistance or which was previously a IV-D case that was subsequently closed.



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SECTION 8 - MEDICAID ELIGIBLES AND RECIPIENTS 2021-2023 BIENNIUM

| Comparison of Eligibles | Jan-21 | Dec-21 | Difference |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|------------|
| Less than 21 | 51,190 | 54,091 | 2,901 |
| Over age 65 (Aged) | 9,105 | 8,792 | (313) |
| Disabled | 12,511 | 11,538 | (973) |
| Adults | 13,639 | 14,616 | 977 |
| Medicaid Expansion | 25,025 | 30,622 | 5,597 |
| Total | 111,470 | 119,659 | 8,189 |

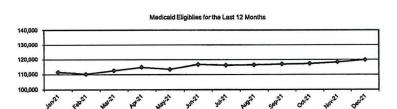
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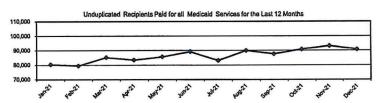
Eligibles include all Medical Assistance, Medicaid Expansion, and Long Term Care Continuum eligibles with the exception of Service Payments for Elderely & Disabled (SPED) and Expanded SPED.

For the last twelve months approximately 46% of the above eligibles were under the age of 21, 8% were classified as aged, 10% were disabled, 12% were adults, and 24% were covered under Medicaid Expansion.

Fluctuation in recipients is due to the timing of when claims are received and processed for payment. The recipient numbers shown on the graph also include those for whom a Medicaid Expansion premium was paid.

Due to the Families First Coronavirus Response Act passed by Congress in Merch 2020, states that do not impose new Medicald eligibility restrictions or take away coverage receive a temporary increase in federal Medicald funding. The eligibility will remain in place until the quarter after the Public Health Emergency order related to the COVID-19 Health Pandemic is terminated.





SECTION 9 - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATION 2021-2023 BIENNIUM \$1,526,290,425

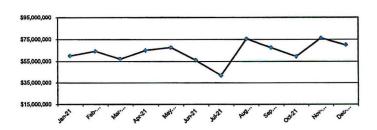
| | | Actual Pald (7/21-12/21) | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------|---|--|--|--|
| Service | Monthly Average Number of People Receiving | Monthly Average Cost Per Person | Spent to Date | Percentage of Appropriation Used* | | | |
| nt Hospital | 1,029 | 8,452 | 43,493,673 | 24.2% | | | |
| ant Hospital | 10,022 | 478 | 23,966,266 | 22.0% | | | |
| ional Fees | 18,560 | 192 | 17,806,353 | 18.2% | | | |
| .ugs (Includes Rebates) | 27,103 | 204 | 27,606,757 | 34.4% | | | |
| Dental | 4,870 | 306 | 7,460,311 | 26.0% | | | |
| Medicaid Expansion | 28,912 | 1,103 | 159,453,341 | 24.5% | | | |
| Ambulance Services | 896 | 746 | 3,342,042 | 27.1% | | | |
| Other | The second secon | | 65,205,716 | 17.8% | | | |
| Total Medical Assistance | | | \$ 348,334,459 | 22.8% | | | |

PROGRAM NOTES:

Fluctuations in expenses are due to the timing of when payments are made.

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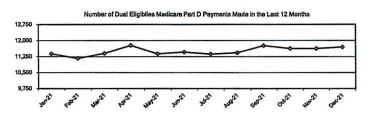
Medical Assistance Expenditures for the Last 12 Months

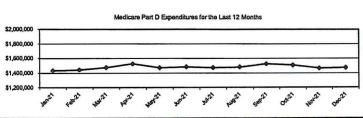


SECTION 10 - FEDERAL MEDICARE PART D PAYMENT APPROPRIATION 2021-2023 BIENNIUM \$39,922,956

| BUDG (7/21-1 | | ACTUAL (7/21-12/21) | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|---|
| Monthly Average Number of People | Monthly Average Cost Per Person | Monthly Average Number of People | Monthly Average Cost Per Person | Spent to Date | Percentage of Appropriation Used* |

PROGRAM NOTES:





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SECTION 11: MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON APPROPRIATION 2021-2023 BIENNIUM \$2,655,469

PROGRAM NOTES:

The Money Follows the Person program started in 2008 and assists people who want to move from institutional settings to the community. The program is also designed to increase community-based long . term care services and supports.

In the last three calendar years all of the transitions were to a home living arrangement.

