

# **CHILD CARE SERVICES PROGRAM**

Presented to  
Health, Environment & Human Services Committee  
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## **PURPOSE OF BRIEFING**

- Describe the City of Dallas Child Care Services Program and how it works to meet the needs of families in the City of Dallas

**CITY OF DALLAS CHILD CARE SERVICES  
PROGRAM**

# CHILD CARE SERVICES OVERVIEW

The City of Dallas' Child Care Services Program:

- Pays a portion of child care expenses
- For low-low moderate working parents
- Below 180% of the state's median income
- Just above the level to be eligible for other forms of public assistance such as Child Care Management Services (CCMS) and Head Start of Greater Dallas

## HISTORY OF PROGRAM

The Child Care Services Program started in 1983.

- Recommendation from Mayor Stark Taylor's Child Care Commission
- Mission was to look at child care subsidies programs that would help low income parents and high school students pay for their child care expenses
- This would be a group of parents that would not be able to receive assistance from any other funding sources.
  - Normally referred to as "working poor" in that their income places them just above the income level to be eligible for other child care subsidies

## TO QUALIFY FOR THIS PROGRAM

- Reside within the city limits of Dallas
- Choose child care in a licensed facility within the city limits of Dallas
- Have legal custody of the children you are enrolling
- Total gross monthly income from all adults in your household within program guidelines for income and family size

