

Context

This deck contains draft portions of the Delaware Early Childhood Council Strategic Plan 2020-2025.

It was prepared for review by Council members in May 2020.



Please provide your input in the survey.

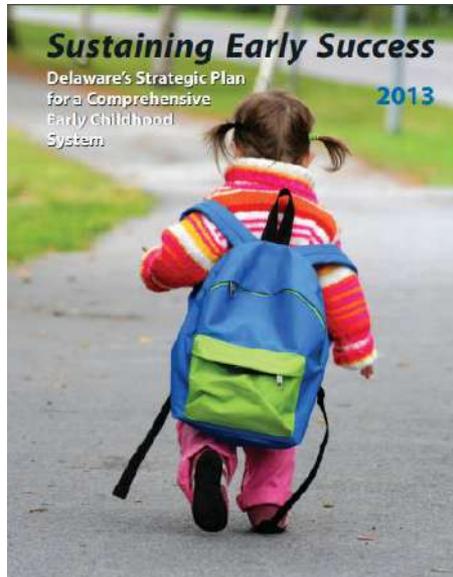
Forthcoming Sections

- Methodology *(previously reviewed by DECC)*
- Design Principles *(previously reviewed by DECC)*
- Landscape Analysis, Data and Needs Assessment, including summaries of cost of quality and fiscal map *(previously reviewed and on today's agenda)*
- Recommendations/Approaches including additions from K-3 discussions *(based on new framework and 2019-2020 stakeholder engagement)*
- Measures of Success

Early Childhood Council Strategic Plan Timeline



Delaware Early Childhood Council



DRAFT TITLE

**Strengthening
Early Success:
Stronger
Together**

2008-2013
Early Success Plan

2013-2018
*Sustaining Early
Success Plan*

2019 State receives
federal PDG grant
for needs
assessment and
planning

2020-2025 Plan

Progress since 2013-2018 Plan *Sustaining Early Success*



Goal 1: Healthy Children and Families

- ✓ Developmental screening available online for all families with children 0-5
- ✓ Common statewide home visiting referral form to support families accessing services

Goal 2: High Quality Programs and Providers

- ✓ Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership gives statewide access to quality care for children 0-3
- ✓ Early Childhood Teacher Academy career technical education pathway launched in high school with opportunity for credit articulation and certification
- ✓ \$tand by Me financial coaching provided to early childhood workforce and families
- ✓ Expansion of WAGE\$ and TEACH scholarships to serve CDA, AA and BA candidates

Goal 3: Aligned B-3rd Grade System

- ✓ Statewide Kindergarten Registration and Readiness Campaign launched reaching thousands of families with children preparing to enter Kindergarten
- ✓ State inclusion guide released with practices and guidelines for all providers
- ✓ Mychildde.com family awareness portal and provider resource hub launched

Goal 4:

- ✓ Office of Child Care Licensing moving to Department of Education to consolidate governance of early childhood across agencies and divisions
- ✓ Increased state investments in quality care through increased Purchase of Care child care subsidy rates and increased tiered reimbursement to support quality

Vision for Delaware's early childhood system

2020-2025
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Delaware commits to **all children and families** having access to an **integrated early childhood system**, from birth through third grade, which provides **high-quality programs & services** and an environment that supports their growth, development, and learning, and prepares them for **success in school and life**

To achieve this vision, we must commit to integrating our disparate 0-8 **health and education systems.**

FRAMEWORK

For Recommendations to Achieve Our Vision for 2025 and Beyond

2020-2025
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All 0-8 children and families need to:

Connect to Responsive Services

- *Meet Health, Developmental and Educational Needs*
- *Expand Services Using Two-Generation Approaches*
- *Simplify Access to Holistic Services*

Access High Quality Programs

- *Support Increased Child Care Quality and Capacity*
- *Increase Financial and Geographic Access to Quality*
- *Support Families in Finding the Right Program Fit*

Partner with Trusted Professionals

*Support and Develop Early Childhood Workforce
Increase Compensation and Build Systems of Support*

Navigate a Simple System

*Align Governance and Data Systems
Increase Financial Investments in Professionals, Programs, and Services
Create Common Terminology for Clear Communications*

Initiatives Underway

What momentum is underway that we can build on?

2020-2025

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NAVIGATE A SIMPLIFIED SYSTEM

- Child Care Licensing and quality dollars moving to DOE
- Centralized DEEDs and DEFIRST certification system
- Stars standards revision and alignment with other standard

PARTNER WITH TRUSTED PROFESSIONALS

- Proposed state funding to redesign support for workforce (*FY21 Governor's Recommended budget*)

CONNECT TO RESPONSIVE SERVICES

- Common K registration system online statewide development underway
- Developmentally appropriate Kindergarten Academy tools for communities to use with support from Readiness teams
- Expanding Healthy Steps integrated pediatric visit pilot
- Assessing opportunities to expand home visiting

