

8 Lead Agency Coordination and Partnerships to Support Service Delivery

Coordination and partnerships help ensure that the Lead Agency's efforts accomplish CCDF goals effectively, leverage other resources, and avoid duplication of effort. Such coordination and partnerships can help families better access child care, can assist in providing consumer education to parents, and can be used to improve child care quality and the stability of child care providers. Such coordination can also be particularly helpful in the aftermath of disasters when the provision of emergency child care services and the rebuilding and restoring of child care infrastructure are an essential part of ensuring the well-being of children and families in recovering communities.

This section identifies who the Lead Agency collaborates with to implement services, how match and maintenance-of-effort (MOE) funds are used, coordination with child care resource and referral (CCR&R) systems, and efforts for disaster preparedness and response plans to support continuity of operations in response to emergencies.

8.1 Coordination with Partners to Expand Accessibility and Continuity of Care

Lead Agencies must coordinate child care services supported by CCDF with other federal, State/Territory, and local level programs. This includes programs for the benefit of Indian children, infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, children experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care.

8.1.1 Coordination with required and optional partners

Describe how the Lead Agency coordinates and the results of this coordination of the provision of child care services with the organizations and agencies to expand accessibility and continuity of care and to assist children enrolled in early childhood programs in receiving full-day services that meet the needs of working families.

The Lead Agency must coordinate with the following agencies:

- a. State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care or similar coordinating body (pursuant to 642B(b)(1)(A)(i) of the Head Start Act). Describe the coordination and results of the coordination: *The Early Childhood Council (ECC) meets at least twice annually and works to enhance and grow early childhood services in North Dakota. The ECC's priorities include: reviewing the availability and provision of early childhood education, care, and services in this state; identifying opportunities for public and private sector collaboration in the provision of early childhood education, care, and services in this state; identifying ways to assist with the recruitment and retention of individuals interested in working as providers of early childhood education, care, and services, including training and continuing education or professional development opportunities; seeking the advice and guidance of individuals who are uniquely familiar with the nature, scope, and associated challenges of providing early childhood education, care, and services in geographically and socioeconomically diverse settings, and develop recommendations pertaining to the short-term and longer-term improvement and expansion of early childhood education, care, and services in the state; and providing a biennial report regarding its findings and recommendations to the governor and the legislative assembly. The ECC meetings provide opportunities for public input and interagency collaboration with representation from other state departments, as well as other private and public sector agencies involved either directly or peripherally with early childhood services. The ECC meetings are published in advance and are open to the public.*
- b. Indian Tribe(s) and/or Tribal organization(s), at the option of the Tribe or Tribal organization. Describe the coordination and results of the coordination, including which Tribe(s) was (were) involved: *The Lead Agency has both traveled to and held virtual meetings with the following Tribes: Turtle Mountain, Spirit Lake, Three Affiliated Tribes, and Trenton Indian Service Area. Coordination discussion included, but was not limited to: professional development opportunities, consumer education, eligibility, background checks, and licensing standards. The Lead Agency invited the Tribal CCDF Coordinators to review North Dakota's preservice training for cultural relevance and sensitivity and shared information about other professional development opportunities that are available to Tribal providers, including the State's new mandated reporter of child abuse and neglect training. The Lead Agency also provided technical assistance, if requested. Consumer education discussions included the State's updated consumer education webpage, the new electronic newsletter, and future goal of expanding the online search tool to include tribal providers.*

Not applicable. Check here if there are no Indian Tribes and/or Tribal organizations in the State/Territory.

