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## Maryland Child Care Subsidy Program

The following is an abstract of Maryland's Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) expenditure on the Child Care Subsidy Program (formerly Purchase of Care or POC). The data is for December 2007.

### Caseload

- 24,859 children were served this month in this program.
- 14,526 families received subsidies for childcare through this program.
- 1.8% of the families entered the program during this period.
- Baltimore City accounted for 28.8% of all families served.

### Children

- 79.8% of children were served in licensed care.
- 0.2% of children were cared for by relatives.
- Children under 1 year of age were in child care an average of 129 hours per month.
- School-age children (ages 6 and older) constitute 35.7% of all children served.
- Black or African American children accounted for 77.9% of all children served.

### Families

- 80.3% of families received subsidies because of employment.
- 86.1% of families had co-payments, at an average of 11.5% of income.
- The average number of children served per family was 1.7.
- 94.9% of families were headed by a single parent.
- 14.3% of families listed TANF as a source of income.

### Expenditure

- The average cost of care this month per child was \$436 (monthly subsidy + parent fee).
- Parents paid 20.0% of the cost and the program paid 80.0%.
- Average monthly expenditures for children under 1 year of age were \$585.
- Average monthly expenditures for school-age children (ages 6 and older) were \$316.
- 73.9% of total expenditures were for children under 6 years of age.

### Counties

- The highest average cost of care was in Howard County at \$487 per child.
- Talbot County had the greatest proportion of children served in license care, at 88.2%.
- Kent County ranks first in relative care statewide with 4.1% of all children cared for by relatives.
- Queen Anne's County had the highest percentage of families receiving assistance because of employment, with 99.0%.
- The county with the greatest percent of TANF recipients in the caseload was Baltimore City, where 30.1% of families receiving child care subsidies also received income from TANF.