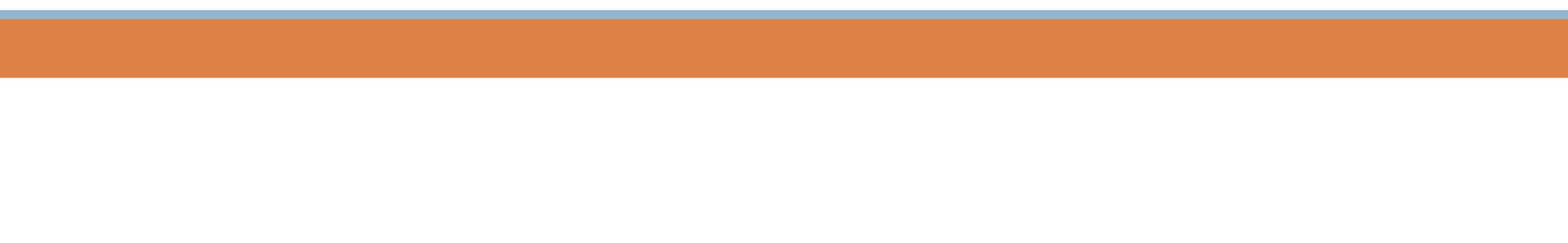


# R.I. Children's Cabinet

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JUNE 27, 2016

10:00AM-11:30AM – DOA CONFERENCE ROOM A



# Call To Order

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- Welcome Child Advocate Griffith and Acting Director Boss
- 3/28 & 4/25 Meeting Minutes

# Meeting Agenda

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- Call to Order
- Medicaid Home Stabilization Services
- FY17 Budget Update
- Early Learning Council Presentation
- Public Comment



## **EOHHS Reinventing Medicaid Initiative: Home Stabilization Services**

June 27, 2016

# Reinventing Medicaid & CMS Informational Bulletin

Reinventing Medicaid sparked the development of a new, innovative service called Home Stabilization.

In June, 2015 Center for Medicare Medicaid Services (CMS) issued guidance clarifying the circumstances under which Medicaid will reimburse for housing-related services. In response to this guidance Rhode Island set out to design a range of flexible services aimed at supporting Medicaid beneficiaries and expanding community-based living opportunities. This initiative is based on the evidence of many studies indicating that housing-related services promote community integration and are cost-effective.



# Home Stabilization Service

EOHHS submitted a waiver amendment to include Home Stabilization Services. *To date: Pending CMS approval*

Home Stabilization includes a set of tenancy support services as well as a set of home find services.

EOHHS is rolling service package out in two phases:

1. Tenancy Support Services and;
2. Home Find Services (currently in development):

Example of potential services could include:

- Assisting with housing search process,
- Assisting with rent subsidy application/certification and housing application process



# Eligibility Requirements

- **Medicaid beneficiaries** ( providers will be responsible for verifying MA enrollment monthly)
  - **History of Homelessness** ( Definition of Homelessness or at risk of homelessness is defined by for Children by the McKinney-Vento Assistance Act and the HEARTH act of 2009 for adults); **or**
  - **At Risk of homelessness or current tenancy is in Jeopardy** (examples: non-payment of rent, repeated episodes of conflict in the housing community **substantiated by a housing or health care provider**); **or**
  - **Transitioning from Institutionalization of >90 days** ( Must be in a home at time services are rendered); **and**
  - **Not receiving Home-based case management services through another federally-funded program that is administered by the state; and**
  - **Received prior authorization for Home Stabilization Services approved by EOHHS for 6 months** ( Based on re-evaluation of need, authorization for additional 6 months may be requested)



# HOME STABILIZATION TENANCY SUPPORT SERVICES

1. Provide early identification and intervention for behaviors that may jeopardize housing, such as, late rental payment and other lease violations
2. Education and Training on the role, rights, and responsibilities of the landlord and tenant.
3. Coaching and developing and maintain key relationships with landlords/property managers with a goal of fostering successful tenancy
4. Advocacy and linkage with community resources to prevent eviction where housing is, or maybe jeopardized.
5. Assistance with the housing certification process.
6. Coordinating with the tenant to review, update, and modify their housing support and crisis plan on a regular basis to reflect current needs and address existing or recurring housing retention barriers.



## Additional Critical Elements

- Statewide Service: if individual moves services must follow unless the participant declines services,
- Integrated, collaborative relationships with other case managers or care coordinators involved in the participants care,
- Goal Plan driven by individual,
- Time-Limited: 6 month prior authorization, yet flexible to meet individuals need.