- c. State/Territory agency(ies) responsible for programs for children with disabilities, including early intervention programs authorized under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Describe the coordination and results of the coordination: *Multiple representatives from the Lead Agency serve on the Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC). The ICC provides leadership for a coordinated statewide interagency system of comprehensive early intervention services and prevention awareness for children with disabilities and at-risk children birth through five. The Lead Agency also leads an inclusion support program in collaboration with a contracted vendor and Part B-619. The Lead Agency consistently consults with Part C and Part B-619 regarding a variety of topics, all with the intention of enhancing coordination and collaboration including trainings and to provide cross-department opportunities for professionals to gather, network and learn together.*
- d. State/Territory office/director for Head Start State collaboration. Describe the coordination and results of the coordination: *The Head Start/Early Head Start Collaboration Office (HSCO) is housed within in the Lead Agency. Coordination goals include development of child care/Early Head Start partnerships, shared professional development opportunities, and the development of alternative paths through the quality rating and improvement system for non-licensed Head Start Programs. A partnership continues with the Early Head Start-Mayville State Child Development Programs and a Child Care provider in Fargo. The HSCO works to ensure goals, processes and results of the Early Head Start-child care partnership continues. A collaboration between the Lead Agency's Best in Class award recipients with Head Start Four-Year Old classrooms continue to benefit children and families. The HSCO partners with the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to provide guidance and monitoring for the birth-five component of the Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant to school district grantees. The HSCO also assists DPI in reviewing Title I preschool enrollment and required documentation needed from school districts that are in a monitoring year.*
- e. State/Territory agency responsible for public health, including the agency responsible for immunizations. Describe the coordination and results of the coordination: *The Public Health Division and Early Childhood section (both housed within the Lead Agency) coordinate regularly regarding a variety of topics, including inspections, licensing and providing safe and healthy environments for children. The Public Health Division and Early Childhood section consulted and agreed on the grace period allowed to obtain immunization records for families experiencing homelessness. Recent coordination has involved moving kitchen/food preparation inspections for specific child care providers from the Public Health Division to Early Childhood Licensing Specialists. The Public Health Division also provides subject matter experts to review safe sleep and other health and safety trainings. As the Public Health Division updates the Child Care and School Infectious Disease Exclusion Guide, the Early Childhood section disseminates the updated guide to child care providers to ensure all providers have access to the most up to date information.*

- f. State/Territory agency responsible for employment services/workforce development. Describe the coordination and results of the coordination: *The Resources for Assistance portion of the Job Service North Dakota website has links to both the Lead Agency and First Link 211, which is a database of community resources. Information about the Lead Agency's contracted child care resource and referral vendor, including services and contact information, can be accessed through First Link 211.*
- g. State/Territory agency responsible for public education, including pre-Kindergarten. Describe the coordination and results of the coordination: *The Lead Agency and North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (DPI) meet monthly to share updates and identify opportunities for collaboration and coordination. The Lead Agency is responsible for all year before kindergarten programs and services. DPI uses the Lead Agency's four-year old program approval as an indicator for pre-k grade configuration for schools. The Lead Agency and DPI participate jointly on the Kindergarten Sturdy Bridge Multi-State Learning Community. Additionally, the Lead Agency and DPI coordinate shared use of some data systems.*
- h. State/Territory agency responsible for child care licensing. Describe the coordination and results of the coordination: *The Early Childhood Licensing unit is housed within the Lead Agency. Coordination between subsidy and child care licensing includes data sharing and regular meetings to ensure CCDF compliance.*
- i. State/Territory agency responsible for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and other relevant nutrition programs. Describe the coordination and results of the coordination: *CACFP is part of the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction and participates in monthly update meetings with the Lead Agency to collaborate as needs/questions arise. This coordination has been helpful in terms of determining true enrollment of children in child care.*
- j. McKinney-Vento State coordinators for homeless education and other agencies providing services for children experiencing homelessness and, to the extent practicable, local McKinney-Vento liaisons. Describe the coordination and results of the coordination: *Each school district is required by federal law to have a designated homeless liaison. The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (DPI) McKinney-Vento State Coordinator oversees professional development for district homeless liaisons. Training occurs annually every fall (in-person) during a day-long event. The Lead Agency and DPI collaborate to provide in-person professional development. Training also happens virtually through McKinney-Vento.org. The virtual option is free to each liaison and is self-paced. District liaisons assist early childhood students, when applicable. DPI works closely with liaisons to monitor various data points. For 2020-2022 early childhood data was collected for districts receiving the McKinney-Vento Subgrant. Starting with 2022-23 data, early childhood data was collected for all districts reporting students experiencing homelessness. The McKinney-Vento State Coordinator also works with the Office of Specially Designed Services to discuss data related to Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) students, including early childhood students. The Lead Agency and North Dakota Department of Public Instruction will continue to collaborate so our children experiencing homelessness and their families are provided the best support.*

