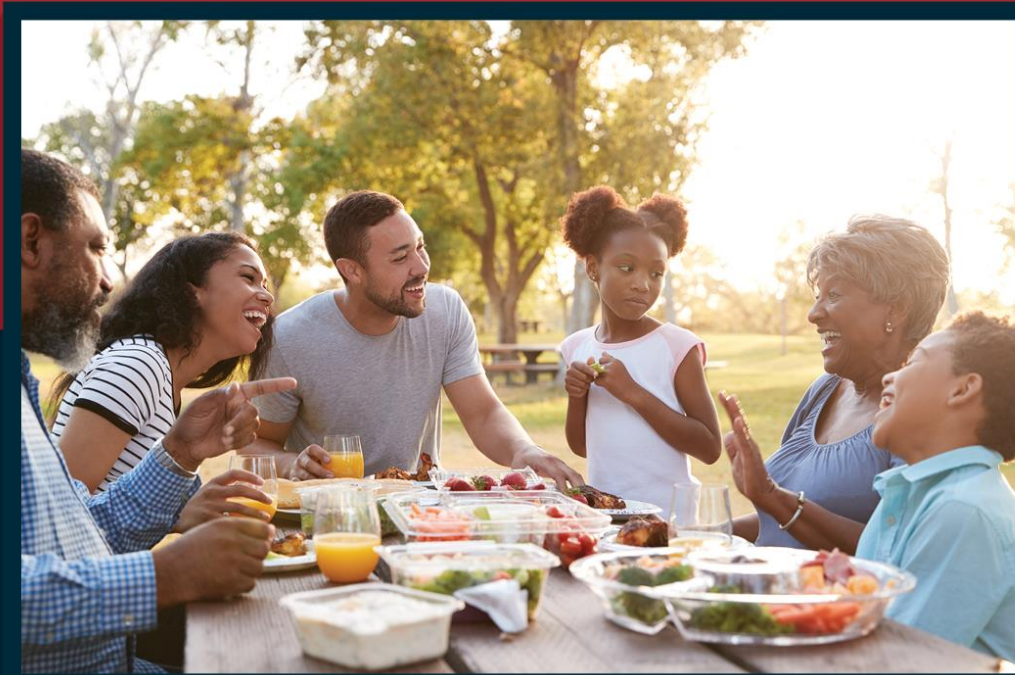


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Part 1: Grandparent Caregivers Program

This is the 17th annual report for the Grandparent Caregivers Program (GCP), established by the District of Columbia under the Grandparent Caregivers Pilot Program Establishment Act of 2005 (D.C. Law 16–69; D.C. Official Code § 4–251.02 *et seq.*). The Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Support Act of 2009 (D.C. Law 18-111) transitioned the program from pilot status, creating a permanent Grandparent Caregivers Program. Since the program’s inception in March 2006, the D.C. Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) has served as the program administrator. The Establishment Act requires that the annual report include recommendations for program improvement (page 11) and statistics covering annual data and information from the program (page 12).

Chapter 1: GCP Program Profile

Program Profile

The GCP provides a monthly subsidy for eligible caregivers raising their grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great nieces, or great nephews. Absent this subsidy, caregivers are at risk of lacking the financial resources to care for the children in their care, and the likelihood of the children needing to enter the foster care system would be significantly increased as a result. For families whose income is limited, this subsidy has been an essential supplement that empowers them to provide basic needs. In calendar year (CY) 2023, the Grandparent Caregivers Program served 806 children, with a monthly average of 715 children (467 families) served.

	CY2021	CY2022	CY2023
Program funding (subsidy portion)	\$6.6M ¹	\$6.5M	\$6.6M ²
Applications received (from families)	42	81	83 ³
Including reapplications received (from families)	2	4	11
New subsidies awarded (to children)	62	59	83 ⁴
Including subsidies awarded to children following a reapplication	3	6	3
Total number of children (families) who received subsidy in the calendar year	843	801	806 (523)
Monthly average of children (families) served	769 (491)	747 (484)	715 (467)
Children receiving both GCP and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) at End of Year	612	577	598
Denials due to ineligibility	2	11	9
Denials due to funding (applications on the waiting list at End of Year)	0	0	0
Subsidies transferred to new caregivers	0	0	0
Subsidies terminated by program or caregiver	81 ⁵	91 ⁶	100 ⁷
Substantiated instances of fraud	0	0	0
Children removed from household while receiving subsidy	0	0	0

¹ In FY 2021, an additional \$800k was added to the budget to enroll new families on the waitlist.

