

Working
Connections
Child Care
(WCCC)

SFY

2017

Helps low-income families pay for child care while parents are working or participating in DSHS-approved work, training, or education activities.

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The Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) Program Overview

Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) is a subsidy program that helps eligible low-income families pay for child care. At application, parents must be working or participating in DSHS-approved work, training or education activities. The state's Department of Early Learning (DEL) establishes policies for child care subsidy programs and DSHS determines family eligibility and pays providers for authorized services.

Highlights

In SFY 2017, the program served a monthly average of 30,683 families, a 3.1% increase from SFY 2016 (29,769). TANF families averaged 4,081 or 13.3% of the WCCC caseload per month in SFY 2017, a decrease of 27.5% from the monthly average of 5,629 in SFY 2016.

The monthly number of children served by the program was 52,725 in SFY 2017, a 3.4% increase from 50,973 in SFY 2016. Of these, a monthly average of 6,739 (12.8%) were TANF children.

Beginning in SFY 2017, eligibility for WCCC continues for a full twelve months, regardless of change in employment or other approved activity and of most changes in household income.

TECHNICAL NOTES

DATA SOURCES: Data for this chapter was provided by the OFM Forecasting Division based on the DSHS Social Service Payment System (SSPS) files supplied by the Department of Early Learning (DEL).

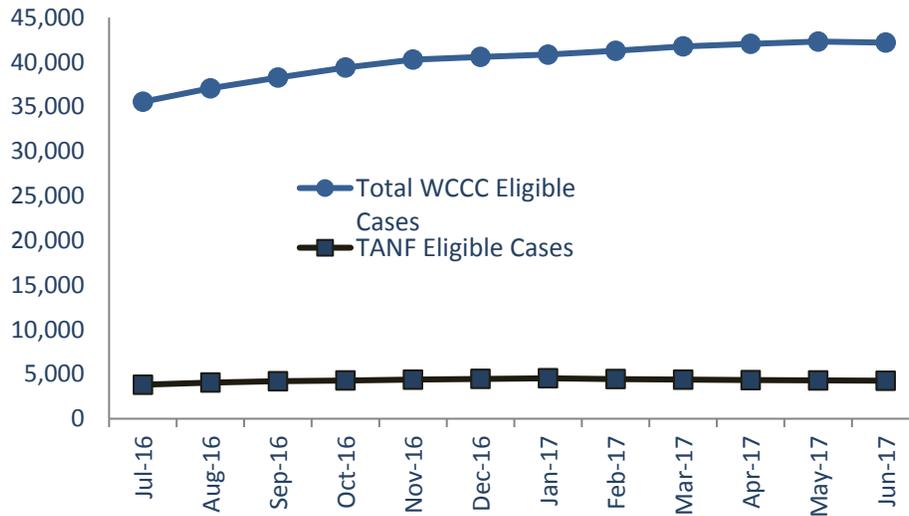
DATA NOTES:

The majority of the data presented in this chapter is based on the September 2017 WCCC household file supplied by the OFM Forecasting Division. TANF cases are identified by matching the DEL WCCC household payment data with ACES client data. The TANF caseload includes TANF child-only households. Data for more recent months may change as more child care payments are made following the publication of the Briefing Book.

Selected WCCC Program Overview, SFY 2016 and SFY 2017

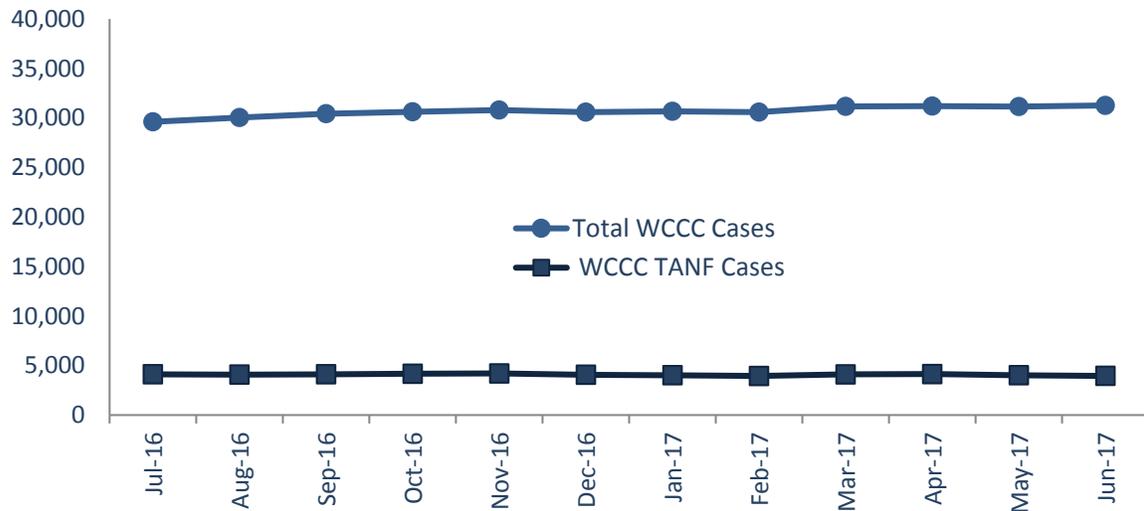
	SFY 2016 (July 2015-June 2016)	SFY 2017 (July 2016-June 2017)	Change
Average Number of Eligible Cases Per Month (Range)	32,969 (31,549 - 34,481)	40,132 (35,556 - 42,309)	21.7% (Increase) ↑
Average Number of Cases Per Month (Range)	29,769 (28,983 - 30,737)	30,683 (29,615 - 31,270)	3.1% (Increase) ↑
Average Number of WCCC TANF Cases Per Month (Range)	5,629 (5,201 - 6,125)	4,081 (3,951 - 4,207)	-27.5% (Decrease) ↓
Average Number of Children Per Month (Range)	50,973 (49,649 - 53,540)	52,725 (51,968 - 54,363)	3.4% (Increase) ↑
State's Population Under 13	1,177,885	1,197,572	7.1% (Increase) ↑
Recipients as a Percent of State's Population Under 13	4.3%	4.4%	0.1% Point (Increase) ↑
Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range)	\$796.8 (\$745.6 - \$929.3)	\$844.4 (\$757.0 - \$996.4)	6.0% (Increase) ↑

Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) Eligible Cases by Month, SFY 2017



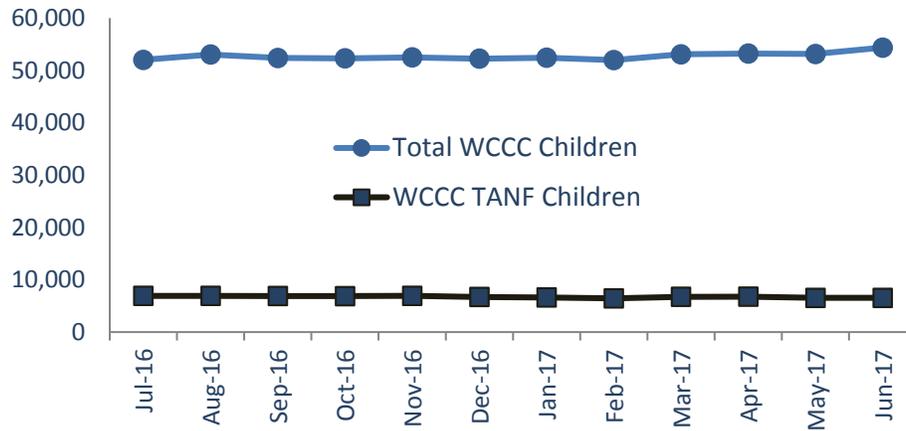
SFY 2017	Total WCCC Eligible Cases	WCCC TANF Eligible Cases
July	35,556	3,817
August	37,065	4,059
September	38,266	4,208
October	39,388	4,285
November	40,288	4,383
December	40,586	4,471
January	40,844	4,537
February	41,276	4,446
March	41,761	4,384
April	42,050	4,334
May	42,309	4,295
June	42,193	4,262
Mo. Avg.	40,132	4,290

Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) Caseload by Month, SFY 2017



SFY 2017	Total WCCC Cases	WCCC TANF Cases	% of WCCC Households using TANF
July	29,615	4,121	13.9%
August	30,052	4,082	13.6%
September	30,434	4,119	13.5%
October	30,628	4,171	13.6%
November	30,799	4,207	13.7%
December	30,594	4,071	13.3%
January	30,681	4,019	13.1%
February	30,591	3,951	12.9%
March	31,164	4,106	13.2%
April	31,209	4,145	13.3%
May	31,163	4,022	12.9%
June	31,270	3,957	12.7%
Mo. Avg.	30,683	4,081	13.3%

Children Receiving Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) by Month, SFY 2017



SFY 2017	Total WCCC Children	WCCC TANF Children	% of WCCC Children using TANF
July	52,013	6,920	13.3%
August	53,044	6,912	13.0%
September	52,387	6,884	13.1%
October	52,306	6,868	13.1%
November	52,496	6,926	13.2%
December	52,240	6,708	12.8%
January	52,422	6,613	12.6%
February	51,968	6,445	12.4%
March	53,085	6,742	12.7%
April	53,222	6,767	12.7%
May	53,148	6,541	12.3%
June	54,363	6,540	12.0%
Mo. Avg.	52,725	6,739	12.8%

Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) Payments by Month, SFY 2017

SFY 2017	Total WCCC Payments	WCCC TANF Payments	% of WCCC TANF Payments
July	\$27,605,943	\$3,794,795	13.7%
August	\$29,943,374	\$4,044,580	13.5%
September	\$24,759,543	\$3,430,170	13.9%
October	\$24,679,399	\$3,471,399	14.1%
November	\$25,444,879	\$3,634,668	14.3%
December	\$25,493,341	\$3,472,664	13.6%
January	\$25,327,903	\$3,432,072	13.6%
February	\$23,157,678	\$3,102,525	13.4%
March	\$26,718,327	\$3,622,952	13.6%
April	\$24,371,977	\$3,347,946	13.7%
May	\$26,847,569	\$3,570,696	13.3%
June	\$26,540,024	\$3,430,548	12.9%
Mo. Avg.	\$25,907,496	\$3,529,585	13.6%