## CITY OF DALLAS CHILD CARE SERVICES PROGRAM

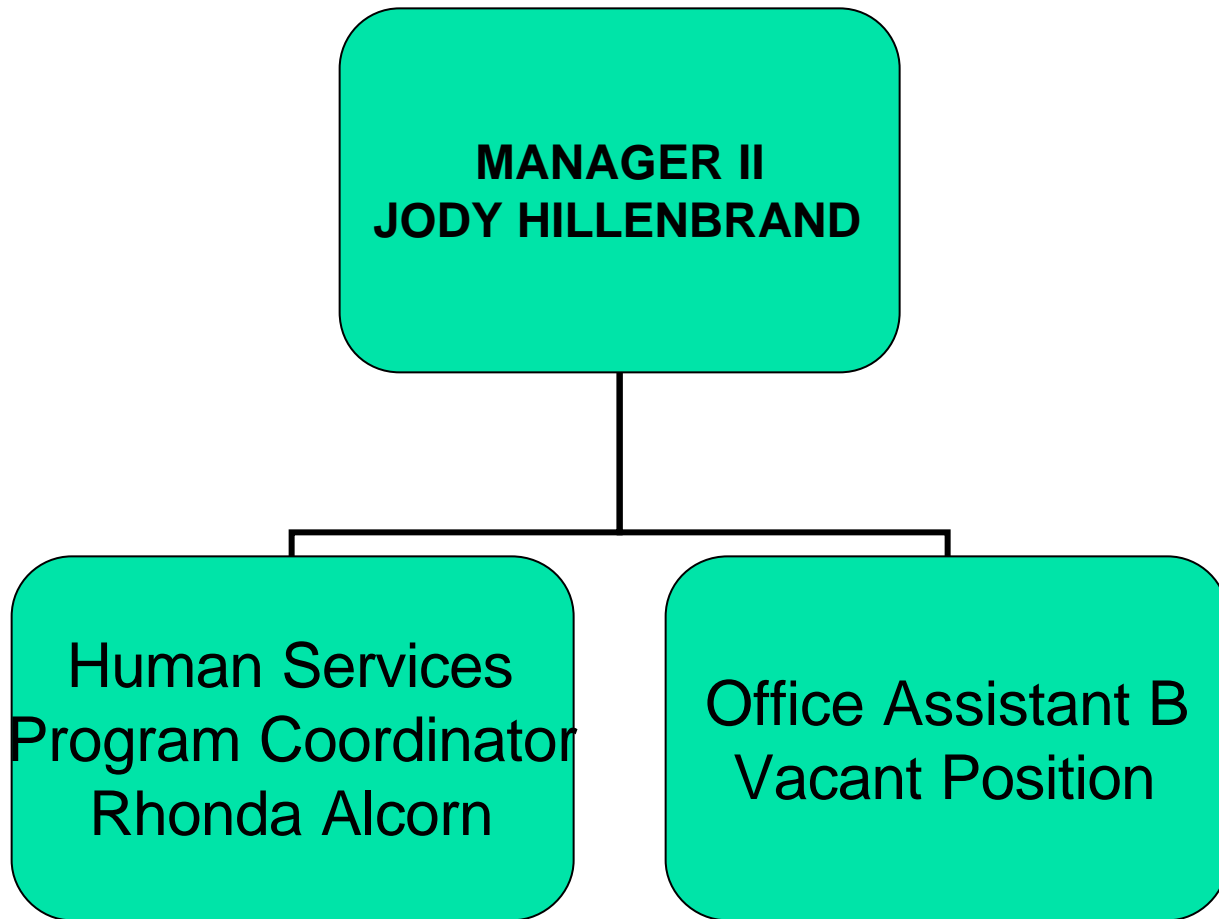
### December 8, 2004

<b>Family Size</b>	<b>Total Gross Income (Monthly)</b>	<b>City's Weekly Payment (For One Child)</b>
2	1,151 – 2,115	\$35
3	1,529 – 2,550	\$32
4	1,906 – 2,986	\$27
5	2,284 – 3,358	\$24
6	2,661 – 3,547	\$19
7	2,734 – 3,735	\$16
8	3,416 – 4,237	\$15

Note: The typical cost of day care is \$95.00 per week\*

\* 2003-2004 The Coalition For North Texas Children

# CHILD CARE SERVICES ORGANIZATION CHART



## CHILD CARE SERVICES PERFORMANCE MEASURES

SERVICES	INPUT	OUTPUT	EFFICIENCY	EFFECTIVENESS
Provides Child Care Subsidies	3FTE'S Total Budget \$441,766	350 Children Subsidies (215 Families receiving subsidies)	Subsidy per child/week \$24.27	92% of families that receive subsidies can graduate from High School or keep their jobs.
Information & Referral	Consisting of: CDBG Budget \$355,979	(95 families on waiting list)		69.4% of those families who qualify receive the subsidy
Parenting Workshops	Texas Workforce Commission \$105,787	5,000 Citizens 10 Workshops Contract with Child Care Providers that Parents have selected		100% of parents attend the workshop 95% of workshop participants rate the workshop 3 or above (on a scale of 1-5)

# SERVICES

## CHILD CARE SUBSIDIES PROGRAM

- For parents who do not qualify for any other child care subsidies in the City of Dallas
- The program is 18 months in length
- It is a parents-choice program
- Reimbursement is made directly to providers (monthly payments)

## **SERVICES (Cont'd)**

### **INFORMATION & REFERRAL**

- Approximately 5,000 calls annually seeking assistance to qualify
- If they don't qualify, they are referred to
  - Child Care Management Services
  - Head Start of Greater Dallas
- Provide general information regarding other city programs (e.g. Immunizations, WIC, etc.)

## **SERVICES (Cont'd)**

### **PARENTING WORKSHOP TOPICS**

- Parents must attend at least 2 workshops
  - Workshop topics are:
    - Nutrition
    - Health Issues
    - Budget/Money Management
    - Business/Networking
    - Job Search & Promotion

## **SERVICES (Cont'd)**

### **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROVIDERS**

- Training on reimbursement process as a vendor of the City of Dallas
- Signing a contractual agreement with CDBG regulations
- Verification of licensure
- Enrollment process:
  - Eligibility criteria of clients
  - Attendance sheets
  - Policies and procedures of program

# CHILD CARE SERVICES PROGRAM COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Child Care Management Systems
- Head Start of Greater Dallas, Inc.
- Texas Workforce Commission
- Educational First Steps
- The Texas Department of Protective & Regulatory Services
- The Coalition of North Texas Children
- Other Child Care Providers (80)