² FY23 Approved Budget. Data source: https://cfo.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ocfo/publication/attachments/rl_cfsa_tables_2023j.pdf

³ Every new application is accounted for here, encompassing denied, voided, and pending ones. This count does not include application drafts, recertification applications, or duplicate applications.

⁴ To determine the count of newly awarded subsidies, we examine the subsidy start dates in FACES and count the distinct child IDs associated with a 2023 subsidy start date.

⁵ Reflects youth aging out, provider’s request to be removed, and providers who no longer qualified for the program.

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⁷ To determine the count of subsidy terminations, we examine the subsidy end dates in FACES and count the distinct child IDs associated with a 2023 subsidy end date.

Chapter 2: GCP Program Achievements

Achieved Performance Indicator

Since FY22, CFSa has been a part of a national initiative known as Thriving Families, Safer Children (TFSC) with the goal of transforming the District from a child welfare system to a child and family well-being system. This effort builds upon the significant work launched with the Agency’s Four Pillars strategic agenda and continues to propel CFSa further upstream as the Agency focuses on supporting families and strengthening families and communities to thrive. As the District of Columbia (DC) continues to transform into a child and family well-being system, with the priority of Keeping DC Families Together, GCP is a critical component to support families to stay together in their communities by meeting concrete needs. These efforts to prevent children from entering foster care are illustrated in Table 2.

Performance Indicator	2023 Target	2023 Actual
Children receiving GCP services will not enter out of home placement.	95%	100%

Client Testimonial

The GCP has made a significant impact on the lives of many District families. Several program participants offered positive feedback this year expressing their gratitude for the program. Below are a few testimonials on the importance of the program:

- *“I have four granddaughters. The program has benefit me tremendously in the manner of supports and financially. And without Grandparents care program I would be lost and struggling. Thank you for your support.”*
- *“My experience with the grandparents program has been a great experience. I'm able to get things done and have fun.”*
- *“Me and my family really appreciates The Grand Parents Program without the Program I don't know what I would be able to afford to do for my grandkids.”*

Chapter 3: GCP Report

1) Applications Filed⁸

In CY 2023, the GCP received 83 new applications on behalf of 113 children. Of the 83 applications, 11 were reapplications on behalf of 14 children.

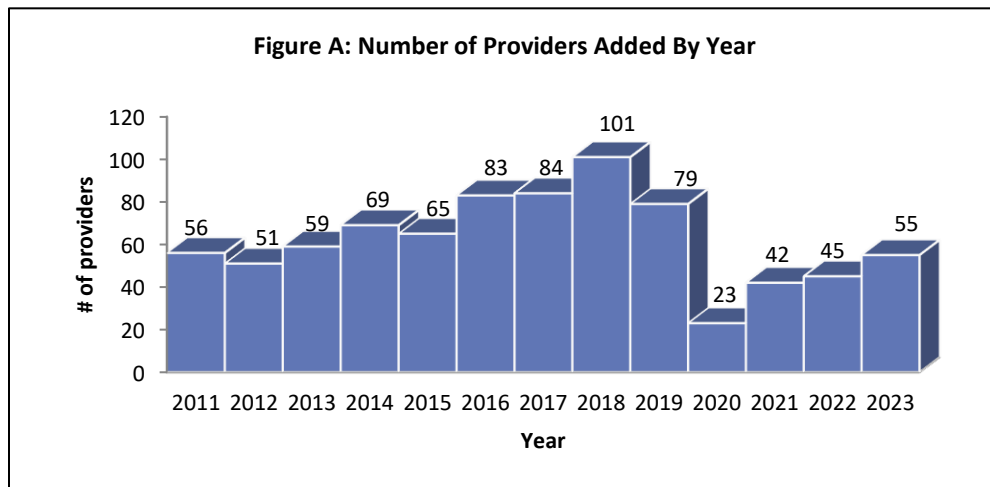
⁸ Caregivers can submit their applications for CRCP or GCP enrollment through the following link: <https://kinshipdc.org>.

2) Subsidies Awarded

CFSA approved 55 new applications in CY 2023, resulting in 83 new children enrolled in the GCP.⁹

A full subsidy payment (without offsets)¹⁰ is \$24.79 per day for children younger than age 12, and \$27.92 per day for children older than 12.¹¹ During CY 2023, a participant in the GCP could expect to receive an average daily rate of \$20.90 per child, or an average 30-day month rate of \$627 per child. This is up from the 2011 average daily rate of \$14.96 per child, or an average 30-day month rate of \$448.80 per child.¹² The current average number of children per family participating in the program is 1.5, and the average age of children currently in the program is 12.