The appropriation contains funding for contractual services, which includes transition coordination services, outreach services, recipient transitional costs, and other housing and support services.

| | | Calendar Year | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------|------|------|--|
| Transfer From | Transfer To | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | |
| Older Adult in a Nursing Facility | Home or Assisted Living Facility | 5 | 10 | 30 | |
| Individual with Physical Disability in a Nursing Facility | Home or Assisted Living Facility | 20 | 6 | 40 | |
| Individual with a Intellectual Disability In a ICF/ID* | Home or Assisted Living Facility | 8 | 20 | 14 | |
| Children in an ICF/ID* | Home or Assisted Living Facility | 2 | 3 | 7 | |
| Total | | 35 | 39 | 91 | |

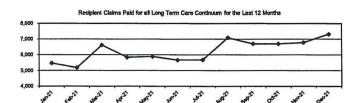
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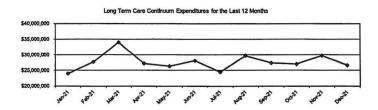
Lower transition numbers for calendar years 2019 and 2020 due to temporary phase down of the program with the last transitions in December 2018. Transitions were restarted in April 2019, with the program to continue.

SECTION 12: - LONG TERM CARE CONTINUUM APPROPRIATION 2021-2023 BIENNIUM \$829,991,962

| | Actual Pald (7/21-12/21) | | | | |
|---------------------------|---|--|---------------|---|--|
| Service | Monthly Average Units of Service | Monthly Average Cost Per Unit | Spent to Date | Percentage of Appropriation Used* | |
| Nursing Homes (& Hospice) | 80,914 | 270 | 109,255,924 | 17.2% | |
| Basic Care | 22,297 | 99 | 11,043,013 | 21.7% | |

| | Actual Paid (7/21-12/21) | | | | | |
|---|---|--|---------------|---|--|--|
| Service | Monthly Average Number of People | Monthly Average Cost Per Person | Spent to Date | Percentage of Appropriation Used* | | |
| SPED | 1,466 | 435 | 3,186,845 | 15.6% | | |
| Expanded SPED | 117 | 426 | 249,343 | 12.7% | | |
| Home & Community Based Services Waiver | 386 | 2,833 | 5,461,485 | 11.7% | | |
| Tergeted Case Management | 300 | 69 | 103,750 | 65.7% | | |
| Personal Care Option | 551 | 2,404 | 6,621,660 | 18.0% | | |
| Medically Fragile Waiver | 14 | 1,218 | 84,073 | 21.1% | | |
| PACE | 170 | 4,854 | 4,135,292 | 12.3% | | |
| Children's Hospice Walver | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | | |
| Autism Weiver | 55 | 278 | 75,951 | 3.9% | | |
| Autism Voucher Program | 8 | 665 | 25,251 | 8.4% | | |
| Total Long-Term Care Continuum Expenditures to Date | | | 140.242.587 | 17% | | |



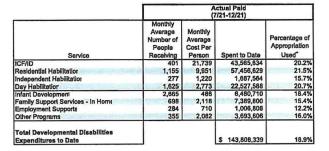


PROGRAM NOTES:
A unit is equal to one day of service

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SECTION 13: - DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES APPROPRIATION 2021-2023 BIENNIUM \$760,068,603

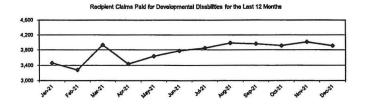


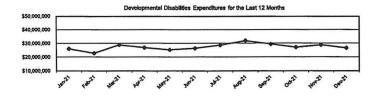


Infant Davolopment services are funded with a combination of state and federal funds, including those received through the Office of Special Education Program

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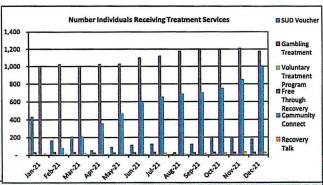


