Reviving, Rebuilding and Reinvesting in Child Care
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Child Care Challenges

Families
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Educators

Median Hourly Wages (2019)

- Child Care Workers, All Settings: $11.65
- Preschool Teachers, All Settings: $14.67
- Preschool Teachers, in Schools: $26.95
- Center Directors, All Settings: $23.18
- Kindergarten Teachers: $32.80
- Elementary Teachers: $34.43
- All Occupations: $19.14

Source: Center for the Study of Child Care Employment, University of California Berkeley
State economic losses of $479 million to $3.47 billion
4 out of 5 child care centers understaffed
1 in 10 working mothers left a job due to COVID-19

Child Care and Economic Impact

Sources: U.S. Chamber Foundation, NAEYC, Kaiser Family Foundation
Looking Ahead: Opportunities in Child Care

Child Care COVID-19 Relief Funding

How long do states have to spend their child care relief funds?

2020
Receive:
CARES Act: $3.5B

2021
Receive:
CRSRA Act: $12B
ARP CDBG: $15B
ARP Stabilization: $24B

2022
Obligate:
CARES
CRSRA
ARP Stabilization

2023
Obligate:
ARP CDBG

2024
Liquidate:
CARES
CRSRA
ARP Stabilization

Obligate: State has entered into a legally-binding agreement to spend funds.
Liquidate: State has made payments.

Source: The Center for Law and Social Policy
Use of Child Care Relief Funds

Flexible Child Care Subsidies

Support for Essential Workers

Health and Safety

Financial Support for Providers

Use of Child Care Relief Funds

ARPA Stabilization Grants ($24B)

34 States and territories

Have released ARPA stabilization grant applications

Find Stabilization Grant Information for your State or Territory
Use of Child Care Relief Funds
ARPA Supplemental Discretionary Funds ($15B)

- Increase provider payments
- Grants and contracts
- Pay based on enrollment
- Increase wages and benefits
- Increase supply for underserved populations

 Expand access to child care

 Expand access to child care subsidies

 Mental health support

 Access to vaccines

- Reduce/waive copayments
- Broaden qualifying activities
- Increase income eligibility
- Assistance for essential workers
- Invest in data systems
- Outreach to families and providers

- Support access to vaccines for child care professionals

- Support access to child care professionals

Source: Administration for Children & Families, Office of Child Care

What is the role of state legislatures in allocating federal child care relief funds?
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