MLCCI Recommendations to DHS on CCPP State Plan

- We urge DHS to implement presumptive eligibility.

- We urge DHS to allow seeking employment as an eligible activity at initial eligibility determination and not only at redetermination.

- We urge DHS to eliminate co-pays for all families with income at or below 150% of the federal poverty guidelines without reducing payments to CCPP providers.

- We urge DHS to transfer the full 30% allowable TANF transfer to CCPP.

- We support DHS requesting a waiver to not implement grants or contracts using CCDF funds. We urge DHS not to implement any grants or contracts with CCDF funds until all existing capacity in CCPP centers is filled.

- We urge DHS to make participation in the CLASS quality rating system voluntary for CCPP providers, NOT mandatory.

- We urge DHS to invest in child care wage increases, training and professional development of the child care workforce as the primary quality improvement activity;

- If CLASS is implemented, we urge DHS to provide funding for participating CCPP providers to invest in strategies to achieve badges and enhanced reimbursement rates under the CLASS rating system;

- DHS should use the same documentation for determining child disability status for purposes of CCPP eligibility and enhanced reimbursement rates for children birth to 12 as for children 13 – 19.

- We urge DHS to create alignment between CCPP and workforce development and education programs by creating categorical eligibility for certain populations, such as granting CCPP eligibility for single moms enrolled in WIOA-funded or public community college programs.