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Child Care Capacity and Accessibility

CCAO Operating Budget Requests:

- Support the Executive Budget proposal to increase statutory eligibility for publicly funded child care to 160% of the federal poverty level (FPL). The current statutory threshold, and the threshold in the House Passed version, is 145% of the FPL.
- Support the continuation of the Child Care Choice Voucher program, which provides publicly funded child care to families between 146% and 200% of the FPL. For a family of three, this is an annual income of between \$38,909 and \$53,300. For a family of four, this is an annual income of between \$46,939 and \$64,300

Talking Points (Personalize for your county when applicable):

- Child care is a crucial workforce support for our communities, and not having access to affordable care is a barrier to work for many parents.
- A recent survey found that 61% of Ohio mothers with children five and younger who do not currently work full time say they would return to the workforce if they had access to high-quality, affordable child care. 49% of parents say they have cut back their work hours to care for their children.
- Share your experiences in your county, whether it is trouble accessing providers, long wait lists, or positive stories about constituents finding child care and returning to the workforce, or helping a new provider open in your county.
- CCAO supports state investment in increasing capacity throughout the state.

