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Mississippi Low-Income Child Care Initiative
Biloxi, MS
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MINIMUM WAGE LEAVES FAMILIES BELOW POVERTY
Mississippi Minimum Wage: $7.25
Full-time Equivalent, 52 weeks/year: $15,080
2016 Federal Poverty Level, Family of 2 (a mom and one child): $16,020

Education Alone Doesn’t Close the Gender Wage Gap

Source: 2015 1-year American Community Survey
Women and Single Moms Below Poverty

• **51st** MS is ranked last in percent of women living above poverty  
  (IWPR)

• **55%** Single Moms with Children Under 5 Below Poverty  
  (2015 1-year ACS)

• **56%** of all people in poverty are women and girls  
  (2015 1-year ACS)
Single Moms Earn Least of any Families with Children Under 18

- Married Couple Families: $72,779
- Single Dads: $35,711
- Single Moms: $18,914

Source: 2015 1-year American Community Survey, Table B19126
Child Care is a Proven Work Support

• Welfare recipients are 82% more likely to be working two years after leaving welfare IF they also received child care assistance subsidy
• Single mothers receiving child care assistance are more likely to be employed full-time than single moms not receiving assistance
High Cost of Child Care

Average Annual Child Care Costs as a Percent of Median Family Income

- Married Couples: 5%
- Single Dads: 10%
- Single Moms: 19%

Source: 2015 American Community Survey 1-year, Table B19126
Child Care Assistance Reaches Few Eligible Children

Ages Birth to 5
- CCDF: 7%
- Head Start: 18%
- Pre-K: 3%
- Unserved: 71%

Ages 6 to 12
- CCDF: 5%
- Unserved: 95%

Source: MLICCI calculations of U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services data, MS Department of Education data, National Center for Children in Poverty, 2015 American Community Survey 1-year data
MDHS has failed to use all available funds to expand the number of eligible families who need affordable child care services

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Source: MLICCI Calculations and Tabulation of HHS Form ACF-196 data and child care assistance rate average based on MS Market Rate Survey data
TANF as a Source of More Child Care Funding

• Currently spending $19 million in TANF on child care
• FFY 2015, MS reported $35.8 million in unobligated, unspent federal TANF funds
• Mississippi should give child care higher priority when spending TANF funds
Recommendations

• Spend more TANF funds on child care to serve more children
• Pay equity for women
• Job training for women leading to higher paying jobs
• Paid family leave
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