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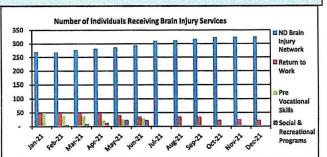
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SECTION 14: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES APPROPRIATION 2021-2023 BIENNIUM \$39,699,888

| Programs | Program Description | Budget | Actual | | |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------|--------|---------|--|
| SUD Voucher | Provides treatment services for adults with a substance use disorder | \$ 15,358,911 | \$ | 904,518 | |
| Free Through Recovery | Provides care coordination and recovery support services for those exiting incarceration | \$ 6,022,065 | s | 928,394 | |
| Gambling Treatment | Provides gambling treatment for individuals and their families | \$ 632,800 | \$ | 168,786 | |
| Voluntary Treatment Program | Provides out of home treatment for youth with a serious emotional disturbance without the parent's relinquishing custody | \$ 453,424 | \$ | 103,097 | |
| Recovery Talk | Confidential telephone service provided 24 hours a day for individuals in or seeking substance use disorder recovery | \$ 240,000 | \$ | 30,000 | |



| Programs | Program Description | Budget | Α | ctual |
|--|---|---------------|----|-------|
| ND Brain Injury Network | Provides services to individuals with a brain injury and their family and assists in navigating resources | \$ 474,719 | \$ | 6,844 |
| Return to Work (Work Start) (2015 HB1046) | Assist individuals with a brain injury in obtaining and maintaining employment | \$ 256,123 | \$ | 8,788 |
| Pre Vocational Skills (Skill Smart) | Assist Individuals with a brain injury in increasing work readiness skills prior to employment | \$ 256,714 | \$ | - |
| Social & Recreational Programs (3) | Provide service to Individuals with a brain injury to assist in community integration | \$ - | \$ | - |



| Programs | Program Description | Budget | Actual |
|--|--|-----------------|---------------|
| Substance Abuse Prevention Community Grants | Funded through the primary prevention set-aside of the federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant. Ten communities are funded to impact the following goals: (1) increase implementation of effective prevention at the community-level and (2) Following the Strategic Prevention Framework, address the state's data-driven priorities. | \$ 1,500,000 | \$ 155,925 |
| Tribal Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Programs | Funded through the primary prevention set-aside of the federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant. The four tribes implement evidence-based substance abuse prevention strategies following the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) model within the identified service area. | \$ 640,000 | \$ 28,950 |
| State Opioid Response (SOR) | The purpose of this community implementation program is to support communities across the state address local needs and gaps throughout the continuum of care specific to the opioid crisis. | \$ 3,916,000 | \$ 466,454 |

Note - All services are provided by outside vendors.

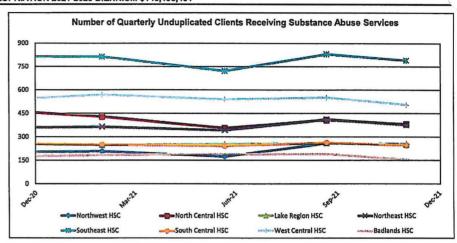
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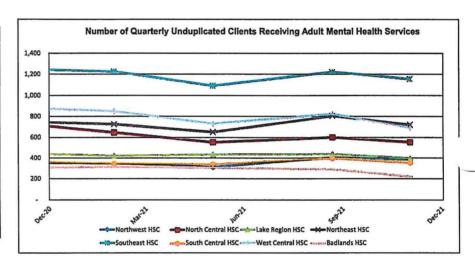
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SECTION 15: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE HUMAN SERVICE CENTERS APPROPRIATION 2021-2023 BIENNIUM \$143,195,481

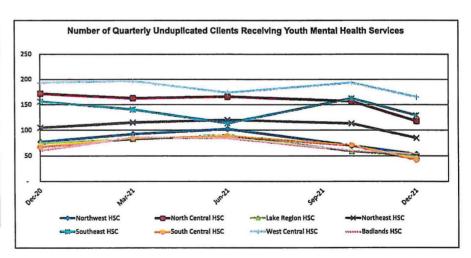
| | Substance Abuse Services (Includes Alcohol & Drug, Social Detox, Medical Detox and Residential Services) | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|---------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Human Service Center | Budget | Actual Expenditures | | | | |
| Northwest Human Service Center | 113,793 | 7,439 | | | | |
| North Central Human Service Center | 850,971 | 456,580 | | | | |
| Lake Region Human Service Center | 1,446,700 | 314,987 | | | | |
| Northeast Human Service Center | 465,879 | 42,204 | | | | |
| Southeast Human Service Center | 990,844 | 530,383 | | | | |
| South Central Human Service Center | 523,228 | 108,111 | | | | |
| West Central Human Service Center | 1,030,633 | 404,453 | | | | |
| Badlands Human Service Center | | 3,506 | | | | |
| Total Human Service Centers | \$ 5,422,04 | 3 \$ 1,867,663 | | | | |