- k. State/Territory agency responsible for the TANF program. Describe the coordination and results of the coordination: *Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) is housed within the Lead Agency. To coordinate as effectively as possible for families, the Lead Agency maintains a joint program application with TANF and Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), in addition to other needs-based programs. The TANF and CCAP administrators both serve in division meetings, with the goal to align policies and procedures to the extent practicable to make the application and eligibility determination process for families simpler across programs. The Lead Agency coordinates with the TANF administrators by reviewing and providing feedback on proposed policies and procedures, participating in policy and procedure building and alignment meetings and participating in joint system development meetings.*
- l. State/Territory agency responsible for Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program. Describe the coordination and results of the coordination: *Medicaid and the State's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) are part of the same division as the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), both housed within the Lead Agency. To coordinate as effectively as possible for families, the Lead Agency maintains a joint program application that contains Medicaid, CHIP and CCAP, in addition to other needs-based programs. The Medicaid and CHIP administrators both serve in division meetings along with the CCAP Administrator, with the goal to align policies and procedures to the extent practicable to make the application and eligibility determination process for families simpler across programs. The Lead Agency coordinates with the Medicaid and CHIP administrators by reviewing and providing feedback on proposed policies and procedures, participating in policy and procedure building and alignment meetings and participating in joint system development meetings.*
- m. State/Territory agency responsible for mental health services. Describe the coordination and results of the coordination: *The Behavioral Health Division and Early Childhood section are both housed within the Lead Agency and work collaboratively to coordinate professional development opportunities for child care providers, enhancing behavioral health services in child care settings, and to curate and share resources for parents through the state's Parents Lead program. Additional collaboration includes multiple initiatives lead by both the Lead Agency and North Dakota Department of Public Instruction to ensure coordination of services, consistent policy development, and process implementation.*

- n. Child care resource and referral agencies, child care consumer education organizations, and providers of early childhood education training and professional development. Describe the coordination and results of the coordination: *The Lead Agency's contracted child care resource and referral vendor assists families in their search for and understanding of quality child care, builds the knowledge and skills of early childhood practitioners through professional learning services and coaching, supports communities in developing innovative strategies to expand the capacity of care to meet families' needs, and advocates for public and private investment in child care. A biennium work plan reflects CCDF requirements, shared goals and strategies for implementing them. The contracted vendor is a sponsor of workforce training in the state. In addition, there are currently 122 organizations that are approved to provide early childhood training in North Dakota such as Head Start, higher education, state agencies, food programs, school age providers, and several state and national organizations including Department of Public Instruction, Public Health, the McCormick Center, Pyramid Consortium, and the National Center on Early Childhood Development Teaching and Learning (NCECDTL). The Workforce Registry has developed approval standards for organizations that sponsor training for the early childhood workforce, trainers that deliver professional level training, and training course structure and content. The standards are intended to focus training on the specific needs of the early childhood workforce. Data on training sponsors, trainers, and training is tracked and reported quarterly, and is available to the Lead Agency on the Workforce Registry website.*
- o. Statewide afterschool network or other coordinating entity for out-of-school time care (if applicable). Describe the coordination and results of the coordination: *The Lead Agency and the leaders of North Dakota's Afterschool Network continue to explore ways to collaborate and coordinate services, as well as ensure qualified personnel to provide care. The Workforce Registry approves and tracks training sponsored by the Afterschool Network and maintains records of training completion for school-aged providers who work in programs licensed by the Lead Agency.*
- p. Agency responsible for emergency management and response. Describe the coordination and results of the coordination: *The North Dakota Health and Human Services Risk Manager is the Lead Agency's liaison with the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services. The Risk Manager actively works with the Lead Agency to develop and enhance emergency preparedness plans to ensure adequate emergency coordination and communication. In the event of an emergency, the Risk Manager would also coordinate emergency resources at the request of the Lead Agency.*
- q. The following are examples of optional partners a Lead Agency might coordinate with to provide services. Check which optional partners the Lead Agency coordinates with and describe the coordination and results of the coordination.

