



Indiana Early Learning Advisory Committee

Indiana Government Center
Indianapolis, IN

March 26, 2025
10:00 AM

Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Agenda
- III. Chair's Report
- IV. Discussion
 - i. OECOSL Leadership – Adam Alson
 - ii. OECOSL Financials – Adam Alson
 - iii. Family and Subsidy Supports– Kim Rule
 - iv. Legislative Updates – Kristi Burkhart and Sam Snideman
 - v. Micro Facility Pilot – Wendy Tolliver and Tikila Welch
 - vi. Indiana Regulatory Reform – Wendy Tolliver and Tikila Welch
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Adjourn



Chair's Report

Maureen Weber
ELAC Chairwoman

Approval of Agenda





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OECOSL Leadership



Adam Alson

Director of the Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning

About

Adam brings a deep knowledge of child care business modeling and both demand and supply-side child care policy. Adam has worked in governments and organizations on child care policy at local, state, and national levels.

Adam has testified in front of multiple legislator and study committees on challenges and opportunities for rural child care in Indiana. He has also been a featured panelist at the first National Child Care Innovation Summit to share about Appleseed's unique business model, and collaborated with national child care policy and advocacy groups on the Expand Child Care in Rural America Act.

Professional Background

Economics degree from University of Chicago

Farmer: Alson Farms: Third-generation corn and soybean farmer with additional interest in growing local food in local communities.

Founder: Appleseed Childhood Education: Nonprofit that operates to support the creation, facilitation, and enhancement of early childhood education opportunities for children around Jasper County, Indiana.

Vice President-Bank of America: Business management experience, financial acumen, and risk management skills.



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OECOSL Mission & Vision

Mission

To effectively support children, families, and providers within Indiana's child care system.

Vision

Maximize availability of quality child care and child care resources for Hoosier children, families, providers, community stakeholders, and Indiana's workforce.



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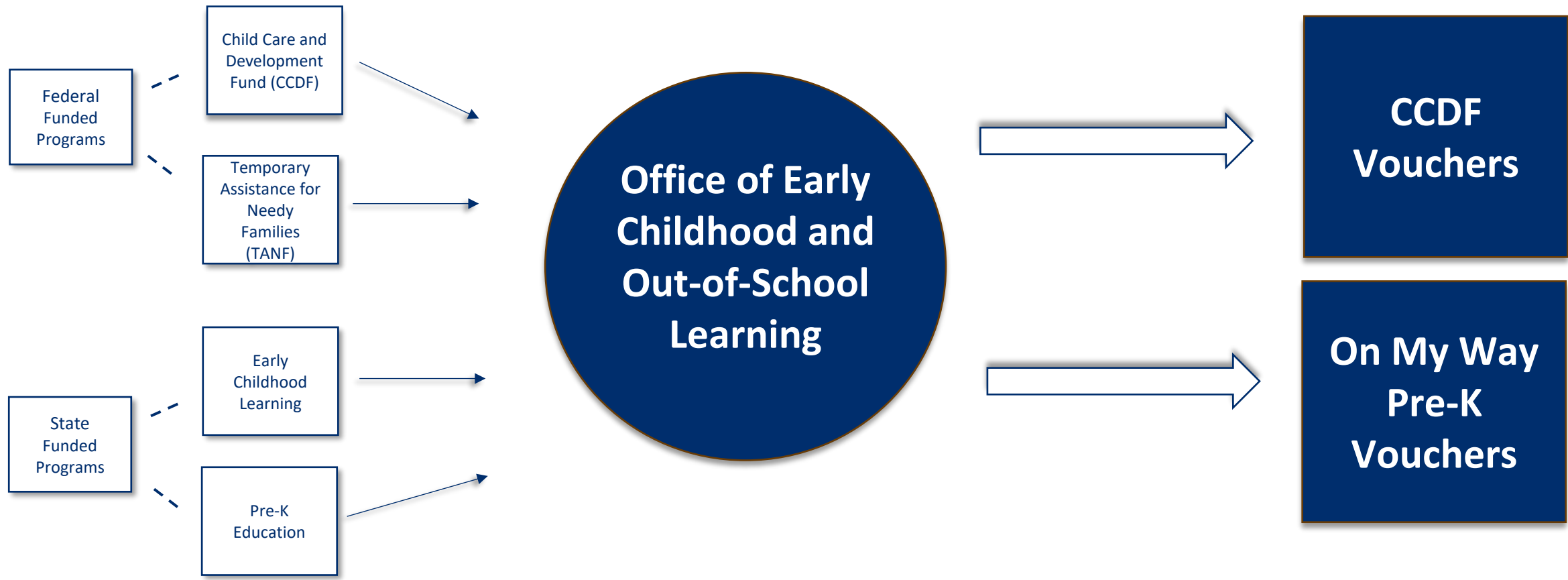


