



# Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care

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## Board Meeting

*Department Updates*

*March 8, 2022*





## Department Updates – March 2022

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- COVID and Testing Metrics
- C3 Operational Grants Dashboard
- System-Wide Capacity Summary
- Caseload Updates



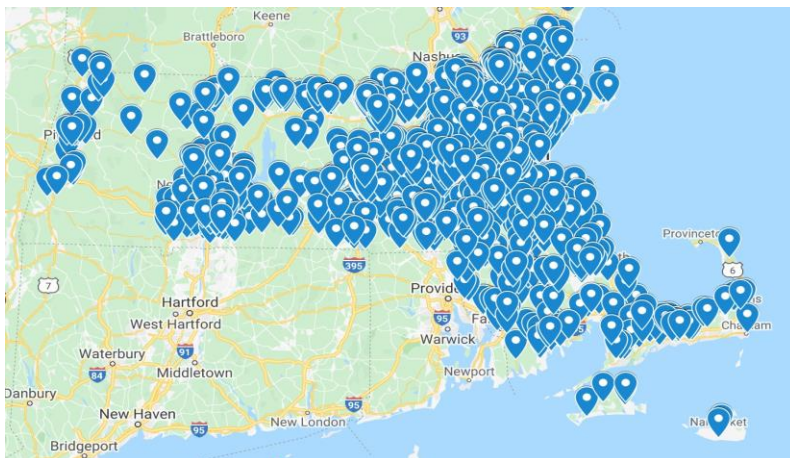
## Update on Testing for Child Care Strategies

To enroll, visit <https://www.maearlyedtesting.com/>

EEC's partnership Neighborhood Villages continues to include:

- Ongoing access to free supplies for weekly PCR surveillance testing
- Ongoing access to free rapid antigen tests to maintain access to care
- Access to an online portal and navigation to support reporting requirements to Department of Public Health
- Training for staff and others responsible for administering rapid antigen tests
- Support in understanding and operationalizing the [COVID-19 Mitigation Protocols and Guidelines for Child Care](#)

**New:** On February 21, 2022 EEC launched the *EEC Healthline*, a resource staffed with health experts to support programs in implementing the Testing for Child Care program and navigating COVID-19 issues and concerns. This resource is available to all EEC-affiliated programs, and providers can access help in English and Spanish by phone or email.



### Uptake/Enrollment:

- Nearly 1,400 programs are enrolled in pooled testing
- Over 3,000 enrolled in rapid testing in the first month of the program
- Enrollment represents 120,000 individuals who are rapid testing
- Over 900,000 tests have been distributed to over 3,000 programs

# C3 Operational Grants - Dashboard as of March 3, 2022

Region and Type	% providers applied for grants (as of 2/3)	% providers applied for grants (as of 3/3)	%capacity enrolled (Sept 2022)	%capacity enrolled (Feb 2022)
1 – Western FCC	~82%	~83%	~86%	~84%
1 – Western GSA	~86%	~87%	~80%	~85%
2 – Central FCC	~82%	~83%	~83%	~84%
2 – Central GSA	~85%	~90%	~87%	~91%
3 – Northeast FCC	~89%	~90%	~81%	~82%
3 – Northeast GSA	~81%	~87%	~85%	~91%
5 – Southeast & Cape FCC	~81%	~82%	~93%	~91%
5 – Southeast & Cape GSA	~87%	~90%	~91%	~95%
6 – Metro Boston FCC	~88%	~89%	~78%	~77%
6 – Metro Boston GSA	~79%	~87%	~80%	~84%



**6,440 programs submitted** applications for funding (~86% of all eligible programs)



Projected **~\$260M by end of March 2022**, sustained at ~\$30 million/month

**~65% of funding** has been distributed to **subsidized** programs



**~20% of applicants** chose Spanish as their primary form of communication



## System-Wide Capacity Summary

Region and Type	# programs open March 2020	# programs open Feb 24, 2022	% of pre-COVID programs	Total Licensed Capacity
1 – Western FCC	873	771	88.3%	6,114
1 – Western GSA	394	378	95.9%	22,226
2 – Central FCC	1157	1,035	89.5%	8,169
2 – Central GSA	522	506	96.9%	34,692
3 – Northeast FCC	1296	1,142	88.1%	9,145
3 – Northeast GSA	675	673	99.7%	49,376
5 – Southeast & Cape FCC	938	855	91.2%	6,811
5 – Southeast & Cape GSA	614	574	93.5%	36,766
6 – Metro Boston FCC	1066	985	92.4%	8,013
6 – Metro Boston GSA	687	659	95.9%	40,094
	8,222	7,578	92.2%	221,406