## How do individuals access the service

- EOHHS website will include a list of Medicaid Approved Certified Home Stabilization providers for individuals to choose from,
- Referral must be made to one of the listed providers,
- Provider will screen for eligibility,
- Provider will submit to Hewitt Packard Enterprise (HPE)/EOHHS a Home Stabilization Referral Form and Prior Authorization form,
- Individuals must be enrolled on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month in order for the provider to receive Medicaid payment



# Helpful Links.....

## Helpful Links for Medicaid Provider Application:

<http://eohhs.ri.gov/providerspartners/providerenrollment.aspx>

<https://www.riproviderportal.org>

For questions about Medicaid Provider Enrollment, contact:

Karen Murphy, HPE Provider Representative at (401) 784-8004 [karen.murphy3@hpe.com](mailto:karen.murphy3@hpe.com)

## EOHHS Website:

<http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/initiatives/reinventingmedicaid/homestabilizationservices.aspx>

For question about Home Stabilization Services and/or the certification process, contact:

Linnea Tuttle, Chief/Health Systems Development at (401)-462-6278 [Linnea.Tuttle@ohhs.ri.gov](mailto:Linnea.Tuttle@ohhs.ri.gov)



# FY17 Budget Update

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# FY17 Budget Update:

Governor Raimondo's Proposed FY17 Budget recommended leveraging state and federal funds to improve outcomes for Rhode Island's children, youth and families.

## Key federal investments include:

\$1.1M to expand family home visiting.

\$4.1M to support youth/young adult workforce development.

\$3.5M to address adolescent substance abuse.

(Full list included in FY17 Proposed Budget slides on CC website – [www.kids.ri.gov](http://www.kids.ri.gov).)

	Early Childhood (0-8)	Middle Childhood (9-14)	Young Adulthood (16-24)
Physically Healthy and Safe	Young children develop appropriately by receiving high-quality early healthcare services.	Adolescents and young adults develop appropriately by receiving regular, coordinated healthcare, reducing abuse of substances, and accessing reproductive health services.	
	Children live in safe and healthy living environments.		
Behaviorally Able and Emotionally Hopeful	Children with (or at risk of) mental and behavioral health issues get appropriate treatment and make successful transitions.		
Academically Empowered and Career Ready	Children are ready for elementary school and have access to high-quality early learning and developmental programs.		Adolescents and young adults access, attend, and complete college.
	Adolescents and young adults prepare for and thrive in appropriate, in-demand jobs.		
	Children regularly attend, actively participate, and progress appropriately in school.		
Socially, Civically and Culturally Engaged		Children and adolescents avoid justice system involvement.	
	Children and youth engage positively with each other and their communities, and access sports, after-school and community-based programming.		
Supported by Stable Families and Communities	Children and families are supported by stable wages and housing.		
	Families with children maintain stability and meet basic needs during periods of household unemployment or under-employment.		

## FY17 Budget Update:

The following state investments, included in the enacted FY17 Budget, support progress toward desired outcomes for children, youth and families.

(This is a preliminary list. The Children's Cabinet will review these and other FY17 budget items as it engages in resource mapping this summer and fall.)

### Key FY17 State Budget Investments in Children, Youth and Families

**\$50M** Affordable Housing Bond

**2.5%** increase in Earned Income Tax Credit

**~\$1M** to implement a rate increase for generic and kinship foster care subsidies

**\$5.2M** to expand mixed delivery Pre-K program

**\$2.6M** for state-wide access to full-day Kindergarten

**\$8.3M** additional (\$14.7M in state funds) to increase child care assistance in line with caseload

**\$500K** to kick-start school empowerment program

**\$500K** to fund free PSAT/SAT

**\$1.3M** for Prepare RI (dual enrollment program)

**\$10M** for RI Promise (scholarship program)

**\$200K** for DCYF Higher Education Assistance Grants

Fully-Funded Education Funding Formula

Insurance Coverage Parity for Early Intervention Services

Increased funding for recovery high schools\*

Increased education aid to support students in foster care and residential care\*

\*General Assembly additions.

