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a. Current and new initiatives to expand childcare support to Service members (e.g., 24/7 facilities).

- Coast Guard will conduct a Child Care Needs Assessment Study in the 4th quarter of FY 2019
- Currently, collaborating with Coast Guard Foundation on providing incentives for new FCC providers
- Implemented policy change to allow potential FCC providers to occupy bigger housing units in Coast Guard-owned houses (additional 1 bedroom)
- Developed a new formula for distribution of child care subsidy in high-cost of living areas



b. Current and new initiatives to increase awareness of childcare options and resources.

- Providing information and referral to child care resources through Family Resource Specialists, Child Development Services Coordinators, CDS website, and Coast Guard mobile Application
- Using the Ombudsmen Registry to share child care initiatives with Coast Guard spouses
- Efforts are made to include CG CDCs and FCC providers on Military Child Care.com listing



c. Current or pending policies to enforce Child Development Center (CDC) priorities via revalidation of enrolled children vice those with a higher priority on the waiting list.

- Pending revision of Child Development Services Manual (COMDTINST M1754.15 series) indicates a system to ensure that Active Duty Coast Guard personnel receive priority placement within the Coast Guard CDCs.
 - There are no current policies outlining the removal of a family from a CG operated facility upon loss of eligibility (ie. spouse becomes unemployed; service member separates; sponsor accepts position outside the federal government, etc.).
 - Current CDS policy indicates that enrollment can continue on a month-to-month/space-available basis. Pending revision of the COMDTINST M1754.15 series will allow for a removal of a family from a CG operated facility upon loss of eligibility, if Coast Guard families are on the waiting list for that facility. A family facing removal will be provided 1-month notice and information about other child care options.
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d. Provide the percentage of childcare slots at CDCs filled by children of service members.

- Total enrollment 650 in nine CDCs
 - Active Duty Coast Guard: 66%
 - Active Duty/Retired DoD: 6%



e. Provide the percentage of childcare slots at CDCs filled by children of DoD and/or DHS civilians.

- Federal employees:
 - DoD, DHS, other than contractors: 15%
 - Contractors: 1%



f. Provide the percentage of childcare slots at CDCs filled by others.

- Public/no affiliation with military or federal:
- 8%



Thank you.

