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MEMORANDUM

To: Child Care Program Owners and Directors
From: Office of Child and Family Services
Date: November 18, 2025
Subject: PDG funded Child Care Grant

A one-time child care grant will be distributed in December to child care programs in Maine that apply this month. Child care programs will be eligible to receive the grant paid at \$25 per slot based on licensed capacity. This opportunity is funded by Maine's federal Preschool Development Grant (PDG) that has been supporting birth to school age early care and education system improvements for the past three years.

Child care owners and directors will need to log on to the Early Childhood Salary Supplement registration portal beginning November 18, 2025, and specifically apply for the grant to receive the funds. All child care centers and family child care programs that apply will receive \$25 per licensed slot. Programs must apply by November 30, 2025. The portal will stay open until November 30th or until grant funds run out.

The registration portal can be found here:

https://apps.web.maine.gov/online/childcare_grants/provider/login

This child care grant can be spent on quality improvement materials or activities, including, but not limited to, curriculum supplies and materials, business practice improvements, outdoor learning and play supports, and professional development. Grant funds will be distributed by 12/15/2025 and must be spent by 12/30/2025. All child care programs that receive the grant will be sent a brief survey in early January and to fill out to describe how the funds were spent.

For questions or more information, please contact ECEWageProgram.DHHS@Maine.gov