# FY2017 Budget Update: Early Childhood

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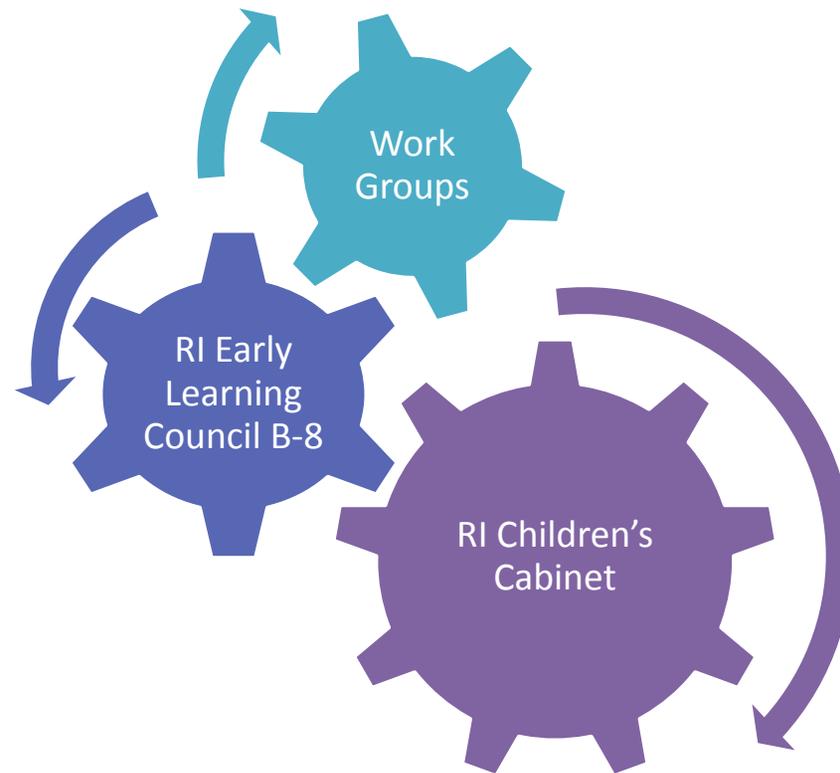
Project	RTT-ELC Contract Ends	Reduced Capacity Begins	CCDF Contract Begins
BrightStars*	12/31/2016	11/1/2016	1/1/2017
Center for Early Learning Professionals*	12/31/2016	10/1/2016	1/1/2017
T.E.A.C.H. / Scholarships	12/31/2016	1/1/2017	1/1/2017
RI Early Childhood Education & Training Program (@ CCRI)*	9/30/2016	9/1/2016	9/1/2016
Child Care Facilities Fund*	12/31/2016	12/31/2016	1/1/2017