| | Adult Mental Health Services (Includes Services for Severely Mentally III Recovery Centers, Services for the Homeless, Inpatient Hospitalization, Mobili Crisis Services, Residential and Transitional Living) | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|---------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Human Service Center | Budget | Actual Expenditures | | | | |
| Northwest Human Service Center | 8,088,428 | 1,428,108 | | | | |
| North Central Human Service Center | 16,620,710 | 3,011,783 | | | | |
| Lake Region Human Service Center | 8,668,216 | 1,693,679 | | | | |
| Northeast Human Service Center | 21,032,067 | 3,632,840 | | | | |
| Southeast Human Service Center | 32,477,417 | 7,002,601 | | | | |
| South Central Human Service Center | 14,422,233 | 2,900,625 | | | | |
| West Central Human Service Center | 20,625,455 | 4,443,020 | | | | |
| Badlands Human Service Center | 10,904,327 | 2,332,813 | | | | |
| Total Human Service Centers | \$ 132,838,853 | \$ 26,445,469 | | | | |



| | Youth Mental Health Services (Includes Services for children with severe emotional disturbance including residential services) | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---|---------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Human Service Center | Budget | Actual Expenditures | | | | | |
| Northwest Human Service Center | 35,045 | (4) | | | | | |
| North Central Human Service Center | 149,651 | 90,967 | | | | | |
| Lake Region Human Service Center | - | - | | | | | |
| Northeast Human Service Center | 3,683,839 | 688,659 | | | | | |
| Southeast Human Service Center | 1,066,046 | 307,824 | | | | | |
| South Central Human Service Center | | 6,740 | | | | | |
| West Central Human Service Center | - | - | | | | | |
| Badlands Human Service Center | the state of the | | | | | | |
| Total Human Service Centers | \$ 4,934,581 | \$ 1,094,186 | | | | | |



Note:
Actual expenditures include department salary costs as well as costs for contracts with service providers.

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SECTION 16: - CENSUS DATA FOR INSTITUTIONS

2021-2023 BIENNIUM

| Comparison of the average dally census - State Hospital | Jan-21 | Dec-21 | Difference |
|---|--------|--------|------------|
| Traditional Services | 63 | 71 | 8 |
| Tompkins Rehabilitation Center | 31 | 13 | (18) |
| Sex Offender Treatment and Evaluation Program | 27 | 28 | 1 |
| Total | 121 | 112 | (9) |

<u>PROGRAM NOTES:</u>
The State Hospital traditional services include short-term acute inpatient psychlatric and substance abuse treatment, intermediate psycho-social rehabilitation services, and safety-net services for adults.

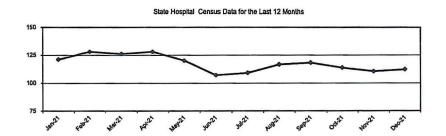
Tompkins Rehabilitation Center provides alcohol and drug treatment for inmates from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Effective 7/1/19, 60 Tompkins beds moved to DOCR. State Hospital total Tompkins beds is 46.

The Sex Offender Treatment and Evaluation program provides inpatient evaluation and treatment services for civilly committed sex offenders.

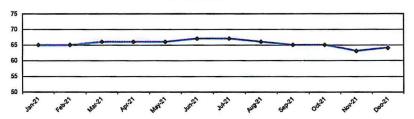
| Comparison of the average daily census -Life Skills and Transition Center (LSTC)* | Jan-21 | Dec-21 | Difference | | |
|---|--------|--------|------------|--|--|
| Youth | 19 | 16 | (3) | | |
| Adults | 46 | 48 | 2 | | |
| Total | 65 | 64 | (1) | | |

Life Skills and Transition Center provides residential services, work and day activity, medical services, clinical services, and outreach services for individuals with

Currently LSTC provides Residential Habilitation for 9 individuals. Previously know as independent Supported Living Arrangements (ISLA)



Life Skills and Transition Center Census Data for the Last 12 Months



PROGRAM NOTES:
*Formerly known as the Developmental Center.

23.0292.03001 Title. Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for the Senate Appropriations - Human Resources Division Committee February 17, 2023

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2190

Page 2, line 8, remove "Each year, the child care assistance program must"

Page 2, remove lines 9 through 11

Page 2, line 26, replace "forty-one" with "thirty-one"

Renumber accordingly

House Human Services Committee SB 2190 Senator Kathy Hogan March 8, 2023

Chairman Weisz and members of the committee, my name is Kathy Hogan and I represent District 21, central Fargo, and a small corner of West Fargo.

