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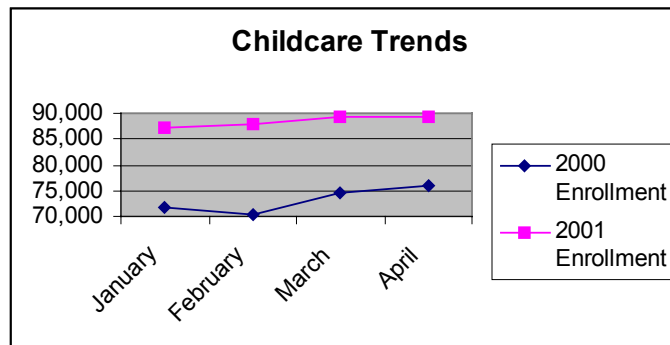
## Childcare Fact Sheet

### Quick Facts:

- As of April 2001 childcare subsidies were provided to an average 89,381 children per month<sup>1</sup>
- Federal Child Care to Ohio for FY2002 is \$299 Million<sup>2</sup>
- State TANF funding in Ohio for child care for FY2002 is \$242 Million<sup>2</sup>
- State GRF funding for childcare for FY 2002 is 84.1 Million this amount is unchanged in the last four years. <sup>2</sup>

### Explaining Rising Caseload Numbers:

- 17,552 more children were using subsidized childcare in February 2001 compared to February 2000.<sup>3</sup>



- The largest category increase is in the working poor population.
- ODJFS projections assume a maximum enrollment increase will occur each month.
- ODJFS projections are based on the highest months of enrollment.

### Areas of Concern:

- Maintain dedicated MIS staff to the childcare bureau.
- ODJFS is considering ways to control childcare spending but it is unclear if childcare will in fact be over budget. Reimburse rates to providers do not currently cover all services provided to children. Delaying reimbursement rates will exasperate the qualified staffing and recruitment problems providers' face.
- Reducing the eligibility income levels will it make very difficult for families to maintain employment. Without subsidies families could see their childcare rates double and consume upwards of 30% of their annual income.
- Some counties take up to 30 days or longer to process childcare applications making it very difficult for parents to begin and maintain employment. Any further restrictions or demands on counties will cause longer delays and higher administrative costs for counties; including income review once every 6 months as passed in the budget bill.

<sup>1</sup> ODJFS Barbara Riley Budget Testimony

<sup>2</sup> HB94- State Budget

<sup>3</sup> Childcare summary report ODJFS