

COVID Investments in Child Care: Supporting Children, Families, and Providers

Stabilizing Child Care

220,000
CHILD CARE
PROVIDERS

220,000 child care providers received ARP Child Care Stabilization Grants that helped them **pay staff, rent, and other key goods and services.**



10M
CHILDREN

As many as **10 million children** were positively impacted by child care programs receiving stabilization grants.

700,000
CHILDREN

COVID relief funds have helped **lower child care costs** of more than 700,000 children.



Lowering Costs For Families

Better Workforce Compensation

50
STATES

50 states and DC are offering **retention bonuses, recruitment bonuses, and/or stipends** to child care workers.



650,000
CHILD CARE
WORKERS

More than 650,000 child care workers received some form of **increased compensation.**

Supply Building

**300,000
NEW CHILD
CARE SLOTS**

States created at least 300,000 **new child care slots**.



**88%
OF STATES**

88% of states are creating new child care slots by funding **child care startup or expansion grants**.

**3 out
of 4
STATES**

3 out of 4 states increased or plan to increase provider payment rates.



**28
STATES**

28 states improved or are planning to improve payment practices for providers, such as

- Paying based on enrollment rather than attendance
- Using contracts to provide direct services

Better Provider Payment Rates and Policies

Better Mental Health

**22
STATES**

22 states and DC are engaged in supporting mental health initiatives.

- Providing paid mental health consultants
- Offering professional development opportunities



All numbers in this report represent initiatives funded with COVID relief dollars and are early estimates. States continue to invest in innovative programs and policy improvements throughout the country to help rebuild a better child care system.