This bill addresses the need to support low-income families who are unable to work without childcare assistance and assures that providers are paid appropriately.

This bill originally requested a 10% increase in childcare assistance payments. In consultation with the Department of Human Services, they requested that we modify that request to plan and implement a new payment structure that more closely aligns the rate of childcare payments to actual costs. We are also wanting a review and simplify the application and reporting processes. The bill limits the increase to up to 10% and sets a minimum of a 5% increase. It also reduces the family co-pay on the lowest income families.

Currently many eligible families simply do not know that they are eligible for assistance. There is \$500,000 to expand enrollment education and assistance.

We are totally supportive of other childcare assistance supports that are in the budget but feel we should set the policy direction. This helps both the family, and the childcare providers by stabilizing one piece of the funding puzzle.

The governor has requested \$38 million for the childcare assistance program.

This bill establishes the framework for the policies related to the childcare assistance program.

I am more than willing to answer any questions.



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Testimony in Support of SB 2190 House Human Services Committee

March 8, 2023

Chairman Weisz, Vice Chairman Ruby, and Members of the House Human Services Committee:

On behalf of the North Dakota Nurses Association (NDNA), I am writing this letter to support SB 2190 relating to the childcare assistance program.

NDNA is the only professional organization representing all nurses in North Dakota. Our mission is to advance the nursing profession by promoting professional development of nurses, fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting the safety and well-being of nurses in the workplace, and by advocating on health care issues affecting nurses and the public.

Currently, childcare costs account for 15% to 40% of the average household budget in North Dakota, which often isn't sustainable for young working families, according to the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services (DHSS)...most North Dakota communities are experiencing greater workforce shortages this year than last year, with job openings in August up 4.3% over the same month a year ago and the state's unemployment rate being the sixth lowest in the nation."1

We support proposals that improve access to affordable and quality childcare services. To assist the nursing workforce, our families are counting on feeling secure that their children are taken care of while they are busy taking care of their patients. It's imperative for the State, healthcare providers and payers, businesses, and our community leaders to come together for sustainable solutions for the children of our nursing workforce.

We respectfully ask that you pass SB 2190.

1 https://www.governor.nd.gov/news/burgum-sanford-unveil-child-care-proposal-support-working-families-address-workforce

Sincerely,

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North Dakota Nurses Association

Child Care Assistance Program Sliding Fee Schedule North Dakota Department of Human Services DN 241 (10-2022)

LL - Lower Income Limit UL - Upper Income Limit SMI - State Median Income

North Dakota Child Care Assistance Program Sliding Fee Schedule Effective October 1, 2022

