

OEC Response: Federal Shutdown Impact Assessments

9/30/25

Identify which programs or services are impacted. Be specific. Provide a brief statement explaining the purpose and scope of any affected program or service. Include impacts on your contracted providers, if known. Assessments should consider the impacts of a shutdown lasting two weeks, one month, and 90 days.

Impacted programs: CCDF (Care4Kids), Birth to Three (Part C), MIECHV (Home Visiting), Head Start Collaboration Grant.

Brief Statement on Purpose and Scope of Program

Care4Kids	Birth to Three (IDEA Part C)	MIECHV	Head Start Collaboration Office
<p>The Care 4 Kids program in Connecticut aims to make child care affordable for low to moderate income families. It provides financial assistance to help families pay for child care costs, which can be a significant barrier to pursuing education, training, or employment. The program supports families in obtaining infant and toddler care, preschool, and afterschool care for children from Kindergarten through 13 years of age. It is a vital resource for families who need child care but may struggle to afford it, ensuring that early care and education remain accessible to those who need it most.</p>	<p>The Birth to Three System contracts with early intervention programs across the state of Connecticut that support families with children who have delays or disabilities.</p> <p>Birth to Three offers supports to families with children who are under age 3 and have either a,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Significant developmental delay based on a standardized test or• Medical condition (diagnosed by a doctor) that's likely to result in a developmental delay <p>Through the partnership with families, CT's Birth to Three System is committed to supporting infants and toddlers</p>	<p>The MIECHV funded home visiting Programs help pregnant women and parents of young children improve health and well-being for themselves and their families. The Home Visiting Programs do this by employing highly trained home visitors with families to set and achieve goals.</p>	<p>The CT Head Start Collaboration Office (CT HSCO) facilitates partnerships between CT Head Start agencies and other state entities that provide services to benefit low-income children and their families. The HSCO is required in the federal Head Start Act and receives \$125,000 per fiscal year.</p>

	with delays and disabilities to develop and grow through everyday routines. The system provides equitable access to all families and connections to resources within the community.		
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Assessment of Impacts to Programs

	Care4Kids	Birth to Three	MIECHV	Head Start Collaboration
Two weeks	C4K has FFY 25 funds and the state allotments @ approximately 80 million that could cover the cost of Direct services and staff and fringe @ OEC for 90 days.	The shutdown would not affect programs because we have funds available from 7/1/25-9/30/26. These funds are available in G5 and can be drawdown through 9/30/26 regardless of shutdown.	The shutdown would not affect programs because we have 2024 funds available to use.	The HSCO should not be impacted, we are working off 2025 funds (2/1/25-1/31/26). It is the understanding the program can still draw down funds during a shutdown.
One Month	C4K has FFY 25 funds and the state allotments @ approximately 80 million that could cover the cost of Direct services and staff and fringe @ OEC for 90 days.	The shutdown would not affect programs because we have funds available from 7/1/25-9/30/26. These funds are available in G5 and can be drawdown through 9/30/26 regardless of shutdown.	The shutdown would not affect programs because we have 2024 funds available to use.	The HSCO should not be impacted, we are working off 2025 funds (2/1/25-1/31/26). It is the understanding the program can still draw down funds during a shutdown.
90 Days	C4K has FFY 25 funds and the state allotments @ approximately 80 million that could cover the cost of Direct	The shutdown would not affect programs because we have funds available from 7/1/25-9/30/26. These funds are	The shutdown would not affect programs because we have 2024 funds available to use.	The HSCO should not be impacted, we are working off 2025 funds (2/1/25-1/31/26). It is the

	services and staff and fringe @ OEC for 90 days.	available in G5 and can be drawdown through 9/30/26 regardless of shutdown.		understanding the program can still draw down funds during a shutdown.
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Impacts to Contracted Providers

	Care4Kids	Birth to Three	MIECHV	Head Start Collaboration
Two weeks	OEC has approximately 7 million in contract payments due in the final quarter of calendar year 25, which can be covered by the approximate 80 million available from FFY 25 and state allotments.	The shutdown would not affect contracted providers because we have funds available from 7/1/25-9/30/26. These funds are available in G5 and can be drawdown through 9/30/26 regardless of shutdown.	The shutdown would not affect programs because we have 2024 funds available to use.	The HSCO should not be impacted, we are working off 2025 funds (2/1/25-1/31/26). It is the understanding the program can still draw down funds during a shutdown. Also, all current contracts are paid out.
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Timing of changes, reductions, revisions in programs or services (based on federal input):

Care4Kids	Birth to Three	MIECHV	Head Start Collaboration
No funding changes, reductions, or revisions have been communicated to OEC by federal agency as of 9/30	No funding changes, reductions, or revisions have been communicated to OEC by federal agency as of 9/30	No funding changes, reductions, or revisions have been communicated to OEC by federal agency as of 9/30	No funding changes, reductions, or revisions have been communicated to OEC by federal agency as of 9/30

Amount of funding reduction for state fiscal year 2026

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No funding reduction has been communicated to OEC by federal agency as of 9/30	No funding reduction has been communicated to OEC by federal agency as of 9/30	No funding reduction has been communicated to OEC by federal agency as of 9/30	No funding reduction has been communicated to OEC by federal agency as of 9/30

OEC's proposed method for dealing with program/services cutbacks, including implementation steps:

Care4Kids	Birth to Three	MIECHV	Head Start Collaboration
C4K has FFY 25 funds and the state allotments @ approximately 80 million that could cover the cost of Direct services and staff and fringe @ OEC, and contracts for 90 days.	The Birth to Three system does not utilize federal funds to pay for direct services. Of the federal funds, if there were cuts the agency would amend contracts for professional development initiatives or other supports to programs and work internally to identify additional resources to support children and families.	No funding cuts, service cutbacks, or eliminations have been communicated to OEC by federal agency as of 9/30. If federal funds were cut, we would either need state investment to maintain current level of services or we would need to cut programming by approximately 50%.	The HSCO does not directly fund programs, so programmatic cutbacks would have limited operational impact. However, if necessary, the HSCO would shift from in-person convenings to virtual meetings to reduce costs while maintaining

	However, B23 has not been notified of potential cuts.		engagement and coordination.
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Provide detail as to how your agency proposes to respond to specific federal cuts, including service cutbacks or eliminations, funding shifts, or other methods. Be as thorough as possible.

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No funding cuts, service cutbacks, or eliminations have been communicated to OEC by federal agency as of 9/30. If CCDF funds were cut, the agency would rely on state appropriations to run the program and would need to significantly increase the waitlist of families and reduce the funded caseload through attrition.	No funding cuts, service cutbacks, or eliminations have been communicated to OEC by federal agency as of 9/30. If federal funds were cut for the program we would need a significant additional state investment to maintain operations within this entitlement program.	No funding cuts, service cutbacks, or eliminations have been communicated to OEC by federal agency as of 9/30. If federal funds were cut, we would either need state investment to maintain current level of services or we would need to cut programming by approximately 50%.	The HSCO would shift from in-person convenings to virtual meetings to reduce costs while maintaining engagement and coordination.

Identify Federal funding that supports employee payroll

Care4Kids	Birth to Three	MIECHV	Head Start Collaboration
52 FTE are funded with \$9.2 million in federal funds.	20513 and the 84.325L grants pay for all of the B23 Early Intervention division salaries. They have 8.75 FTEs annual amount for SFY 2026 is \$1,688,273.44. This includes the salary for the Director of the division.	4 FTE are funded with \$780,000 in federal MIECHV funds. This includes 20% the salary for the Director of the division.	\$0