*\*Operates using both RTT-ELC and CCDF funding*

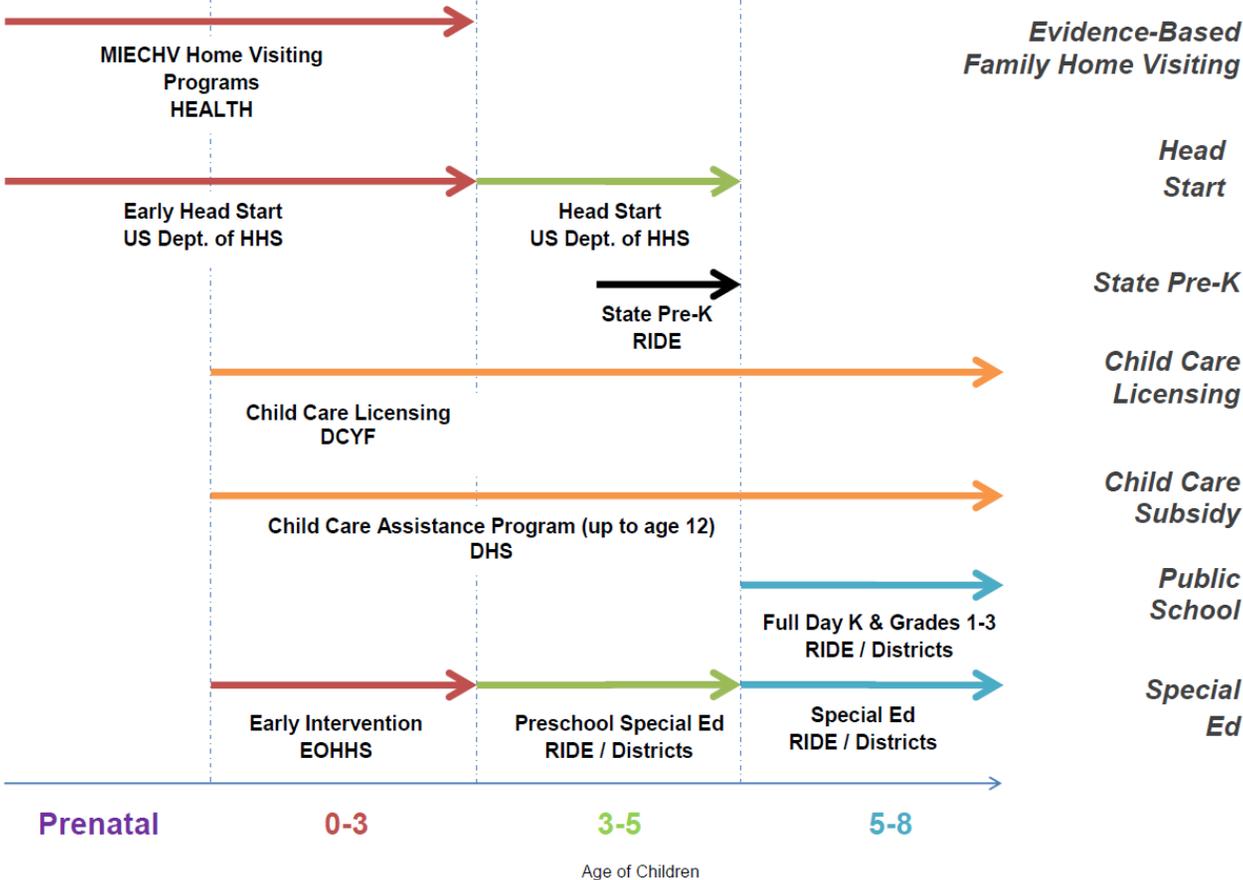
# Early Learning Council Presentation

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# RI Early Learning Council (birth to 8) & RI Children's Cabinet



# Early Education & Care (birth to 8)



# RI Early Learning Council Priority Recommendations 2016-2020

***Overall Goal: Improve early learning and development outcomes for children birth through age 8 so that all children can read on grade level by the end of third grade.\****

\*Priority focus populations are Young Children with High Needs:

- children from low-income families (under 200% FPL)
- infants and toddlers
- children who have developmental delays or disabilities
- children who have behavioral or mental health challenges
- children who have been victims of child abuse or neglect (including children in foster care)
- children in non-English speaking families
- children who have experienced homelessness
- children in refugee families

# Expand Access to High-Quality Early Learning Programs

Recommendation	Agency	Status
Continue to expand <b>State Pre-K and Head Start</b> to serve more low-income children	RIDE/DHS	In progress
Implement a <b>permanent cliff effect prevention policy</b> for the Child Care Assistance Program	DHS	In progress
Implement universal access to <b>full-day kindergarten</b>	RIDE	Complete (almost)
Increase and maintain enrollment in <b>evidence-based home visiting</b> programs	DOH	In progress
Improve DCYF referrals and follow-up for Early Intervention services for <b>maltreated children</b> < age 3	DCYF/EOHHS/DOH	In progress
Increase enrollment of <b>maltreated children</b> in high-quality early learning programs	DCYF with other agencies	In progress

# Improve Program Quality

Recommendation	Agency	Status
Develop and use consistent measurement protocols for <b>monitoring licensing compliance</b> and post licensing inspection reports on web	DCYF	In progress
Implement <b>tiered reimbursement</b> for the Child Care Assistance Program to expand access to high-quality child care programs	DHS	Developing
Continue to increase BrightStars participation and <b>provide quality improvement supports</b> to early learning programs and schools	DHS/RIDE	In progress

# Develop and Sustain an Effective Early Care and Education Workforce

Recommendation	Agency	Status
Promote participation in the <b>workforce registry</b>	DHS/DCYF	In progress
Support early learning workforce <b>access to GEDs, higher education coursework, and college degrees</b>	DHS/OPC	In progress
Provide high-quality <b>professional development</b> for early educators and program leaders working with children from birth through age 8	DHS/RIDE	In progress
Explore and develop <b>wage enhancement strategies</b> to incentivize advancement on career pathways and to improve recruitment and retention of effective early educators	DHS/DLT	Developing

# Measure Early Learning & Development Outcomes B to 8

Recommendation	Agency	Status
Improve <b>developmental screening rates</b> to ensure all children with developmental delays and disabilities are identified and receive special education services from birth through K entry	DOH/EOHHS/RIDE	In progress
Implement the <b>Kindergarten Entry Profile</b> statewide to understand individual children's skills and knowledge	RIDE	Developing
Track progress toward improved outcomes in <b>third grade literacy and numeracy</b>	RIDE	In progress

# PUBLIC COMMENT

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