ECLDS Program Data Information

- Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP): CCAP helps make quality child care affordable by providing financial assistance to help families with low incomes pay for child care.

- Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE): ECFE provides supports for all Minnesota families with children between the ages of birth to kindergarten entrance based on the idea that parents are a child's first and most important teachers.

- Early Childhood Screening (ECS): A free program required for all children prior to kindergarten. Required screening components include: developmental screening (cognitive, fine and gross motor skills, speech and language, and social-emotional development); vision; hearing; immunization review; height and weight; health care coverage; identification of risk factors which may influence learning; a summary interview with the parent or guardian and referrals and follow-up for assessment; and diagnosis and treatment when potential needs are identified.

- Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE): ECSE provides supports and services to infants, toddlers and preschool children with disabilities and their families.

- Early Education Student: MDE requires a student identification process for children registered in Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) and School Readiness in order to better understand children’s early learning experiences prior to kindergarten.

- Minnesota District Preschool: Programs for children age three to kindergarten entrance with the purpose of preparing children to enter kindergarten. Programs included in ECLDS Minnesota District Preschool data are School Readiness, School Readiness Plus, and Voluntary Prekindergarten.

Notes:

- ECLDS kindergarten charts begin with kindergarten cohorts and look back at previous program participation.

- Kindergarten data is finalized the January following the end of the school year.

- As seen on the Data Source Matrix, Early Education Student began in the ECLDS with the SFY14 cohort for ECFE and Minnesota District Preschool. The first time SFY14 information for ECFE and Minnesota District Preschool was available in kindergarten cohort charts was June 2016.

- A kindergartner's birth to five participation in ECFE and Minnesota District Preschool (EE Student 2017-18 cohort) was first reflected in kindergarten cohort information in June 2020.

- Voluntary Prekindergarten and School Readiness Plus data were first included in the Minnesota District Preschool data beginning June 2021.