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FY15 Proposed Model Updates





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QUALITY AND ACCESS APPROACH

- Building on Quality and Financing Policies Approved by Board and Implemented in FY12
 - Access and affordability aligned with quality
 - Incentivize high quality
- Alignment of Similar Strategies
- Simplification of Strategy Implementation



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PROPOSED FY15 MODEL UPDATES

- Merging Quality First and Pre-Kindergarten
- First Things First Scholarships
 - Eligibility
 - Rates
 - Slots
- “Buy-in Option” for Quality First
- T.E.A.C.H.



SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

- Current
 - All enrolled Quality First providers and providers on the wait list are eligible to receive scholarships
 - All programs that apply for Pre-Kindergarten scholarships are eligible to receive them
- FY15 Update
 - July 1, 2013
 - Programs on the QF wait list will not be eligible for scholarships.
 - Pre-K programs at 3, 4 and 5 star levels will be eligible for scholarships.
 - July 1, 2014
 - QF programs at the 2, 3, 4 and 5 star levels will be eligible for scholarships.
 - QF Pre-K scholarships will still only be awarded to programs at 3, 4 or 5 star levels
 - July 1, 2015
 - QF programs at the 3, 4 and 5 star levels will be eligible for scholarships.



SCHOLARSHIP RATES

- FY15 Update
 - Simplified rates (moving from 216 to 4 variations)
 - Total of 8 variations in FY15
 - Total of 4 variations in FY16
 - 2 age bands
 - Same statewide rates for all Pre-K and QF scholarships
 - Family and group homes at 67% center rate for children 0-36 months and 85% center rate for children 37-72 months (percentages align with trends in the MRS)
 - One rate at 3, 4 and 5 set at 90% of the 4 star cost of quality level
 - Rates paid regardless of what program charges





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PROPOSED ANNUAL RATES

		1 Star	2 Star	3-5 Stars
Centers	0-36 mo	\$ -	\$ 7,969	\$ 11,300
	37-72 mo	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 7,300
Homes	0-36 mo	\$ -	\$ 5,625	\$ 7,600
	37-72 mo	\$ -	\$ 4,875	\$ 6,200



SCHOLARSHIP SLOTS

■ FY15 Update

- FY14 investment (\$40 million) as base for Quality First scholarships component
- April 1st – date for rating “snapshot” to determine scholarship slots for upcoming FY
- Slots for new programs determined on actual star rating
- Council has discretion to fund slots above and beyond the QF base model
- Caps for both QF and Pre-K scholarship slots
- Scholarships are the financial incentives at 3, 4, and 5 stars (replaces and provides more funds than current quality bonus)
- QF full participation providers can decline scholarship slots if they serve low-income children
- Table of estimated slots found in Board book





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QUALITY FIRST BUY-IN

- FY15 Update
 - Buy QF Rating Only participation (assessment package)
 - Buy additional assessment for QF Full Participation or Rating Only participants
 - Cost neutral to FTF and grantees
 - Can be funded by providers, business, philanthropy or other sponsors
- Rationale
 - Increase access to QF for providers
 - Increase access to high quality for families



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T.E.A.C.H.

- Current
 - Every QF site guaranteed teacher scholarships
 - Scholarships going unused for 90 days before redistribution to other scholars
- FY15 Update
 - QF prioritized, not guaranteed
- Rationale
 - Efficient and effective distribution of teacher scholarships