

**Child Care and Development Fund**  
**FACT SHEET**  
*October, 2007*  
*Montana*

## **Caseload**

- 5,472 children were served this month in this program
- 3,327 families received subsidies for childcare through this program
- 8.8% of the families entered the program during this period
- Yellowstone County accounted for 22.0% of all families served

## **Children**

- 87.2% of children were served in licensed care
- 10.5% of children were cared for by relatives
- Children under 1 year of age were in child care an average of 131 hours per month
- School-age children (ages 6 and older) constitute 26.0% of all children served
- White children accounted for 77.8% of all children served

## **Families**

- 79.9% of families received subsidies because of employment
- 100.0% of families had copayments, at an average of 3.8% of income
- The average number of children served per family was 1.7
- 88.5% of families were headed by a single parent
- 11.3% of families listed TANF as a source of income

## **Expenditures**

- The average cost of care this month per child was \$374 (monthly subsidy + parent fee)
- Parents paid 8.5% of the cost and the program paid 91.5%
- Average monthly expenditures for children under 1 year of age was \$418
- Average monthly expenditures for school-age children (ages 6 and older) was \$237
- 83.5% of total expenditures were for children under 6 years of age

## **Counties**

- The highest average cost of care was in Meagher County at \$539 per child
- Sanders County ranks first in relative care statewide with 63.6% of all children cared for by relatives.
- The county with the greatest percent of TANF recipients in the caseload was Roosevelt County, where 37.3% of families receiving child care subsidies also received income from TANF