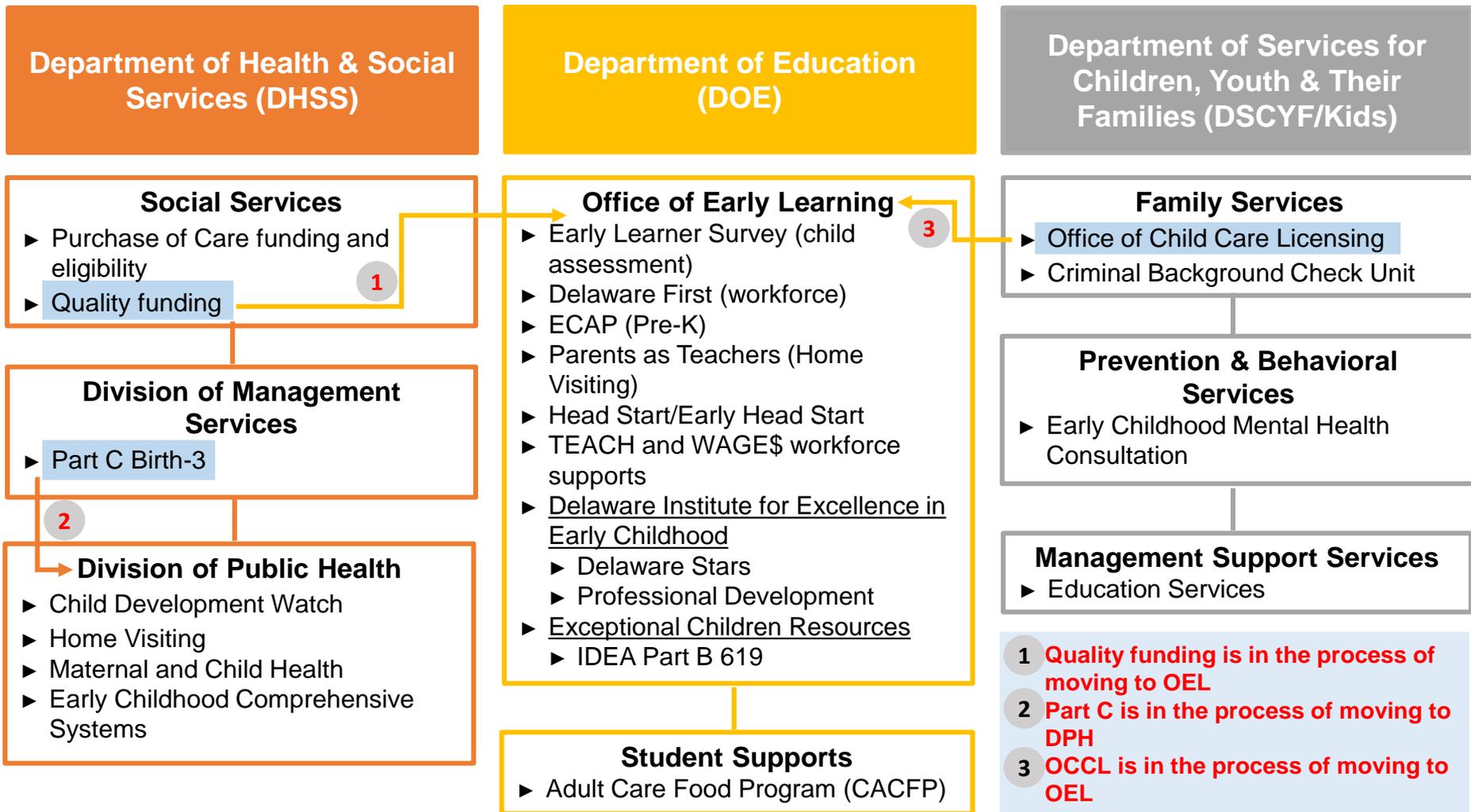
ACCESS HIGH QUALITY PROGRAMS

- Proposed expansion of ECAP (state PreK) (*FY21 Governor's Recommended budget*)
- Cost of Quality study to understand the cost of care
- Inclusion specialist pilot underway to support special education children's needs
- Stars redesign underway

Delaware Early Learning Governance

Early Childhood is governed by 3 state agencies and 11 divisions, with 15 data systems

Consolidation underway shown in blue



Note: Governance as of May 2020. Other related programs that don't apply only to early learning include DHSS programs like SNAP, TANF, Children and Families First, Medicaid, Delaware Healthy Children Program, and other public health programs; Title 1 pre-k funding administered by DOE; and additional programs administered by Kids such as Strengthening Families, Promoting Safe and Stable Families, Families and Centers Empowered Together, and family Based Mental Health Services

Delaware Early Childhood Council Partners

Campaign for Grade Level Reading (CGLR)	Fund for Women, Delaware Community Foundation
Child Development Watch (CDW)	GIFT
Child Find	Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC)
Children and Families First (CFF)	Help Me Grow 211
Delaware Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics	Home Visiting Advisory Board (HVAB)
Delaware Afterschool Network	KIDSCOUNT
Delaware Association of School Administrators (DASA)	Montessori Teachers Association of Delaware
Delaware Association for the Education of Young Children (DEAEYC)	Nemours
Delaware Business Roundtable Education Committee	Nursery Kindergarten Association of Delaware
Delaware Department of Education (DDOE or DOE)	Office of Child Care Licensing (OCCL)
Delaware Division of Libraries	Office of Early Learning (OEL)
Delaware Head Start Association (DHSA)	Office of the Governor
Delaware Chief School Officers Association (DCSOA)	PNC Bank
Delaware Institute for Arts Education (DiAE)	Prevent Child Abuse Delaware (PCAD)
Delaware General Assembly	Privately Owned Child Care Business Owners
Delaware Readiness Teams	Project LAUNCH
Delaware State Board of Education (DSBE)	Rodel
Delaware State Education Association (DSEA)	\$tand By Me
Delaware State Head Start Collaboration Office	State of Delaware P-20 Council
Delaware Technical Community College (DTCC)	Sussex County Early Childhood Council (SCECC)
Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families (DSCYF)	United Way of Delaware (UW)
Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS)	University of Delaware (UD)/Delaware Stars for Early Success (DE Stars) and Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood (DIEEC)
Early Childhood Comprehensive System/COIIN	Vision Coalition
Family Services Cabinet Council (FSCC)	Wilmington Early Care and Childhood Council (WECEC)
First Lady Tracey Quillen Carney – First Chance Initiative	Workforce Development Board
Fresh Start Foundation	

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