

FCCTF – Work Group Recommendations- DUTY #6

Work group duty charge:

Review Parent Aware program participation and identify obstacles and suggested improvements.

A. Recommendations for **LEGISLATIVE ACTION:**

1. **Request funding for a Validation study of Parent Aware in advance of revisions to the current Parent Aware Standards and Indicators.**

B. Recommendations for **DHS:**

1. **Create a way for an FCC provider group to be directly connected to Parent Aware on an ongoing basis (i.e. on the Parent Aware Advisory Committee) and more opportunity for input from FCC providers into changes to standards, pathways, and supports for family child care.**
2. **Streamline the amount of paperwork that is required as part of the Indicator measures in the Quality Documentation Portfolio (QDP)**
3. Improve Coaching process effectiveness (more info about support options and consistent messaging regarding acceptable evidence).
4. Review and revise Parent Aware materials to include common language that speaks to FCC providers - including creation of a separate Quality Documentation Portfolio (QDP) focused on Family Child Care.
5. Improve Develop process/structure for online Quality Documentation Portfolio (QDP) submission.
6. Incorporate recommendations (as appropriate) into the next CCDF plan for FY 2022-2025.
7. Communicate the voluntary nature of Parent Aware to parents with more clarity (i.e. not rated does not equal bad quality) through the Parent Aware/Child Care Information efforts.

C. Recommendations for **COUNTIES:**

1. Educate County officials (not just licensors) as to their responsibility and role in child care as an economic development. This would include promoting Parent Aware and utilization of Early Learning Scholarships.

D. Recommendations for **PROVIDERS:**

Note- providers should be encouraged to participate in # 1 and #3 above

E. **OTHER** recommendations:

Note-#7, the promotion of the voluntary nature of Parent Aware, can also be shared across multiple stakeholders.