



N.C. Department of Health  
and Human Services

# Child Development and Early Education Update

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on Health and Human Services

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- Our Mission and Priorities
- Our Customers
- Our Programs
- Our Partners



- NC Pre-K
- Planning for Assessing Outcomes
- Regulatory update
- DCDEE relocation
- Increased Access to Higher Quality Care



## NC Pre-K Update

- SFY 13-14 base allocation to serve 24,436 children
- \$12.4M Expansion in SFY 13-14 increased the total to 26,617 children



## NC Pre-K Update

S.L. 2013-363: All NC Pre-K public school sites must be licensed by July 1, 2014

- Continued partnership with schools to achieve licensure
- SFY 13-14: 141 sites remained to be licensed at the beginning of the year.



## NC Pre-K Update

### Classroom Payment Pilot Study

- 7 Pre-K contractors: Davidson, Down East, Duplin, Orange, Pitt, Union, Wilkes
- Paid on a per classroom basis rather than per child in attendance
- Attendance still tracked per pilot classroom
- Legislative report recently submitted
- Comparing cost per child and attendance



## NC Pre-K Update

Legislatively mandated standardized site selection

- NC Pre-K Advisory Committee and subgroups assisted in developing standardized process
- Piloted in SFY 12-13
- Required in SFY 14-15



## Assessing Program Outcomes

- NC Pre-K Evaluation
- Unique child identifier (ECIDS project)
- Longitudinal Data Board Statute Effort
- DHHS participation on Education Cabinet<sub>8</sub>





## NC Pre-K Update

- Collaboration with Smart Start, Subsidized Child Care Program
- Leveraging Federal Funds
- Other Estimated Resources



## Child Care Regulatory Services

- Improved Criminal Records Check Process
- Rules review process (Regulatory Reform Act)
- Efficiencies through automation



