



Virginia Department of Social Services

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Child Care Update

BPRO meeting

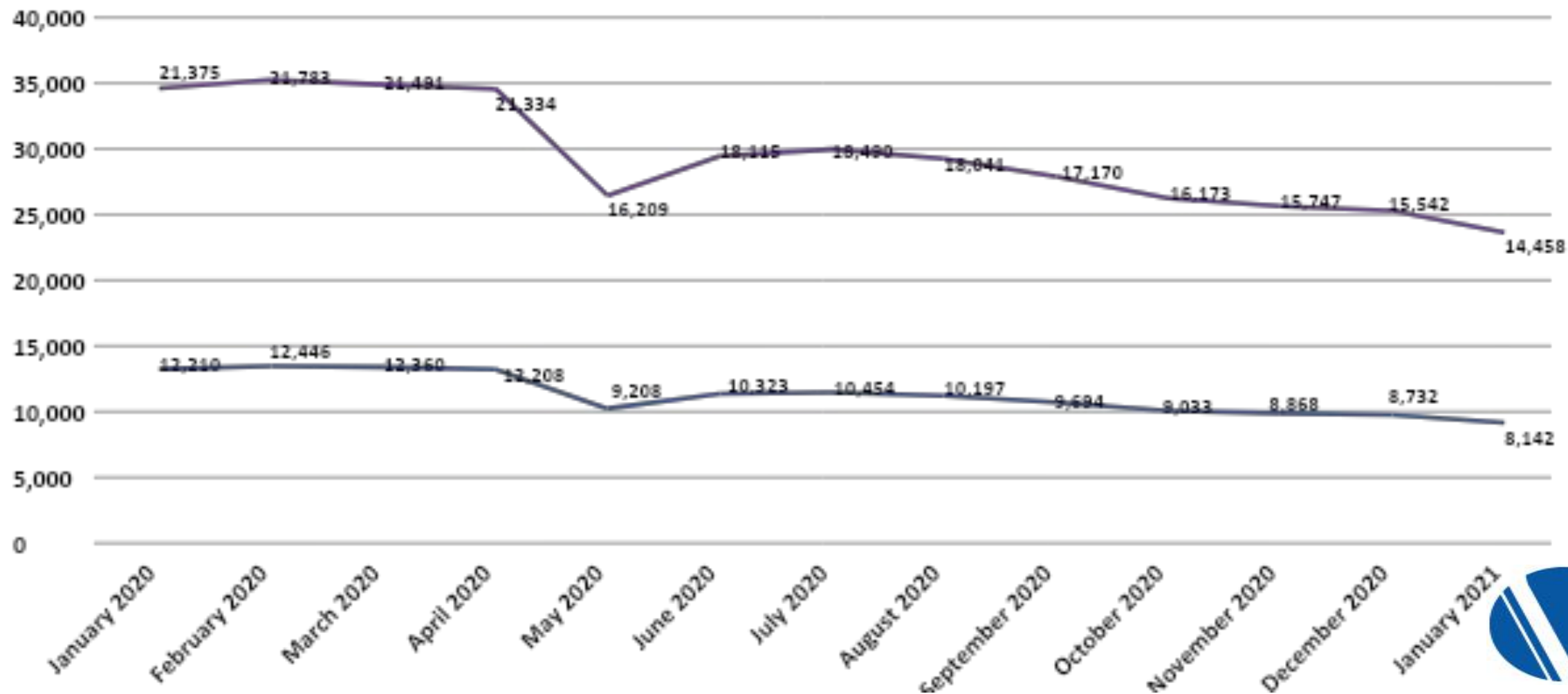
January 11, 2021

- Current Enrollment
- COVID-19 Response
- House Bill 2206
- DOE Transition



Children and Families Served

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CARES ACT- 65 Million

- Incentive grants for child care providers – **54 Million**
- Eliminating co-payments for parents – **3.7 Million**
- Expanded the number of paid absence days – **5.9 Million**
- Increasing the Maximum Reimbursement Rates for Level 1 providers – **7 Million**
- Deferral of face-to-face interviews
- Extension of current eligibility period
- Waiver of certain background check requirements
- Payments for in-home care providers (coming soon)



CRF Funds – 74 Million

- Incentive grants for child care providers – **57.4 Million**
- Grant to Virginia Early Childhood Foundation – **16.6 Million**

General Funds – 16.6 Million

- Grant to Virginia Early Childhood Foundation

VECF was granted funds to establish a network of regional hubs in VDSS-determined high need areas to build the supply of safe learning spaces for pre-K through 12



203.6 Million

- Incentive, Stabilization, and Start-up Grants
- Increased Absence Days
- Improvements to the Customer Service
- Statewide Mental Health Consultation program
- Eliminate Parent Co-Payments
- Mixed Delivery Grants
- Child Care Staff Scholarships
- Research the Impact of COVID-19
- Background Check Reform



House Bill 2206 - Highlights

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- Increases the eligibility to the 85% of the State Median Income
- The family must have at least one child age five or younger
- Family meets all of the other income eligibility requirements
- Job search is now considered an eligible activity
- The family is eligible for 12 months or until the family's household income exceeds 85% of the SMI
- The eligibility criteria will be in effect until August 1, 2021
- This is an emergency bill and must be enacted upon passage of the bill



Transition of the CCDF

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- The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) will transfer to the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) on July 1, 2021
- VDSS will administer the Child Care Subsidy Program (CCSP)
- Will improve the quality of child care system-wide in VA
- VDOE will set all policy and funding priorities for CCSP
- VDSS will continue to make payments to vendors
- VDSS will manage the day to day activities
- VDOE will have final decision making authority



- Increased Reporting
 - Date
 - Monthly Reporting
 - Quarterly Reporting
- Increased Program Responsibility
- Increased Monitoring
- Increased Outreach to Providers

