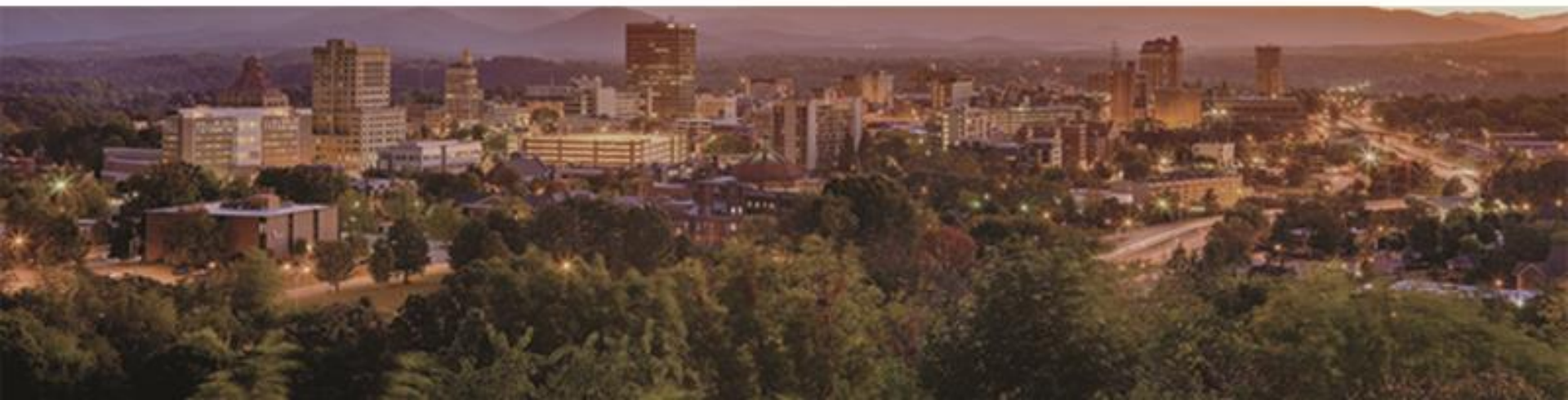




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Reauthorization of the Child Care and Development Fund Block Grant

- The CCDBG (Child Care and Development Block Grant) Act of 2014 reauthorized and amended the CCDBG Act of 1990; signed by President Obama on November 19, 2014
- Compliance with requirements in the new law will be established through submission and approval of the FY 2016-18 Child Care and Development Fund State Plans – due March 2016
- Subsequent proposed changes to Federal regulations are currently open for public comment:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2015/12/24/2015-31883/child-care-and-development-fund-ccdf-program>



Non Subsidized Child Care Program Changes

- Increased collaborative efforts to increase capacity of quality care
- Implement strategies to increase supply and quality of care for underserved/vulnerable populations
- Transparent consumer education and outreach
- Increased health/safety requirements for child care programs
- Increased spending on activities to improve the quality of child care
- Comprehensive statewide plan for professional development
- Planning for how to address gaps in access to developmental screenings



Subsidized Child Care Program Changes

- A minimum 12-month eligibility period for all families receiving child care subsidy
- Continued assistance as families' income increases as long as income remains below the federal eligibility limit (graduated phase-out period)
- Continued assistance to allow for job search activities
- Redetermination processes that do not unduly disrupt parents' employment
- Alternative cost model allowed to determine equal access (instead of market rate survey)



Questions

