Fair Start for Kids Act – Implementation Timeline

JULY 2021	• Expands approved activities and removes work requirements for student parents accessing Working Connections Child Care • Increase rates to the 85th percentile for licensed centers and family home providers • ECEAP slot rates increase by 10% • Child Care Subsidy copays are waived July, August, and September
FALL 2021	• Child care stabilization grants • Complex needs funds to support ECEAP
OCTOBER 2021	• Child Care Subsidy income eligibility to 60% state median income (SMI) • Child Care Subsidy copay steps align with conversion to SMI
WINTER 2021	• Complex Needs Fund for child care
JANUARY 2022	• Expand community-based option for ECE initial certificate completion
SPRING 2022	• Early childhood equity grants
JULY 2022	• Dual language rate enhancement • Infant care incentive • Trauma-informed care supports • ECEAP slot rate increase • ECEAP eligibility increases to 35% SMI • Develop community-based training for equivalent to ECE short certificate • Continued expansion of community-based training for equivalent to ECE initial certificate
JULY 2023	• Child Care Subsidy 50%-60% SMI copay step increases to $165
JULY 2025	• Child care subsidy income eligibility to 75% SMI
JULY 2026	• ECEAP eligibility increases to 50% SMI, when accompanied by additional qualifying factors • Early ECEAP expansion
JULY 2030	• ECEAP eligibility increases to 50% SMI, allowing voluntary entitlement

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