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OECOSL Financials

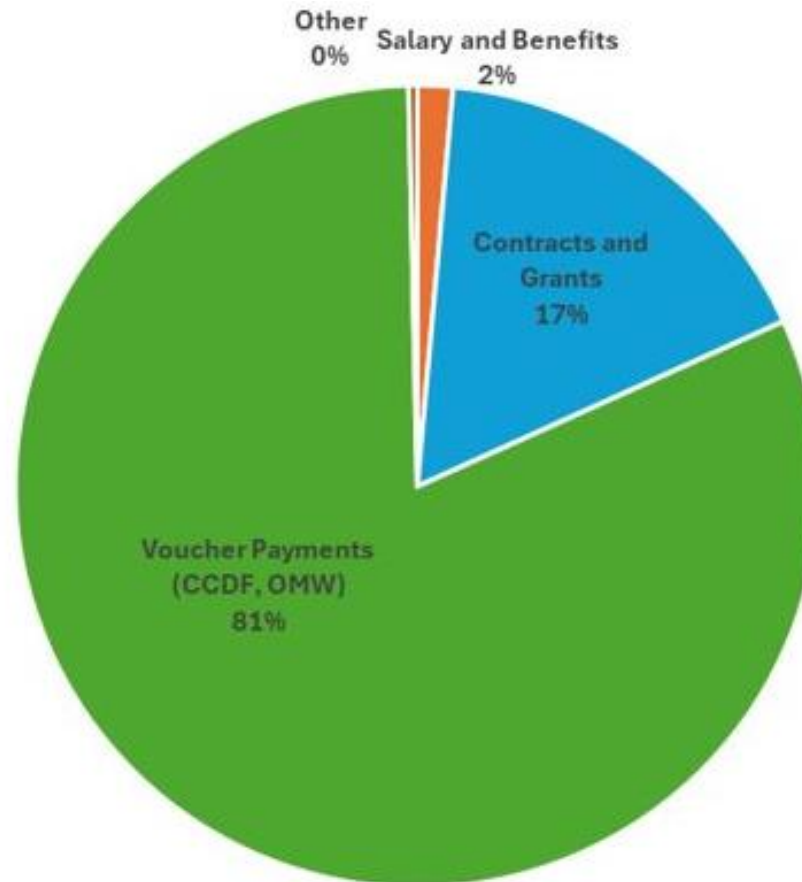


OECOSL Funding ⁽¹⁾



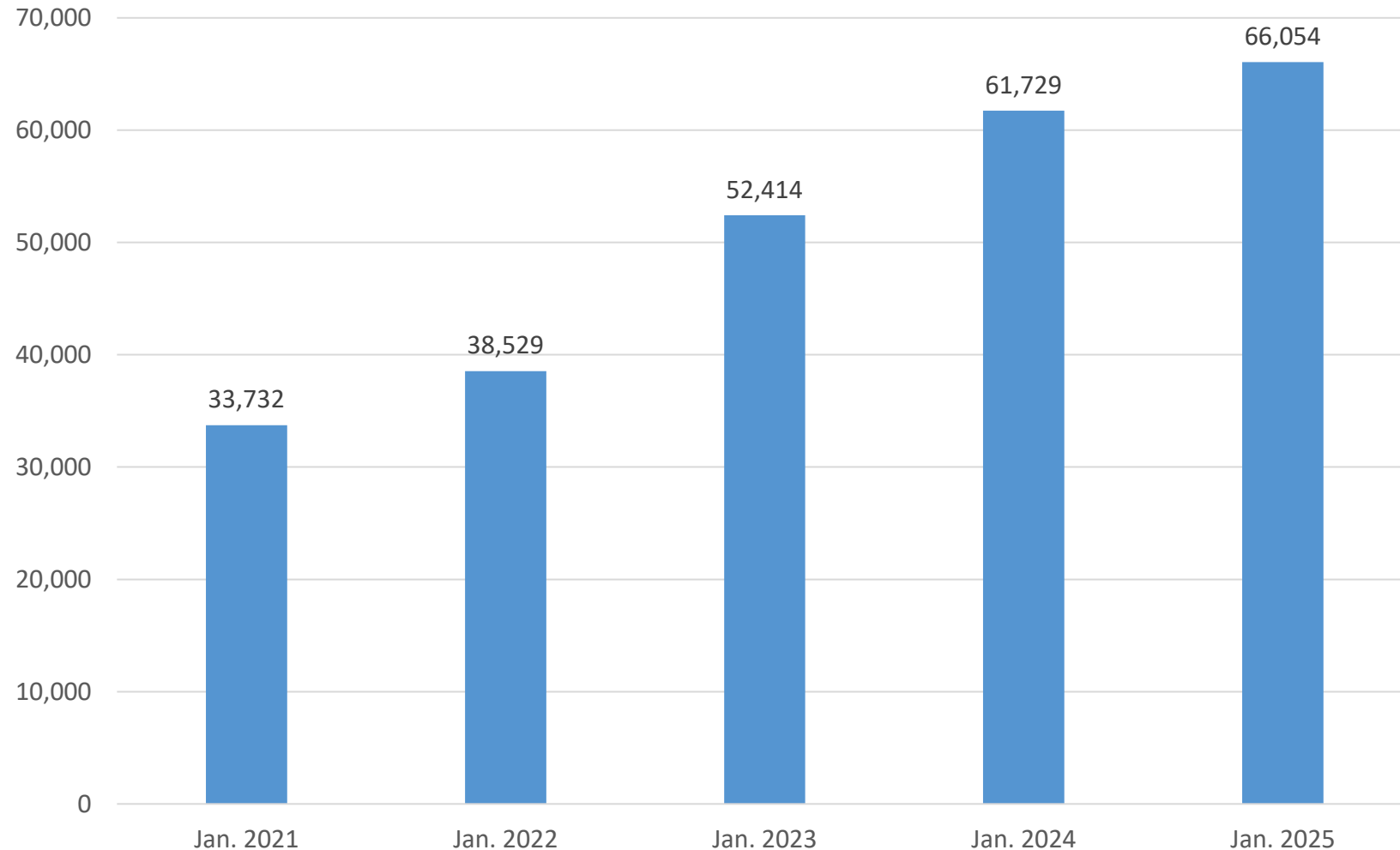
OECSL Funding ⁽²⁾

OECSL Expenditures State Fiscal Year 2025



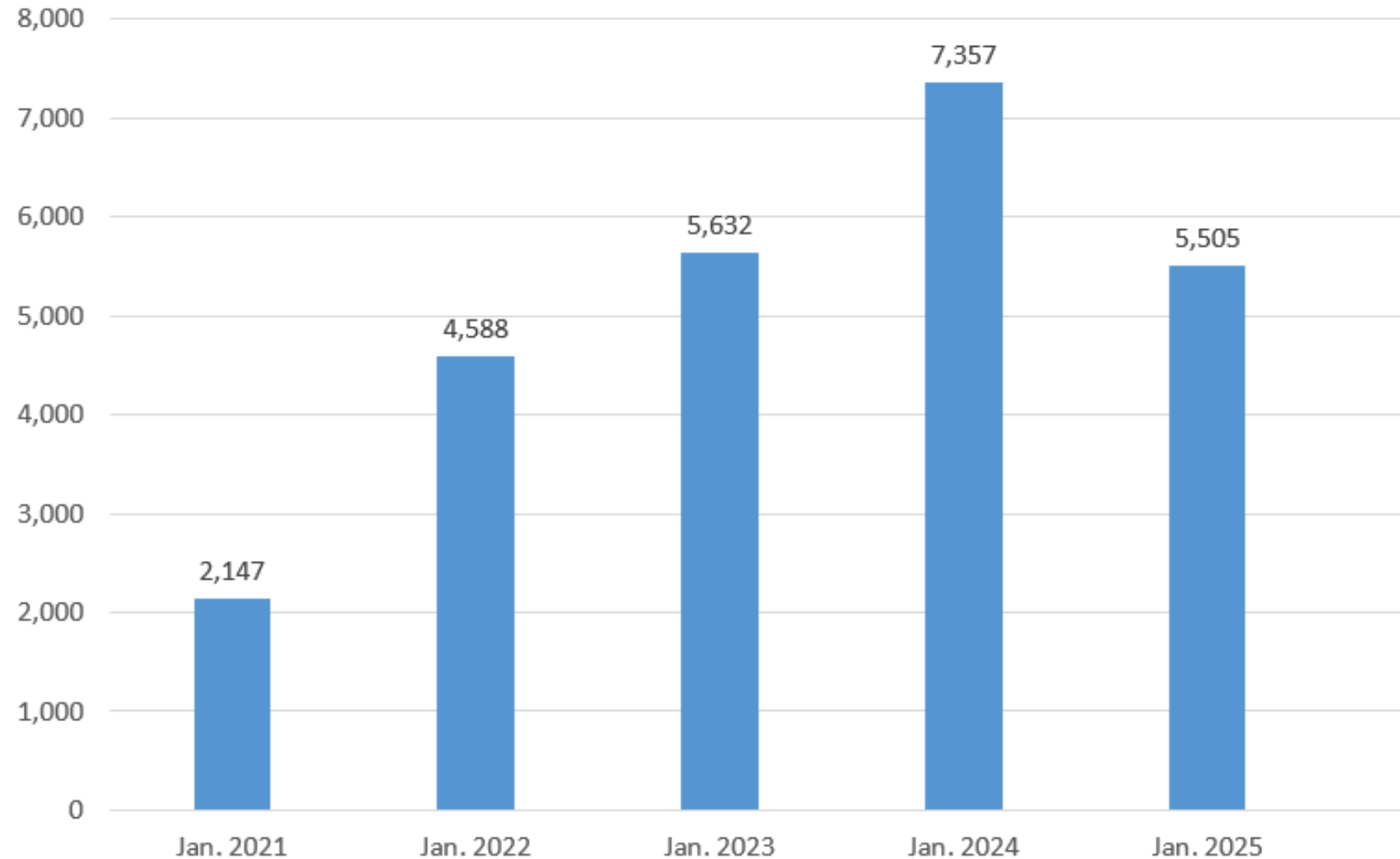
OECOSL Funding ⁽³⁾

Total Number of Child Care Vouchers (CCDF and OMW)



OECSL Funding ⁽⁴⁾

Total Number of OMW Vouchers



SFY 2026–27 Budget Analysis ⁽¹⁾

- Governor's budget request: additional \$358mm/biennium over baseline funding (State Fiscal Year 2025 levels)
 - Maintains total voucher levels at approximately current levels.



SFY 2026–27 Budget Analysis ⁽²⁾

- House budget proposal: additional \$155mm/biennium over baseline funding (State Fiscal Year 2025 levels)
 - Total vouchers decrease through attrition to 48,000; to be determined when new voucher enrollments begin.
 - OMW Vouchers: Estimate 3,400 total vouchers for State Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027