Figure A illustrates that 55 new providers/caregivers began receiving the GCP subsidy in CY 2023. The primary cause cited for enrollment was the loss of a parent, followed by parent incarceration.



3) Families Receiving the GCP Subsidy, TANF, and SSI

Of the 705 children receiving a GCP subsidy at the end of CY 2023, 566 (80%) also received Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) by the end of the calendar year. In addition, 25 children (4%) received Supplemental Security Income (SSI) by the end of the calendar year. Under the Grandparent Caregivers Pilot Program Establishment Act of 2005, the program adjusted GCP subsidy amounts for these two groups of children by the sum they received in TANF or SSI. This was in effect until September 30, as SSI contributions were no longer considered after October 1, 2023. The caregivers for the remaining 114 children received the full subsidy amount.

⁹To determine the count of newly awarded subsidies, we examine the subsidy start dates in FACES and count the distinct child IDs associated with a 2023 subsidy start date.

¹⁰Caregivers not receiving other government subsidies for the child such as TANF and SSI benefits.

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¹²The rate has remained the same since 2012.

4) Denials Due to Ineligibility

In CY 2023, nine applicants were deemed ineligible due to exceeding program income requirements.

5) Waitlisted Due to Lack of Appropriated Funding

The GCP has a fixed budget and serves applicants on a first come, first serve basis based on budget availability annually. CFSA did not have any potential recipients waitlisted in CY 2023.

5a) Subsidies Transferred to a Relative Caregiver

In CY 2023, CFSA did not transfer any subsidies to a relative caregiver.

6) Estimated Eligible Caretakers and Estimated Grandparents Acting as Caregivers

According to the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Kids Count Data Center, in 2022, 4,000 District children younger than age 18 were living in grandparent-led households and an additional 8,000 were living in households led by a relative caregiver. Studies show that children in relative care have more stability and are more likely to maintain connections with siblings, preserve their cultural heritage, and maintain community bonds when compared to children in non-relative care.¹³ The Kids Count Data Center reports 41,000 District children live in households that have incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level.

6a) Demographics

Figure B shows that currently, Wards 7 and 8 represent the largest percentage of families participating in the GCP. Ward 7 is home to 130 families (25%), while Ward 8 has 182 families (35%). The total number of caregivers across all Wards is 523.

¹³ "Time for Reform: Support Relatives in Providing Foster Care and Permanent Families for Children." Kids Are Waiting: Fix Foster Care Now and Generations United, Washington, DC. 2007 and Conway, Tiffany and Rutledge Q. Hudson. "Is Kinship Care Good for Kids?" Center for Law and Social Policy, Washington, DC. 2007.

Figure B: Caregivers/Families by Ward (CY23, Total N = 523)

