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Why OIG Did This Review

The Child Care and Development Block Grant Act (CCDBG Act) of 2014 added new requirements for States receiving Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) funds to conduct comprehensive criminal background checks on staff members and prospective staff members of childcare providers every 5 years. States must have requirements, policies, and procedures in place to conduct criminal background checks for staff members of childcare providers (other than relatives) that are licensed, regulated, or registered under State law or receive CCDF funds. Background check requirements apply to any staff member who is employed by a childcare provider for compensation or whose activities involve the care or supervision of children or unsupervised access to children.

Our objective was to determine Nevada's progress toward implementing new criminal background check requirements established under the CCDBG Act.

How OIG Did This Review

Our review covered Nevada's implementation of the new criminal background check requirements that were in place as of March 1, 2018. In addition, we examined Nevada's plans to address the new criminal background check requirements that were not implemented by the end of our fieldwork, August 1, 2018. We also identified challenges that Nevada experienced. Our review did not address childcare providers' compliance with the new requirements.

Nevada Implemented Some New Criminal Background Check Requirements for Childcare Providers, but Challenges Remain for Unimplemented Requirements

What OIG Found

Nevada implemented some of the new criminal background check requirements established under the CCDBG Act. However, certain criminal background check requirements for childcare providers remained unimplemented as of March 1, 2018, and significant challenges may delay full implementation until 2019 or 2020. According to Nevada officials, these challenges include decentralization of the background check processes. (Background checks are conducted by different entities, depending on the provider type.)

Nevada currently has until September 30, 2018, to implement the new criminal background check requirements. The outstanding challenges may mean that Nevada will not fully implement the requirements before the deadline and, therefore, Nevada may request an additional 1-year waiver from the Administration for Children and Families to address the challenges and comply with the new requirements.