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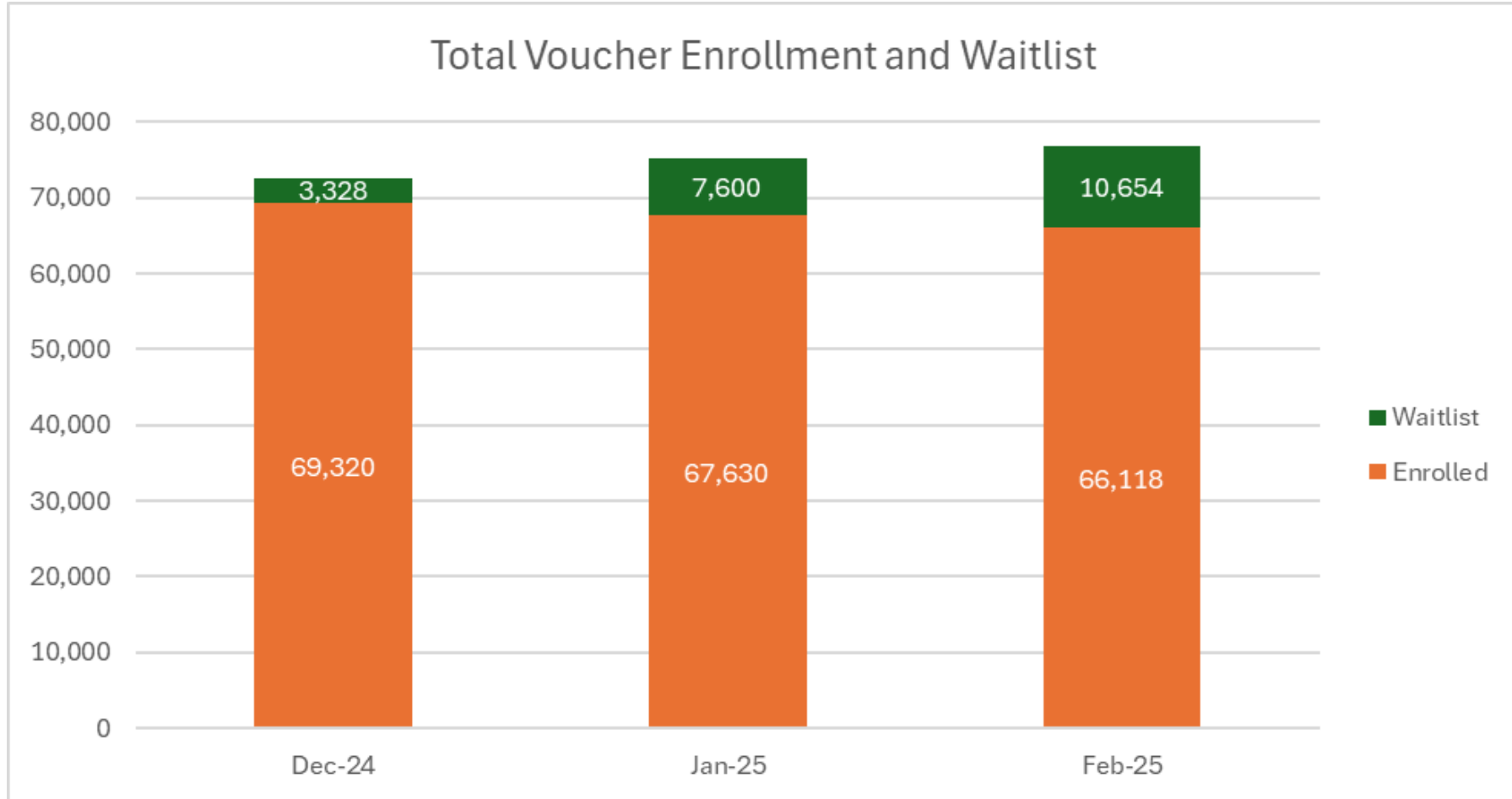




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Family and Subsidy Supports

Voucher Waitlist





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Legislative Update

Senate Bills

- SB 486 Family and Social Service Matters
- SB 463 Child Care Matters
- SB 366 Education Matters

House Bills

- HB 1001: State Budget
- HB 1102: Contracting Preschool Programs
- HB 1248: Child Care and Development Fund
- HB 1253: Amend Indiana Code-Child Care