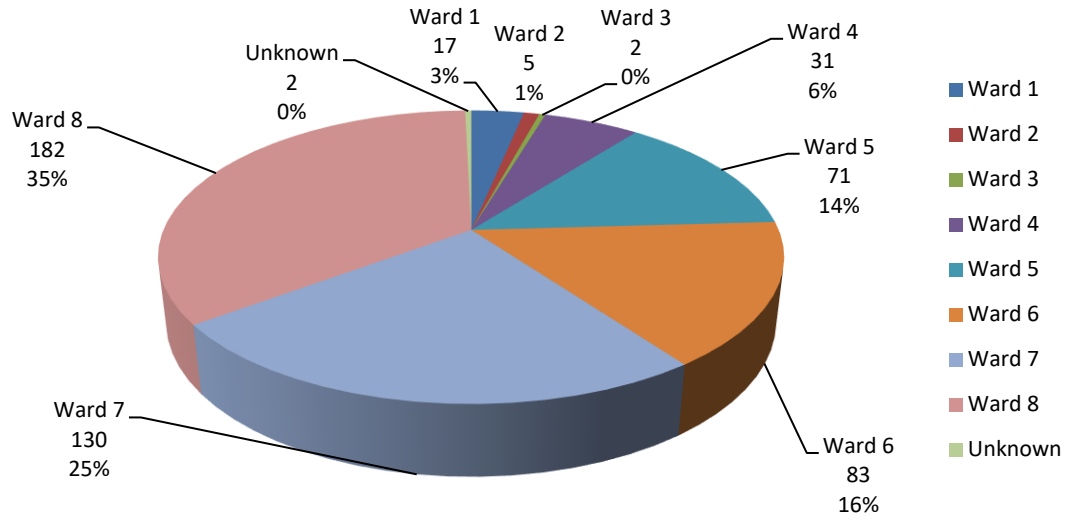
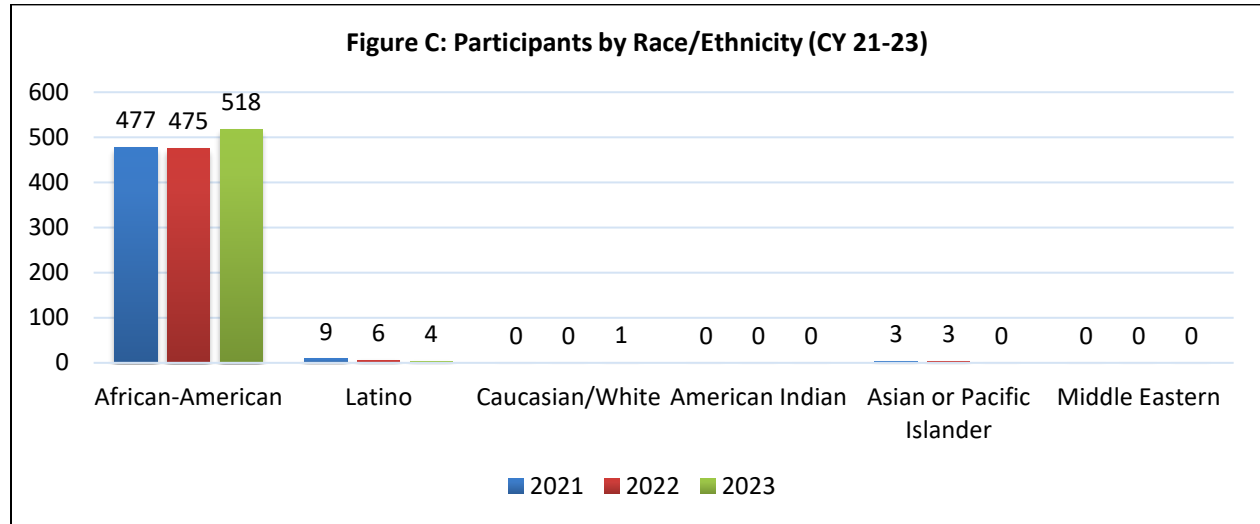


Figure C shows the majority of households in the GCP are African-American families, with a small number of Latino or White families also enrolled.



7) Terminations and Aging Out

Termination statistics are based on individual children, as the circumstances of one child may change and result in termination without impacting other children in the household. Of the 100 children who exited the program during CY 2023, 54 aged out due to reaching the age of 18. CFSA discontinued subsidies to the remaining 46 children for one of the reasons listed below:

- Death of caregiver. When the primary caregiver passed away, a different person assumed the role of caring for the children. Consequently, while the subsidy ceased with the original caregiver, it was extended to the new caregiver.
- Caregiver failed to recertify.
- Caregiver relocated outside of the District.
- Child(ren) no longer in the home.
- The caregiver’s household income increased, exceeding eligibility requirements.
- Birth parent moved back into the home and the family did not qualify for an exception as outlined in the D.C. Code.

In CY 2023, two Fair Hearing appeal requests were received. One was due to exceeding income limits. The client was deemed eligible and began receiving the subsidy after submitting a corrected application that included all household members. The second request also involved surpassing income thresholds. However, the client reapplied after October 1st, when SSI could no longer be considered, resulting in the client receiving the subsidy.

8) Substantiated Instances of Fraud

In CY 2023, there were no instances of fraud.

9) Children Separated from Households while Receiving Subsidy

In CY 2023, there were no children separated while receiving a subsidy.

10) Recommendations for Program Improvement

The Harvard Kennedy School Government Performance Lab (GPL) supported the CFSA Kinship Team in designing and implementing a survey for relative caregivers who currently receive the Grandparent Caregivers Program Subsidy or Close Relative Caregiver Program Subsidy. The report was shared with CFSA during the 2023 summer and provides an overview of considerations drawn from the 131 survey responses received between January 23, 2023, and March 6, 2023 - a 26% response rate based on the number of caregivers enrolled in the subsidy when the survey was conducted. Recommendations for program improvement included:

1. Use third-party referral platform to identify providers of clothing, food, and household items, areas where caregivers most frequently use the subsidy towards, and share it with caregivers.
 - a. This recommendation has been put into action. All staff members have been trained and now utilize Unite Us to identify and offer resources.
2. Grow their knowledge in referral pathways and additional available supports, specifically for: housing, mental health services for children, food, tutoring, and services and supports for a child with a disability or health condition.
3. Prioritize relationship-building and coordination with TANF providers to better support their caregivers.
 - a. This recommendation has been put into motion: ongoing discussions have commenced, and efforts are underway to collaborate with TANF in order to establish direct contact.
4. Contact the Children's Law Center and some key schools to learn more about the supports that they provide to caregivers and explore coordination/partnership opportunities.
5. Hold an information session with the Family Success Centers'/Collaboratives' staff to explain the program subsidies and the application process, so that staff members can then inform caregivers about the subsidy and support them with the application.
 - a. This recommendation is scheduled to be implemented in FY2024.
6. Explore strategies to leverage Community Outreach Events to provide information about the subsidies (e.g. flyers, info. desk).
 - a. This suggestion is presently being put into action through expanded outreach efforts, including distributing flyers and brochures, updating the website, hosting community meetings, participating in tabling events, organizing senior activities, and conducting Microsoft Teams-based GCP/CRCP presentations.
7. Identify all existing subsidy promotional materials outside of the website and translate them into other DC official languages (plus update any existing Spanish translations).
8. Explore strategies to make services more accessible in terms of race, language, and geography.

Chapter 4: GCP Population & Subsidy Overview

Table 3 breaks out all relevant data points to the GCP by month in CY 2023.

Statistics	Table 3: Grandparent Caregivers Monthly Data (CY23)												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2023 Total
New Applications	9	7	7	7	15	5	10	4	4	7	6	2	83
New Applications (# of Children)	15	8	11	8	20	6	14	7	5	10	9	2	113 ¹⁴
# of Approved Applications	2	3	3	14	3	2	6	8	3	6	3	2	55
# of Children Approved	2	7	3	24	3	2	10	13	5	8	4	2	83
# of Denied Applications	4	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	11
# of Terminations	10	7	7	4	13	9	10	9	9	13	4	5	100
# of Age-outs	2	5	4	4	8	4	4	3	2	11	2	5	554
# Waitlisted Due to Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of Providers Receiving Subsidy	471	471	470	469	468	467	467	466	466	464	461	461	467 ¹⁵
# of Children Receiving Subsidy	717	722	722	723	719	710	717	714	715	714	704	707	715 ¹⁶
Total Subsidy Amount Paid (\$)	535,077.14	554,679.69	482,980.2	517,964.6	519,051.43	547,615.84	537,622.84	548,423.94	545,967.19	537,738.18	547,750.77	509,077.01	6,383,948.83

The Grandparent Caregivers Program continues to provide support to families and serves as a tool that helps children avoid entry into the foster care system. Studies have shown the benefits of children staying with family, and the majority of caregivers who responded to the 2015 GCP Survey noted that they would not be able to care for their kin if it were not for the GCP subsidy. Every dollar spent on GCP goes towards preventing more children from entering the foster care system. This program is incredibly effective, using every dollar given to prevent children from being separated from their families. The GCP's alternative is foster care, which is costlier and more traumatic for children. The increasing number of children and caregivers applying for GCP demonstrates this program is a necessary safeguard that prevents entry into the child welfare system by building and supporting family and community strength and resiliency.

¹⁴ The total number of unique children for whom applications were submitted throughout the year, accounting for duplicates.

¹⁵ Numbers based on a 12-month average.

¹⁶ Numbers based on a 12-month average.

Part 2: Close Relative Caregivers Program

This is the fourth annual report for the Close Relative Caregivers Program (CRCP), established by the District of Columbia under the Close Relative Caregivers Pilot Program Establishment Act of 2019 (D.C. Law 23-0032; D.C Official Code § 4–251.22 *et seq.*). This subsidy program was created to address the growing needs of relative caregivers that do not meet the eligibility requirement for the Grandparent Caregivers Program.¹⁷ Since the program’s inception in October 2019, the D.C. Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) has served as program administrator. The Establishment Act requires that the annual report include recommendations for program improvement (page 19) and statistics covering annual data and information from the program (page 21). The Preserving Our Kids' Equity Through Trusts and Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities Amendment Act of 2022 (D.C. Law 24-309; effective March 10, 2023), also known as POKETT Act, amended the Close Relative Caregiver Subsidy Pilot Program Establishment Amendment Act of 2019 to make the program permanent. It also clarified the date on which subsidy payments are to begin and made other programmatic improvements.