- i. State/Territory/local agencies with Early Head Start – Child Care Partnership grants. Describe: *The Early Childhood Family and School Engagement Administrator (ECFSE) and Head Start Collaboration Officer (HSSCO) meet regularly to discuss early childhood initiative in North Dakota and provide leadership to the North Dakota Professional Development Plan and the Early Childhood Data Committee. The ECFSE Administrator relays the information to the Early Childhood Section Director. The HSSCO is consulted during the development of the CCDF State Plan and when any revisions are necessary. The Lead Agency supports Mayville State University in working with child care centers across the state as part of the Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership grants. The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) assists Early Head Start eligible families by paying providers who are participating in the partnership program at the full-time state max rate, regardless of attendance of the child. Currently, the Lead Agency has agreed to assist up to 50 children, ages birth through three years of age.*
- ii. State/Territory institutions for higher education, including community colleges. Describe: *The Lead Agency’s Professional Development Administrator is invited to participate in the State’s Early Childhood Consortium meetings. Higher education shares work and resources available at the collegiate level including information on articulation between state university systems, Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential alignment and articulation, and National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Power to the Profession alignment.*
- iii. Other federal, State, local, and/or private agencies providing early childhood and school-age/youth-serving developmental services. Describe: *Click or tap here to enter text.*
- iv. State/Territory agency responsible for implementing the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) programs grant. Describe: *Click or tap here to enter text.*
- v. Agency responsible for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Program. Describe: *Click or tap here to enter text.*
- vi. State/Territory agency responsible for child welfare. Describe: *The Lead Agency’s Licensing Unit conducts joint assessments with Child Protection Services when child abuse and neglect is reported within a child care program.*
- vii. Child care provider groups or associations. Describe: *Click or tap here to enter text.*
- viii. Parent groups or organizations. Describe: *Click or tap here to enter text.*
- ix. Title IV B 21st Century Community Learning Center Coordinators. Describe: *Click or tap here to enter text.*
- x. Other. Describe: *Click or tap here to enter text.*

8.2 Optional Use of Combined Funds, CCDF Matching, and Maintenance-of-Effort Funds

Lead Agencies may combine CCDF funds with other Federal, State, and local child care and early childhood development programs, including those in 8.1.1. These programs include preschool programs, Tribal child care programs, and other early childhood programs, including those serving infants and toddlers with disabilities, children experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care.

Combining funds may include blending multiple funding streams, pooling funds, or layering funds from multiple funding streams to expand and/or enhance services for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school-age children and families to allow for the delivery of comprehensive quality care that meets the needs of children and families. For example, Lead Agencies may use multiple funding sources to offer grants or contracts to programs to deliver services; a Lead Agency may allow a county/local government to use coordinated funding streams; or policies may be in place that allow local programs to layer CCDF funds with additional funding sources to pay for full-day, full-year child care that meets Early Head Start/Head Start Program Performance Standards or State/Territory pre-Kindergarten requirements in addition to State/Territory child care licensing requirements.

As a reminder, CCDF funds may be used in collaborative efforts with Head Start and Early Head Start programs to provide comprehensive child care and development services for children who are eligible for both programs.

8.2.1 Combining funding for CCDF services

Does the Lead Agency combine funding for CCDF services with Title XX of the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG), Title IV B 21st Century Community Learning Center Funds, State-only child care funds, TANF direct funds for child care not transferred into CCDF, Title IV-B, IV-E funds, or other federal or State programs?

No. (If no, skip to question 8.2.2)

Yes.

i. If yes, describe which funds you will combine. Combined funds may include, but are not limited to:

Title XX (Social Services Block Grant, SSBG)

Title IV B 21st Century Community Learning Center Funds (Every Student Succeeds Act)

State- or Territory-only child care funds

TANF direct funds for child care not transferred into CCDF

Title IV-B funds (Social Security Act)

Title IV-E funds (Social Security Act)

Other. Describe: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

- ii. If yes, what does the Lead Agency use combined funds to support, such as extending the day or year of services available (i.e., full-day, full-year programming for working families), smoothing transitions for children, enhancing and aligning quality of services, linking comprehensive services to children in child care, or developing the supply of child care for vulnerable populations? [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

8.2.2 Funds used to meet CCDF matching and MOE requirements

Lead Agencies may use public funds and donated funds to meet CCDF match and maintenance of effort (matching MOE) requirements.

Note: Lead Agencies that use State pre-Kindergarten funds to meet matching requirements must check State pre-Kindergarten funds and public and/or private funds.

Use of private funds for match or maintenance-of-effort: Donated funds do not need to be under the administrative control of the Lead Agency to qualify as an expenditure for federal match. However, Lead Agencies must identify and designate in the State/Territory CCDF Plan the donated funds given to public or private entities to implement the CCDF child care program.

