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Shannon Rudisill is the Associate Director of the Child Care Bureau in the Administration for Children and Families at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Child Care Bureau administers the Child Care and Development Fund, which provides over \$5 billion each year in formula grants to States, Territories, and Tribes. The CCDF subsidizes child care for approximately 1.7 million children each month and funds a wide variety of initiatives to improve the quality of child care for all children.

From 2000- 2007, Ms. Rudisill served as Director of the Division of Technical Assistance in the Child Care Bureau. During her tenure, she initiated new projects for the Child Care Bureau in the areas of infant and toddler care, the social and emotional development of young children, and school readiness. In addition, she built bridges between the ACF early childhood programs and programs at the Department of Education. Prior to that, she was Special Assistant to ACF Assistant Secretary Olivia Golden and worked extensively on the Clinton Administration's child care initiative. She is a graduate of Duke University and has a Master of Social Work degree from the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis. She most enjoys focusing on early childhood development in her own household with sons Alex (age 6) and Wesley (age 3).