Chapter 5: CRCP Program Profile

The CRCP provides a monthly subsidy for eligible caregivers raising their brother, sister, nephew, niece, cousin, or godchild. Absent this subsidy, caregivers might lack the financial resources to provide care, putting the child at risk of entering the foster care system. In calendar year (CY) 2023, the program served 106 children, with a monthly average of 86 children (54 families) served.

Table 4: CRCP Statistics	CY2021	CY2022	CY2023
Program funding (subsidy portion)	\$401,310	\$502,000 ¹⁸	\$608,000 ¹⁹
Applications received (from families)	18	29	43 ²⁰
Including reapplications received (from families)	1	0	4
New subsidies awarded (to children)	20	19	26 ²¹
Including subsidies awarded to children following a reapplication	2	0	1
Children receiving both GCP and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) at End of Year	28	42	64
Total number of children (families) who received subsidy in the calendar year	60	71	106 (67)
Denials due to ineligibility	0	14	6
Denials due to funding (applications on the waiting list at End of Year)	0	0	0
Subsidies transferred to caregivers	0	0	0
Subsidies terminated by program or caregiver²²	9	1	13
Substantiated instances of fraud	0	0	0
Children removed from household while receiving subsidy	0	0	1
Monthly average of children (families) served	37 (27)	39 (39)	86 (54)

¹⁷ Established by the Grandparent Caregivers Pilot Program Establishment Act of 2005 (D.C. law 16-69; D.C. Official Code § 4–251.02 *et seq.*)

¹⁸ Data source: https://cfo.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ocfo/publication/attachments/rl_cfsa_tables_2023j.pdf

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²⁰ Every application is accounted for here, encompassing denied, voided, and pending ones. This count does not include application drafts or recertification applications. Information sourced from the Applications tab on the Power BI Dashboard.

²¹ To determine the count of newly awarded subsidies, we analyze the subsidy start dates in FACES and tally the unique child IDs linked to a subsidy start date in 2023.

²² Reflects youth aging out, provider’s request to be removed, and providers who no longer qualified for the program.

Chapter 6: CRCP Achievements

Achieved Performance Indicator

The CRCP is a valuable component of the Four Pillars strategy that provides families the support they need to prevent children from entering foster care as Table 5 illustrates.

Table 5: Families Assisted to Stay Together, Preventing Foster Care (CY23)		
Performance Indicator	2023 Target	2023 Actual
Children receiving CRCP services will not enter out of home placement.	95%	99%

Client Testimonial

The CRCP has made a significant impact in the lives of many District families. Several program participants offered positive feedback this year expressing their gratitude for the program. Below is one testimonial on the importance of the program:

- *“I’m able to save for his college tuition in the near future, provide food for the month, and essential items to meet his daily needs. His wants/needs are definitely met. The program is definitely helpful to family members. A good helping source.”*

Chapter 7: CRCP Report

1) Applications Filed²³

In CY 2022, the CRCP received 43 new applications on behalf of 53 children.

2) Subsidies Awarded

Of the 43 new applications²⁴ in CY 2023, CFSA approved 19²⁵, resulting in 26 new children enrolled in CRCP in 2023. The primary cause cited for enrollment was the loss of a parent.

A full subsidy payment (without offsets²⁶) is \$24.79 per day for children younger than age 12 and \$27.92 per day for children 12 and over. During 2023, a participant in the CRCP could expect to receive an average daily rate of \$21.63 per child, or an average 30-day month rate of \$648.92 per child. The current average number of children per family participating in the program is two, and the average age of children currently in the program is 10.

²³ Potential applicants can receive an application by calling the program directly or downloading the application from the CFSA website (www.cfsa.dc.gov). CFSA has also provided application information to community partners so they can inform prospective caregivers about the program. Applications filed are not the equivalent to a completed and/or approved application.

²⁴ One application equals one family.

²⁵ Number approved were based on available funding. Additional applicants were deemed eligible. SSI contributions were no longer considered after October 1, 2023.

²⁶Caregivers not receiving other government subsidies for the child such as TANF and SSI benefits.

3) Families Receiving the CRCP Subsidy, TANF, and SSI

Of the 106 children receiving a CRCP subsidy in CY 2023, 64 (60%) also received Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). In addition, five children (5%) received Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Under the Close Relative Caregivers Pilot Program Establishment Act of 2019, the program offsets CRCP subsidy amounts for these two groups of children by the amount they received in TANF or SSI. This was in effect until September 30th, as SSI contributions were no longer considered after October 1, 2023.

