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**FY 2018 Proposed Budget
Budget Work Session Follow-up**

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The following information is provided in response to a request made by Ms. Katie Cristol at the work session on 3/24/2017, regarding the number and percentage of Arlington child care centers that receive a state subsidy.

Please refer to the table below for statistics on the total number of Arlington child care facilities and those receiving state subsidies.

Fiscal Year	Total Number of Centers in Arlington	Number of Centers Receiving State Child Care Subsidy	Percentage of Centers Receiving Subsidy
FY 2014	69	10	14%
FY 2015	72	10	14%
FY 2016	62	9	15%
FY 2017	62	7	11%

Effective July 1, 2017, the Commonwealth of Virginia adopted new licensing standards for day care centers receiving federal child care subsidies. These standards are more rigorous than those applied to centers that don't receive subsidies. These requirements may serve as a disincentive to centers from accepting subsidies in the future.

The Virginia state code and Arlington's Chapter 52 define child care centers differently. The definitions are:

Virginia Definition (Source VDSS)

"Child day center" means a child day program offered to (i) two or more children under the age of 13 in a facility that is not the residence of the provider or of any of the children in care or (ii) 13 or more children at any location.

Arlington Chapter 52 Definition

"Child care center" means any facility operated for the purpose of providing care, protection and guidance to a group of children separated from their parents or guardian during a part of the day," with exceptions for: summer camps; certain public or private schools for first through twelfth grade; half-day preschools; facilities providing hourly child-care; Sunday Schools operated by religious institutions; facilities operating on hospital premises; private schools providing specialized training courses. These

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exceptions are noted in the Arlington County Code, Chapter 52, page 2 ([linked here](#)). This definition shall not include a private family home in which children are received for care, protection and guidance.