Not applicable. The Lead Agency is a Territory (skip to 8.3.1).

a. Does the Lead Agency use public funds to meet match requirements?

Yes. If yes, describe which funds are used: *State general funds are used for the maintenance of effort.*

No.

b. Does the Lead Agency use donated funds to meet match requirements?

Yes. If yes, identify the entity(ies) designated to receive donated funds:

i. Donated directly to the state.

ii. Donated to a separate entity(ies) designated to receive donated funds. If checked, identify the name, address, contact, and type of entities designated to receive private donated funds: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

No.

c. Does the Lead Agency certify that, if State expenditures for pre-Kindergarten programs are used to meet the MOE requirements, the following is true:

- The Lead Agency did not reduce its level of effort in full-day/full-year child care services.
- The Lead Agency ensures that pre-Kindergarten programs meet the needs of working parents.
- The estimated percentage of the MOE requirement that will be met with pre-Kindergarten expenditures (does not to exceed 20 percent).
- If the percentage is more than 10 percent of the MOE requirement, the State will coordinate its pre-Kindergarten and child care services to expand the availability of child care.

Public pre-Kindergarten funds may also serve as MOE funds as long as the State can describe how it will coordinate pre-Kindergarten and child care services to expand the availability of child care while using public pre-Kindergarten funds as no more than 20 percent of the State's MOE or 30 percent of its matching funds in a single fiscal year.

If expenditures for pre-Kindergarten services are used to meet the MOE requirement, does the Lead Agency certify that the State or Territory has not reduced its level of effort in full-day/full-year child care services?

Yes.

No. If no, describe: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

8.3 Coordination with Child Care Resource and Referral Systems

Lead Agencies may use CCDF funds to establish or support a system or network of local or regional child care resource and referral (CCR&R) organizations that is coordinated, to the extent determined by the Lead Agency, by a statewide public or private non-profit, community-based or regionally based, lead child care resource and referral organization (such as a statewide CCR&R network).

If Lead Agencies use CCDF funds for local CCR&R organizations, the local or regional CCR&R organizations supported by those funds must, at the direction of the Lead Agency:

- Provide parents in the State with consumer education information concerning the full range of child care options (including faith-based and community-based child care providers), analyzed by provider, including child care provided during non-traditional hours and through emergency child care centers, in their area.
- To the extent practicable, work directly with families who receive assistance to offer the families support and assistance to make an informed decision about which child care providers they will use to ensure that the families are enrolling their children in the most appropriate child care setting that suits their needs and one that is of high quality (as determined by the Lead Agency).
- Collect data and provide information on the coordination of services and supports, including services under Part B, Section 619 and Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
- Collect data and provide information on the supply of and demand for child care services in areas of the State and submit the information to the Lead Agency.
- Work to establish partnerships with public agencies and private entities, including faith-based and community-based child care providers, to increase the supply and quality of child care services in the State and, as appropriate, coordinate their activities with the activities of the Lead Agency and local agencies that administer funds made available through CCDF.

8.3.1 Funding a system or network of CCR&R organization(s)

Does the Lead Agency fund a system or network of local or regional CCR&R organization(s)?

No. The Lead Agency does not fund a system or network of local or regional CCR&R organization(s) and has no plans to establish one.

No, but the Lead Agency has plans to develop a system or network of local or regional CCR&R organization(s).

Yes. The Lead Agency funds a system or network of local or regional CCR&R organization(s) with all the responsibilities outlined above. If yes, describe the activities outlined above carried out by the CCR&R organization(s), as directed by the Lead Agency: *The Lead Agency's contracted child care resource and referral vendor coordinates statewide services including consumer resources and services to families searching for child care, child care providers, and communities. Services to parents, guardians and families include an overall assessment of the family's needs and includes the provision of a customized list of child care referrals based on those unique needs. Consumer education on what to look for and how to select a quality child care environment is provided at the time of the referral. Additionally, information on other state and community resources for which the family may be eligible may also be provided based on the initial assessment of family needs. Services to providers include a system for collecting and updating provider vacancies for parents and consumer education resources to assist families in meeting their needs, consultation and resources to existing and potential child care providers on health and safety, child care business practices, child development, emergency preparedness, and maintaining licensing compliance as well as technical assistance, coaching, and resources to eligible child care providers, to ensure optimal awareness and engagement in the workforce registry and the state's quality rating and improvement system. Community services include providing resources and education about child care issues to community and business leaders to support early care and education initiatives throughout the state. The contracted vendor works to develop partnerships with public agencies and private entities, including faith-based and community-based child care providers, to increase the supply and quality of child care services in North Dakota. The contracted vendor partners with an outside organization contracted to complete the annual Market Rate Survey. The contracted vendor coordinates their activities with the activities of the Lead Agency to implement CCDF activities.*