4) Denials Due to Ineligibility

In 2023, CFSA denied 6 applicants due to exceeding program income requirements.

5) Waitlisted Due to Lack of Appropriated Funding

In 2023, CFSA had no waitlist due to lack of funding.

5a) Subsidies Transferred to a Relative Caregiver

In 2023, CFSA did not transfer any subsidies to a relative caregiver.

6) Estimated Eligible Caretakers and Estimated Grandparents Acting as Caregivers

According to the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Kids Count Data Center, in 2022, 4,000 District children younger than age 18 were living in grandparent-led households and an additional 8,000 were living in households led by a relative caregiver. Studies show that children in relative care have more stability and are more likely to maintain connections with siblings, preserve their cultural heritage, and maintain community bonds when compared to children in non-relative care.²⁷ The Kids Count Data Center reports 41,000 District children live in households that have incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level.

6a) Demographics

Figure D shows that currently, Wards 7 and 8 represent the largest percentage of families participating in the CRCP. Ward 7 is home to 16 families (24%), while Ward 8 has 26 families (39%). The total number of caregivers across all Wards is 67.

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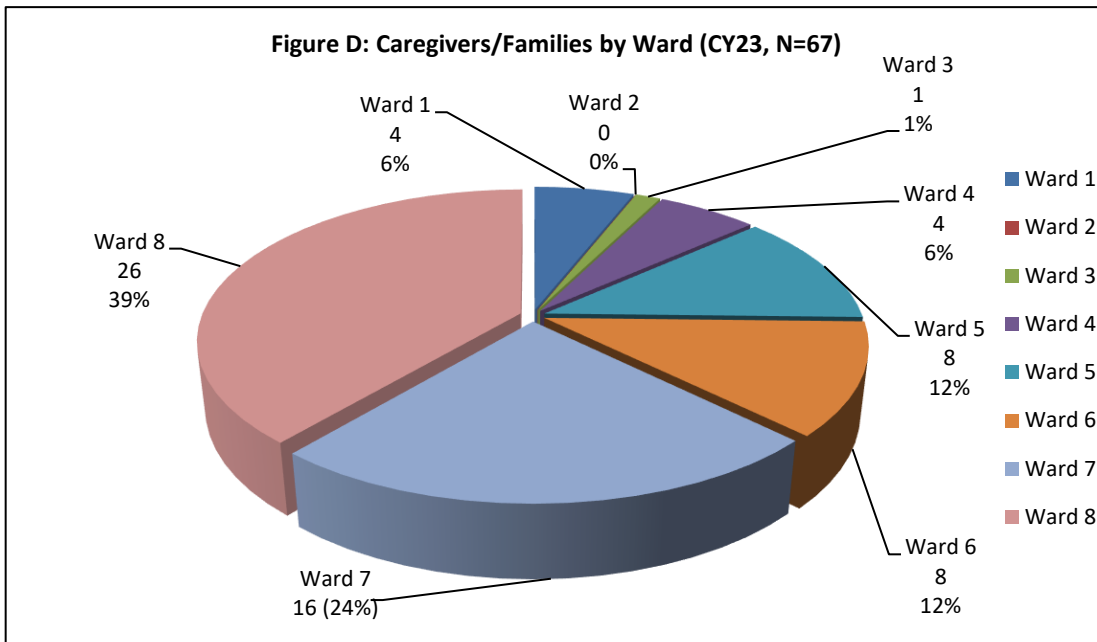
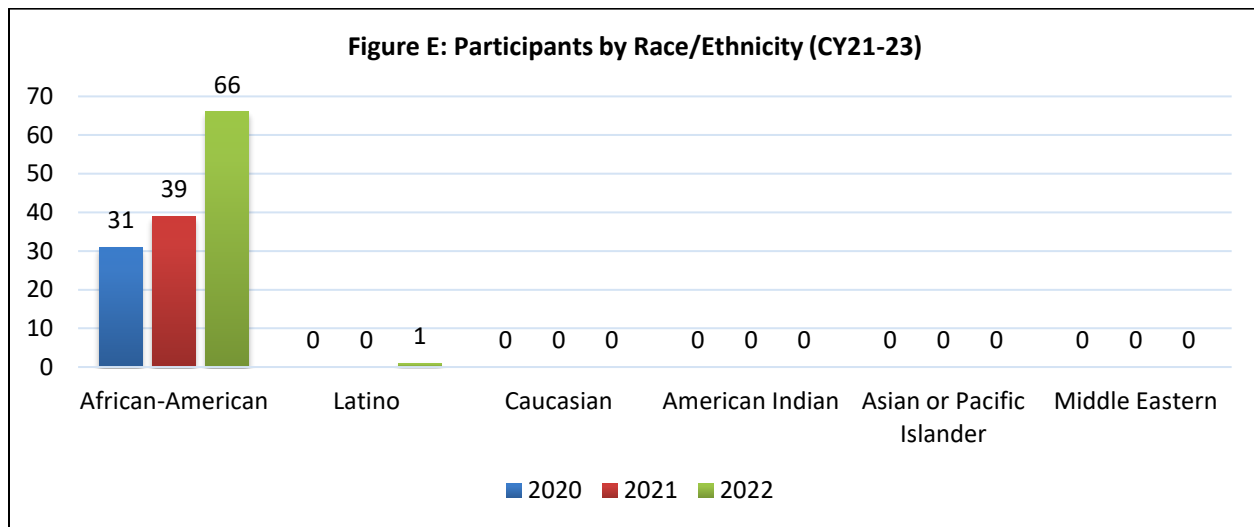


