Provider Experiences of the Child Care Subsidy System: Research-to-Policy Resources

The federal child care subsidy system supports low-income working families with child care financial assistance through the Child Care and Development Fund, which is administered by the Office of Child Care (OCC), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The most recently available data from OCC show the federal child care subsidy system in the United States served 1.4 million children in 847,400 families in fiscal year 2015 (U.S. Office of Child Care, n. d.). An extensive body of research has studied numerous aspects of their experiences in the subsidy system, including continuity and duration of subsidies, the quality of subsidized child care, and the association of subsidy use to child and family outcomes (Forry, Daneri, & Howarth, 2013). The Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE), ACF, HHS, has been one of the most prominent funders of research into the child care subsidy system.

However, a component of the system that has been comparatively less-studied is the experiences of the participating providers, who numbered 339,000 in fiscal year 2015 (U.S. Office of Child Care, n. d.), particularly their decisions to participate in and their experiences of the child care subsidy system. OPRE has sponsored two research projects on provider experiences: Essential but Often Ignored: Child Care Providers and the Subsidy System and Insights into the Black Box of Child Care Supply: Predictors of Provider Participation in the Child Care Subsidy System.
This Research-to-Policy Resource List compiles publications in the *Research Connections* collection on providers’ experiences of the child care subsidy system, including the products of OPRE-funded research. Only research that collected data directly from providers about their experiences is included. Following an overview document and research conducted in multiple states, the remaining resources are grouped by individual state.

**Overview**

**Multistate**


**Georgia**

**Massachusetts**


**Oklahoma**

**New York**

**Oregon**


References


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