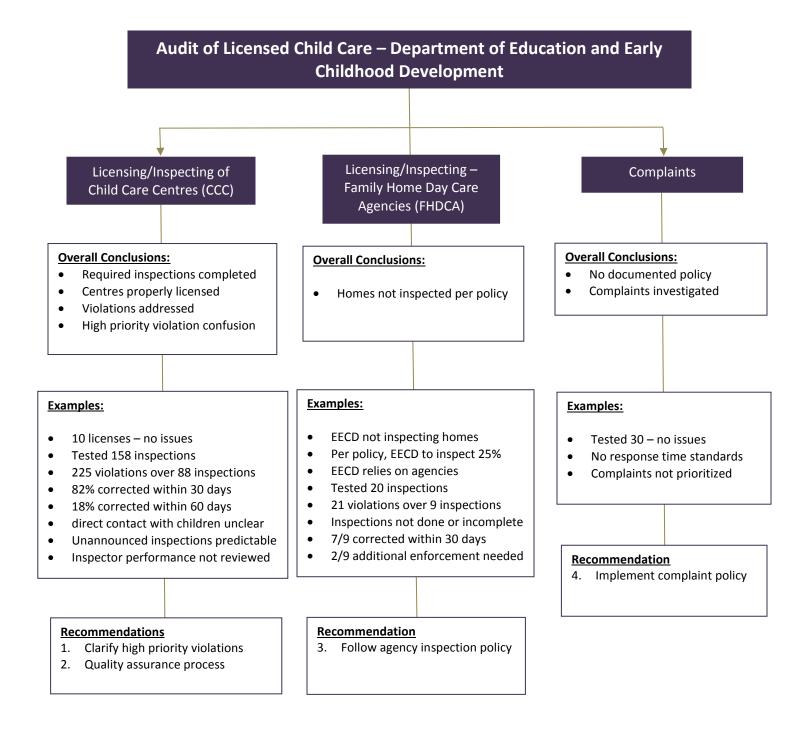


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Accessibility and Affordability (A/A)

Overall Conclusions:

- A/A not well defined
- Better measures needed

Examples:

- Measures do not assess A/A
- Ex: % subsidized spaces used
- Measure for % of subsidized spaces
 - Target 31%
 - Actual 26%
- 2016 EECD child care review
 - 5 recommendations for A/A
 - 27 actions items

Recommendations

- 5. Better performance measures
- 6. Project management structure

Grants and Subsidies

Overall Conclusions:

- Program objectives not met
- Administrative weaknesses

Examples:

- No guidance on wage allocation
- Recruitment/retention issues remain
- Affordability still issue for families
- 9/30 files inconsistent wage allocation
- 23/30 late annual reviews
- Reliance on self-reporting

Recommendations

- 7. Conduct annual reviews
- 8. Process to verify claims