*Note: This represents the number of programs currently open. This does not represent the full picture of programs that re-opened or closed since March 2020 – as new programs have opened, they have offset closures. This dashboard was last reviewed by the board in October 2021. It is intended to support monitoring for child care infrastructure return.*

# FY22 Caseload Account Spending Update



<b>Number of Billed Children</b>								
	<b>June Actuals</b>	<b>July Actuals</b>	<b>Aug Actuals</b>	<b>Sept Actuals</b>	<b>Oct Actuals</b>	<b>Nov Actuals</b>	<b>Dec Actuals</b>	<b>Jan Actuals</b>
DCF Voucher	4,528	4,686	4,781	4,670	4,479	4,510	4,575	4,556
DCF Contract	6,420	6,567	6,593	6,392	5,972	5,983	5,856	5,798
DTA Voucher	7,407	7,468	7,579	7,561	7,338	7,431	7,481	7,388
IE Voucher	18,086	18,112	18,490	18,314	17,815	18,127	18,267	17,892
IE Contract	11,703	11,887	12,129	12,172	11,374	11,677	11,778	11,854
	<b>48,144</b>	<b>48,720</b>	<b>49,572</b>	<b>49,109</b>	<b>46,978</b>	<b>47,728</b>	<b>47,957</b>	<b>47,488</b>
<b>Actual Costs</b>								
	<b>June Actuals</b>	<b>July Actuals</b>	<b>Aug Actuals</b>	<b>Sept Actuals</b>	<b>Oct Actuals</b>	<b>Nov Actuals</b>	<b>Dec Actuals</b>	<b>Jan Actuals</b>
3000-3060 Base Caseload	\$ 21,269,823	\$ 26,407,295	\$ 22,447,266	\$ 19,806,396	\$ 19,063,831	\$ 20,342,505	\$ 21,320,394	\$ 19,440,554
3000-4060 Base Caseload	\$ 23,263,392	\$ 24,694,143	\$ 24,657,731	\$ 21,453,466	\$ 20,964,699	\$ 22,729,622	\$ 24,243,991	\$ 25,502,145
Parent Fees	\$ 6,443,723	\$ 7,093,045	\$ 7,100,958	\$ 5,422,713	\$ 5,219,008	\$ 5,746,723	\$ 6,106,829	\$ 1,443,241
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 50,976,937</b>	<b>\$ 58,194,483</b>	<b>\$ 54,205,955</b>	<b>\$ 46,682,575</b>	<b>\$ 45,247,538</b>	<b>\$ 48,818,850</b>	<b>\$ 51,671,213</b>	<b>\$ 46,385,940</b>
<b>FY2021 Actuals</b>		\$ 61,064,361	\$ 48,441,891	\$ 48,614,699	\$ 46,927,592	\$ 44,586,273	\$ 48,437,557	\$ 43,847,241
<b>Difference</b>		\$ (2,869,878)	\$ 5,764,064	\$ (1,932,124)	\$ (1,680,054)	\$ 4,232,576	\$ 3,233,656	\$ 2,538,699

# Income Eligible Utilization - Overview



Income Eligible Child Care	Anticipated Placements	Current Placements	Difference	Percent Utilized
Voucher	21,665	18,818	2,847	86.9%
Contract	13,529	11,021	2,508	81.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,194</b>	<b>29,839</b>	<b>5,355</b>	<b>84.8%</b>

*Source:*

- Voucher information based on CCRR weekly report for week ending 2/26/2022.
- Contract information based on contract utilization on 2/28/2022.

# Income Eligible Utilization – Voucher Detail



CCRR	Voucher Allocation	Current Placements	Difference	Percent Utilized	Current Waitlist
Child Care Circuit (Northeast)	6,274	6,011	263	95.81%	4,979
Child Care Network (Cape & The Islands)	1,114	1,046	68	93.90%	342
Child Care Choices of Boston (Boston)	3,374	2,746	628	81.39%	2,849
Community Care for Kids/QCAP (Metro)	1,743	1,362	381	78.14%	1,184
PACE Child Care Works (Southeast)	3,466	3,204	262	92.44%	2,573
Child Care Resources (Central & Western)	5,694	4,449	1,245	78.13%	4,628
<b>Total:</b>	<b>21,665</b>	<b>18,818</b>	<b>2,847</b>	<b>86.86%</b>	<b>16,555</b>