| | Leve | el 1 (10% d | of State Median | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|------|-------------|-----------------|---------|-------------|--------------|---------|------------|--------------|---------|-------------|--------------|---------|-------------|--------------|---------|-------------|--------------|---------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | | Inc | ome) | l | evel 2 (20) | % SMI) | l | evel 3 (30 | % SMI) | | Level 4 (40 |)% SMI) | | Level 5 (50 |)% SMI) | 1 | evel 6 (60. | % SMI) | | Level 7 (859 | 6 SMI) | |
| HH Size | LL | UL | Copay (2.0%) | LL | ÜL | Copay (3.0%) | LL | UL | Copay (4.0%) | LL | UL | Copay (6.0%) | LL | UL | Copay (7.0%) | LL | UL | Copay (7.0%) | LL | UL | Copay (7.0%) | HH Size |
| 1 | \$0 | \$464 | \$10 | \$465 | \$928 | \$28 | \$929 | \$1,392 | \$56 | \$1,393 | \$1,856 | \$112 | \$1,857 | \$2,320 | \$163 | \$2,321 | \$2,784 | \$195 | \$2,785 | \$3,944 | \$277 | 1 |
| 2 | \$0 | \$607 | \$13 | \$608 | \$1,214 | \$37 | \$1,215 | \$1,820 | \$73 | \$1,821 | \$2,427 | \$146 | \$2,428 | \$3,034 | \$213 | \$3,035 | \$3,641 | \$255 | \$3,642 | \$5,158 | \$362 | 2 |
| 3 | \$0 | \$750 | \$15 | \$751 | \$1,499 | \$45 | \$1,500 | \$2,249 | \$90 | \$2,250 | \$2,998 | \$180 | \$2,999 | \$3,748 | \$263 | \$3,749 | \$4,497 | \$315 | \$4,498 | \$6,371 | \$446 | 3 |
| 4 | \$0 | \$892 | \$18 | \$893 | \$1,785 | \$54 | \$1,786 | \$2,677 | \$108 | \$2,678 | \$3,569 | \$215 | \$3,570 | \$4,462 | \$313 | \$4,463 | \$5,354 | \$375 | \$5,355 | \$7,585 | \$531 | 4 |
| 5 | \$0 | \$1,035 | \$21 | \$1,036 | \$2,070 | \$63 | \$2,071 | \$3,105 | \$125 | \$3,106 | \$4,140 | \$249 | \$4,141 | \$5,176 | \$363 | \$5,177 | \$6,211 | \$435 | \$6,212 | \$8,798 | \$616 | 5 |
| 6 | \$0 | \$1,178 | \$24 | \$1,179 | \$2,356 | \$71 | \$2,357 | \$3,533 | \$142 | \$3,534 | \$4,711 | \$283 | \$4,712 | \$5,889 | \$413 | \$5,890 | \$7,067 | \$495 | \$7,068 | \$10,011 | \$701 | 6 |
| 7 | \$0 | \$1,205 | \$25 | \$1,206 | \$2,409 | \$73 | \$2,410 | \$3,614 | \$145 | \$3,615 | \$4,818 | \$290 | \$4,819 | \$6,023 | \$422 | \$6,024 | \$7,228 | \$506 | \$7,229 | \$10,239 | \$717 | 7 |
| 8 | \$0 | \$1,231 | \$25 | \$1,232 | \$2,463 | \$74 | \$2,464 | \$3,694 | \$148 | \$3,695 | \$4,926 | \$296 | \$4,927 | \$6,157 | \$431 | \$6,158 | \$7,388 | \$518 | \$7,389 | \$10,467 | \$733 | 8 |

State Provider Rates

Allowable Monthly Maximums for Full Time Care--Category One (25 or more hours per week)

| Provider Type Provider Codes | Infant | Toddler | Preschool | Other |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | (Birth to 17 months) | (18 months to 2 years) | (3-5 years) | (6 up to 13) |
| CENTER | \$913.33 | \$888.00 | \$811.00 | \$760.00 |
| C, E, K, M | \$228.33 (weekly) | \$222.00 (weekly) | \$202.75 (weekly) | \$190.00 (weekly) |
| LICENSED FAMILY/GROUP | \$700.00 | \$700.00 | \$680.00 | \$660.00 |
| F, G, H | \$175.00 (weekly) | \$175.00 (weekly) | \$170.00 (weekly) | \$165.00 (weekly) |
| SELF-DECLARED/ TRIBAL REGISTERED S, R | \$462.00 \$115.50 (weekly) | \$429.00 \$107.25 (weekly) | \$420.20 \$105.05 (weekly) | \$407.00 \$101.75 (weekly) |
| APPROVED RELATIVE | \$367.50 | \$346.50 | \$338.10 | \$325.50 |
| | \$91.87 (weekly) | \$86.62 (weekly) | \$84.52 (weekly) | \$81.37 (weekly) |

Allowable Monthly Maximums for Part-Time Care--Category Two (Less than 25 hours per week)

| Infant | Toddler | Preschool | Other | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| (Birth to 17 months) | (18 months to 2 years) | (3-5 years) | (6 up to 13) | | |
| \$900.00 | \$824.00 | \$565.75 | \$535.25 | | |
| \$225.00 (weekly) | \$206.00 (weekly) | \$141.43 (weekly) | \$133.81 (weekly) | | |
| \$700.00 | \$700.00 | \$615.00 | \$540.00 | | |
| \$175.00 (weekly) | \$175.00 (weekly) | \$153.75 (weekly) | \$135.00 (weekly | | |
| \$277.20 | \$257.40 | \$252.12 | \$244.20 | | |
| \$69.30 (weekly) | \$64.35 (weekly) | \$63.03 (weekly) | \$61.05 (weekly) | | |
| \$220.50 | \$207.90 | \$202.86 | \$195.30 | | |
| \$55.12 (weekly) | \$51.97 (weekly) | \$50.71 (weekly) | \$48.82 (weekly) | | |

State provider rates will be rounded down when the rate is not a full dollar amount
Allowable Maximum for Registration fees
Provider Type: C, E, K, M, F, G, H - \$150 per calendar year