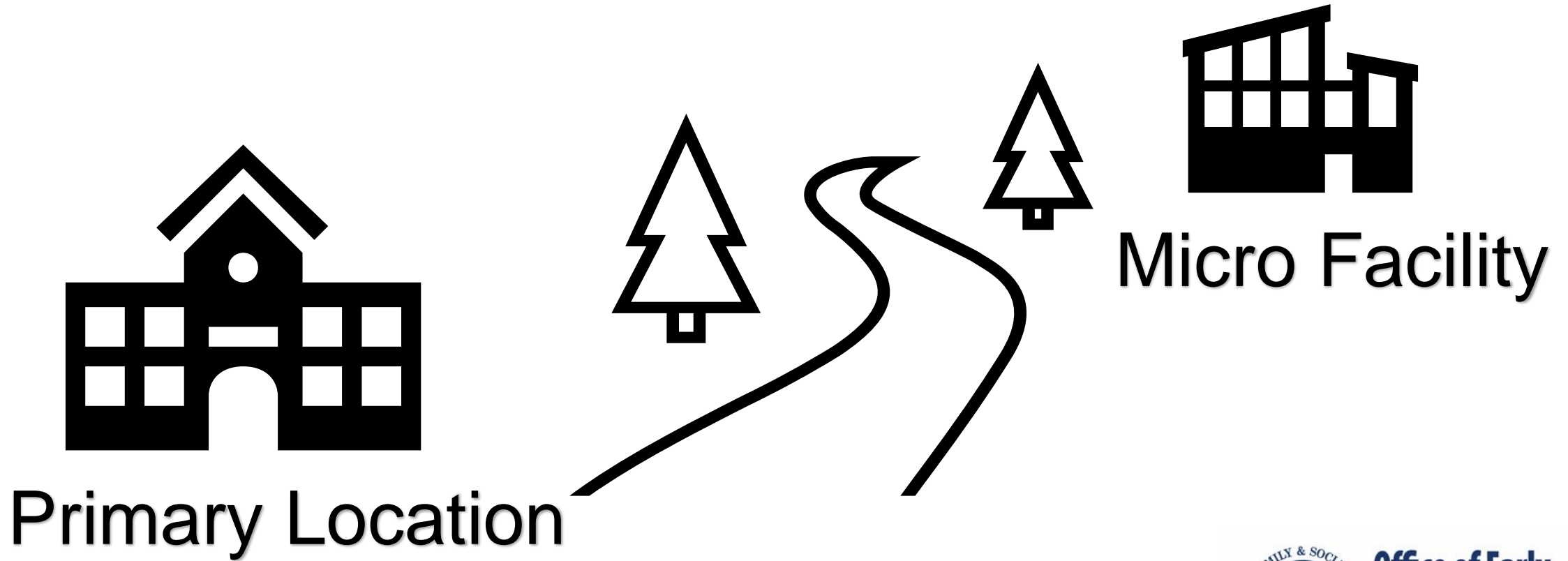
Indiana Micro-Facility Pilot



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What is a Micro Facility



Awarded Providers

- 92 Applications received
- 75 Met eligibility criteria
- 6 Pilot sites chosen
 - 2 Homes
 - 2 Centers
 - 2 Ministries



Coming Spring of 2025!

Indiana's Micro-Facility Pilots are set
to open!





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Indiana Regulatory Reform

Indiana Regulatory Reform ⁽¹⁾

The licensing team has been actively pursuing regulatory reform since 2022. Through various completed initiatives, we have gathered valuable data to inform our current efforts. In addition to the ELAC recommendations, the following sources have been utilized:

- Licensing work group recommendations
- OECOSL internal legal analysis of all regulations
- Indiana After School Network recommendations
- Office of Child Care mandated requirements



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Goals of Regulatory Reform ⁽²⁾



Reduce regulatory burden while maintaining health and safety standards.



Create rules that are easy to read, comprehend, implement, and enforce.





Additional Considerations

- Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) laws and rules governing child care programs
- Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) laws and regulations overseeing child care programs



What's Next?

OECOSL welcomes interested ELAC members to engage with the regulatory reform workgroup.

Public Comment

Adjourn

Information regarding today's meeting, including slides and materials, can be found at <https://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/advisory-groups/early-learning-advisory-committee/elac-committee-meetings/>

Next Business Meeting:

■ Date: April TBD



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