

**199.8941 Monetary incentives for child-care facilities -- Professional development.**

- (1) The Early Childhood Development Authority shall, by administrative regulation promulgated in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A, establish a program of monetary incentives including but not limited to an increased child-care subsidy and a one-time merit achievement award for child-care centers and certified family child-care homes that are tied to a quality rating system for child care as established under KRS 199.8943.
- (2) The monetary incentive program shall be reviewed annually by the authority for the purpose of determining future opportunities to provide incentives.
- (3) Participation in the program of monetary incentives and in the quality rating system by child-care centers and certified family child-care homes is voluntary.
- (4) The Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall encourage the professional development of persons who are employed or provide training in a child-care or early childhood setting by facilitating their participation in the scholarship program for obtaining a child development associate credential, postsecondary certificate, diploma, degree, or specialty credential as established under KRS 164.518.

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