*Source:*

- Voucher information based on CCRR weekly report for the week ending 2/26/2022.
- Waitlist information based on active children as of 2/28/2022



# Income Eligible Utilization – Contract Detail



Region	Program Type Description	Slots Awarded	Slots Used	Flex Slots Used	Total Slots Used	Slots Open*	Percent Utilized	Current Waitlist
1	GSA - Infant to Pre-School	1,081	603.5	55.5	659	422	60.96%	1,488
	GSA - School Age	593	303	17	320	273	53.96%	886
	FCC - All Ages	295	235.5	153	388.5		131.69%	
<b>Region Totals</b>		<b>1,969</b>	<b>1,142.0</b>	<b>225.5</b>	<b>1,367.5</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>69.45%</b>	<b>2,374</b>
2	GSA - Infant to Pre-School	483	413	40	453	30	93.79%	1,103
	GSA - School Age	349	349	54	403		115.47%	616
	FCC - All Ages	562	533	243	776		138.08%	
<b>Region Totals</b>		<b>1,394</b>	<b>1,295</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>1,632</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>117.07%</b>	<b>1,719</b>
3	GSA - Infant to Pre-School	1,122	822	39	861	261	76.74%	3,367
	GSA - School Age	901	796	58	854	47	94.78%	1,583
	FCC - All Ages	748	697.5	330	1,027.5		137.37%	
<b>Region Totals</b>		<b>2,771</b>	<b>2,315.5</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>2,742.5</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>98.97%</b>	<b>4,950</b>
4	GSA - Infant to Pre-School	481	386	31	417	64	86.69%	1,406
	GSA - School Age	529	309	75	384	145	72.59%	722
	FCC - All Ages	423	371	67	438		103.55%	
<b>Region Totals</b>		<b>1,433</b>	<b>1,066</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>1,239</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>86.46%</b>	<b>2,128</b>
5	GSA - Infant to Pre-School	1,175	714	95	809	366	68.85%	1,922
	GSA - School Age	925	582	12	594	331	64.22%	910
	FCC - All Ages	451	363.5	6.5	370	81	82.04%	
<b>Region Totals</b>		<b>2,551</b>	<b>1,659.5</b>	<b>113.5</b>	<b>1,773</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>69.50%</b>	<b>2,832</b>
6	GSA - Infant to Pre-School	1,923	872.5	74.5	947	976	49.25%	1,591
	GSA - School Age	693	377.5	62	439.5	253.5	63.42%	961
	FCC - All Ages	795	755.5	125	880.5		110.75%	
<b>Region Totals</b>		<b>3,411</b>	<b>2,005.5</b>	<b>261.5</b>	<b>2,267</b>	<b>1,230</b>	<b>66.46%</b>	<b>2,552</b>
<i>GSA - Infant to Pre-School Total</i>		<i>6,265</i>	<i>3,811</i>	<i>335</i>	<i>4,146</i>	<i>2,119</i>	<i>66.18%</i>	<i>10,877</i>
<i>GSA - School Age Total</i>		<i>3,990</i>	<i>2,716.5</i>	<i>278</i>	<i>2,994.5</i>	<i>1,049.5</i>	<i>75.05%</i>	<i>5,678</i>
<i>FCC - All Ages Total</i>		<i>3,274</i>	<i>2,956</i>	<i>924.5</i>	<i>3,880.5</i>	<i>81</i>	<i>118.52%</i>	
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>13,529</b>	<b>9,483.5</b>	<b>1,537.5</b>	<b>11,021</b>	<b>3,249.5</b>	<b>81.46%</b>	<b>16,555</b>
* Negative values have been removed from the "Open Slot" column since they are caused by EEC's current policy of unlimited flex and do not take away from the total number of slots still available.								

Source:

- Contract information based on contract utilization on 2/28/2022; Waitlist information based on active children as of 2/28/2022.

# Income Eligible Utilization – Waitlist Detail



Region	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	School Age	Total
Region 1 - Western	385	599	504	886	<b>2,374</b>
Region 2 - Central	319	436	348	616	<b>1,719</b>
Region 3 - Northeast	1,036	1,162	1,169	1,583	<b>4,950</b>
Region 4 - Metro	366	568	472	722	<b>2,128</b>
Region 5 - Southeast	494	708	720	910	<b>2,832</b>
Region 6 - Boston	546	668	377	961	<b>2,552</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3,146</b>	<b>4,141</b>	<b>3,590</b>	<b>5,678</b>	<b>16,555</b>

Source:

- Waitlist information based on active children as of 2/28/2022