

In accordance with the "Delegation of Authority to Make Annual Adjustments to the Child Care Subsidy Program," dated August 18, 2008, the following Child Care Subsidy Program Annual Status Report is provided.

The Child Care Subsidy Program is administered through a contract with FEEA Childcare Services, Inc., and is currently operating under option year four (April 14, 2016 – January 31, 2018)*. The cost of the Child Care Subsidy Program during FY '15 was \$53,492 (\$48,525 - subsidies plus \$4,967 for administrative fees). There was \$15,396 of unliquidated FY '15 funds available at the start of FY '16. The program has committed \$50,000 of FY '16 funds as of April 30, 2016.

There have been no changes to the Child Care Subsidy Program since the last reporting period. The maximum total family income (TMI) allowed remains \$70,000 and each qualified employee may receive up to \$5,000. During FY15 the program assisted as many as 20 employees and 24 children. The number of families assisted in FY15 fluctuated between 10 and 20. A predictable pattern has emerged where there is higher participation from April through October, then a decline from November through March. We believe this is attributable to employees reaching the maximum agency contribution level of \$5,000 around the November timeframe. As of April 30, 2016, 12 families (15 children) are receiving subsidies under NRC's subsidy program.

OCHCO will continue to monitor usage of the program and the possible need for further adjustments. OCHCO does not plan any changes or a significant redesign to the program for FY 2016.

*Option year four was exercised early because the budget limit for option year three (\$57,376) was reached earlier in the budget year than anticipated.