8.4 Public-Private Partnerships

Lead Agencies must demonstrate how they encourage partnerships among other public agencies, Tribal organizations, private entities, faith-based organizations, businesses, or organizations that promote business involvement, and/or community-based organizations to leverage existing service delivery (i.e., cooperative agreement among providers to pool resources to pay for shared fixed costs and operation) to leverage existing child care and early education service delivery systems and to increase the supply and quality of child care services for children younger than age 13.

8.4.1 Lead Agency public-private partnerships

Identify and describe any public-private partnerships encouraged by the Lead Agency to leverage public and private resources to further the goals of CCDF: *The Lead Agency and the child care resource and referral contracted vendor work with others to: raise awareness of child care as infrastructure for healthy vibrant communities; support communities to develop innovative strategies to sustain and increase child care capacity, and; make available strong resources to support child care providers in business operations and their daily work with*

children and families. The child care resource and referral contracted vendor maintains an Economic Development North Dakota Membership and a Vision West (19 oil producing counties) Membership and partners with members to support strategies to increase child care capacity; attending meetings, co-chairing a Child Care Committee, and acting as a resource to community leaders and reaching back out to help potential and existing providers access possible funding streams at the state, local, or county level. Additionally, the child care resource and referral contracted vendor relates to and partners with Local chambers, city fire Inspectors, zoning officials, and local school districts, Small Business Administration, and Job Development Authorities. As a result, the child care resource and referral contracted vendor was invited to attend Mainstreet Round Table events sponsored by the Governor's Office and North Dakota Chamber of Commerce. Child Care Aware of North Dakota and Vision West North Dakota, with funding support from the Bush Foundation, created and updated a Child Care in Your Community Guide to assist individuals and organizations as they consider child care options in their communities. Topics include strategies to build capacity, child care models, financing options and more.

8.5 Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan

Lead Agencies must establish a Statewide Child Care Disaster Plan and demonstrate how they will address the needs of children—including the need for safe child care before, during, and after a state of emergency declared by the Governor or a major disaster or emergency (as defined by Section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5122)—through a Statewide Disaster Plan.

8.5.1 Statewide Disaster Plan updates

- a. When was the Lead Agency's Child Care Disaster Plan most recently updated and for what reason? *The Lead Agency's Child Care Disaster Plan was last updated in November 2023 due to the Lead Agency's name change.*
- b. Please certify compliance by checking the required elements the Lead Agency includes in the current State Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan.
 - i. The plan was developed in collaboration with the following required entities:
 - State human services agency.
 - State emergency management agency.
 - State licensing agency.
 - State health department or public health department.
 - Local and State child care resource and referral agencies.
 - State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care or similar coordinating body.
 - ii. The plan includes guidelines for the continuation of child care subsidies.
 - iii. The plan includes guidelines for the continuation of child care services.
 - iv. The plan includes procedures for the coordination of post-disaster recovery of child care services.

- v. The plan contains requirements for all CCDF providers (both licensed and license-exempt) to have in place:
 - Procedures for evacuation.
 - Procedures for relocation.
 - Procedures for shelter-in-place.
 - Procedures for communication and reunification with families.
 - Procedures for continuity of operations.
 - Procedures for accommodations of infants and toddlers.
 - Procedures for accommodations of children with disabilities.
 - Procedures for accommodations of children with chronic medical conditions.
- vi. The plan contains procedures for staff and volunteer emergency preparedness training.
- vii. The plan contains procedures for staff and volunteer practice drills.
- viii. If any of the above are not checked, describe: *Click or tap here to enter text.*
- ix. If available, provide the direct URL/website link to the website where the Statewide Child Care Disaster Plan is posted:
<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/cfs/early-childhood-services/programs/emergency-preparedness-plan>