



March 2024 CCDF Town Hall Event with OSSE

On Saturday, March 16, over 75 Under 3 DC members joined the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) in a virtual Town Hall on the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) state plan. The CCDF state plan governs a number of child care issues, including the child care subsidy program, family engagement policies, quality ratings, language access, licensing and health and safety requirements, professional development, and more.

Thank you to all of the parents, program directors, early educators, and support staff who took time out of their busy weekends to provide feedback and offer solutions directly to OSSE staff. The energy, engagement, and thoughtfulness of those who shared their stories, challenges and ideas for change was powerful.

We also want to express our gratitude to OSSE, for listening and sharing in what community members had to say. OSSE's partnership and willingness to hear directly from individuals on the ground as they update the state plan is a step towards making CCDF work better for families and for child care providers.

OSSE must submit its FY25-FY27 state plan to the federal government on July 1, 2024. Between now and then, the Under 3 DC coalition will compile the feedback we received from the Town Hall and work closely with OSSE to ensure that the concerns, suggestions, and insights that participants expressed are taken into consideration and hopefully incorporated into the updated state plan.

Key Resources:

- Town Hall event flyer: [English](#) + [Spanish](#)
- Town Hall conversation guide: [English](#) + [Spanish](#)
- Town Hall [slide deck](#)
- Under 3 DC's proposed solutions to address issues governed under the CCDF state plan: [English](#) + [Spanish](#)
- Summary and analysis of the new federal CCDF rule: [English](#) + [Spanish](#)