Figure E shows that nearly all households in the CRCP are African-American families.



7) Terminations and Aging Out

Termination statistics are based on individual children, as the circumstances of one child may change and result in termination without impacting other children in the household. Thirteen children exited the CRCP in CY 2023. CFSA discontinued CRCP subsidies primarily because children were no longer in the home.

In CY 2023, one Fair Hearing appeal request was received due to an application rejection. The client

remained ineligible following the Fair Hearing because they did not meet the income requirements.

8) Substantiated Instances of Fraud

In CY 2023, there were no instances of fraud.

9) Children Separated from Households while Receiving Subsidy

In CY 2023, one child was separated while receiving a subsidy.

10) Recommendations for Program Improvement

Furthermore, in CY 2023 the Harvard Kennedy School Government Performance Lab (GPL) supported CFS Kinship Team in designing and implementing a survey for relative caregivers who currently receive the Grandparent Caregivers Program Subsidy or Close Relative Caregiver Program Subsidy. The report provides an overview of considerations drawn from the 131 survey responses received between January 23, 2023, and March 6, 2023 - a 26% response rate based on the number of caregivers enrolled in the subsidy when the survey was conducted. Recommendations for program improvement included:

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7. Identify all existing subsidy promotional materials outside of the website and translate them into other DC official languages (plus update any existing Spanish translations).
8. Explore strategies to make services more accessible in terms of race, language, and geography.

Chapter 8: CRCP Population & Subsidy Overview

Table 6 breaks out all relevant data points to the CRCP by month in CY 2023.

Statistics	Table 6: Close Relative Caregivers Monthly Data (CY23)												2023 Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
New Applications	2	7	4	5	2	2	8	2	1	8	1	1	43
New Applications (# of Children)	3	10	5	6	4	2	10	2	1	8	1	1	53 ²⁸
# of Approved Applications	0	0	1	3	3	3	3	2	3	0	1	0	19
# of Children Approved	0	0	1	4	4	5	4	4	3	0	1	0	26
# of Denied Applications	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	6
# of Terminations	1	1	1	0	3	0	1	2	3	0	1	0	13
# of Age-outs	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	2	0	1	0	9
# Waitlisted Due to Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of Providers Receiving Subsidy	46	49	49	48	51	54	53	58	60	62	60	61	54 ²⁹
# of Children Receiving Subsidy	71	81	80	78	82	86	84	91	94	96	93	93	86 ³⁰
Total Subsidy Amount Paid (\$)	50,906.92	77,855.24	54,912.52	55,697.84	57,374.56	60,283.55	58,024.35	62,320.66	63,488.93	64,821.82	64,290.5	61,350.24	731,327.22

The CRCP continues to provide support to families and serves as a tool that helps children avoid entry into the foster care system. Studies have shown the benefits of children staying with family, and the majority of caregivers who responded to the CFSA survey of the program noted that they would not be able to care for their kin if it were not for the CRCP subsidy. Every dollar spent on CRCP goes towards preventing more children from entering the foster care system. The CRCP is incredibly effective, using every dollar given to prevent children from being separated from their families. The CRCP's alternative is foster care, which is costlier and more traumatic for children. The increasing number of children and caregivers applying for CRCP demonstrates that the program is a necessary safeguard that prevents entry into the child welfare system by building family and community resiliency.

²⁸ The total number of unique children for whom applications were submitted throughout the year, accounting for duplicates.

²⁹ Numbers based on a 12-month average.

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