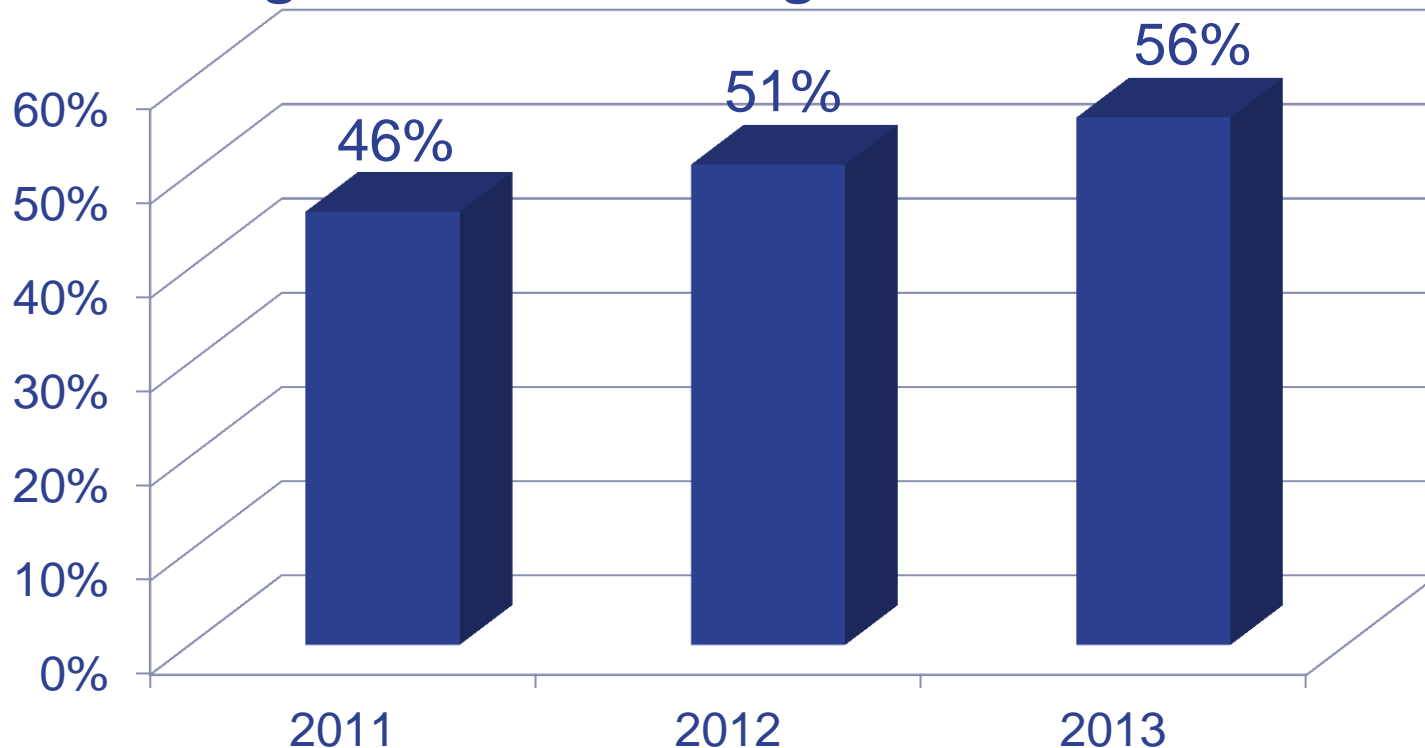
## DCDEE Operations

- Phased relocation to the McBryde Building on Dorothea Dix Campus
- Target date for completing move is mid-March
- Shared space with DSS and DHHS Controller's Office
- Reviewing opportunities for shared efficiencies



# Increasing Access to High Quality Care

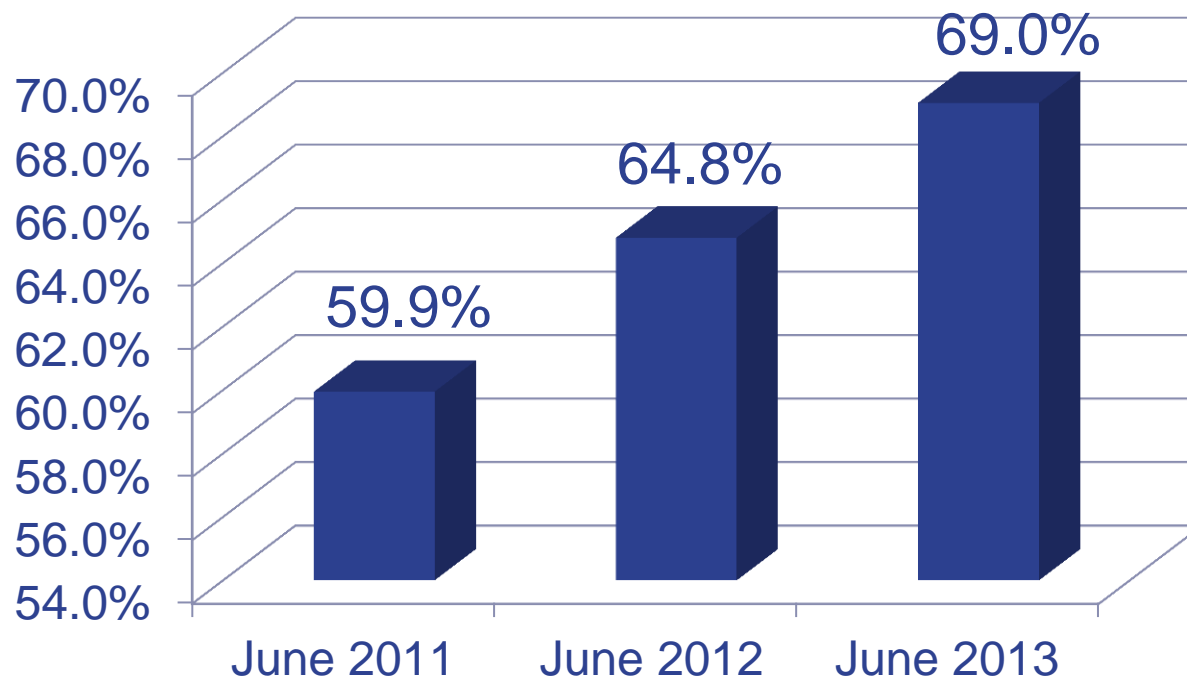
Percentage of Child Care Programs with 4-5 Star Ratings





# Increasing Access to High Quality Care

Percentage of Children Receiving Subsidized Child Care  
Enrolled in Programs with 4-5 Star Ratings





# Increasing Access to High Quality Care

Percentage of Children Enrolled in Programs  
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