

Building Back Better: Child Care Priorities

Child care is essential. To build back better, we must invest in building the federal-state child care and early learning system that will support children's healthy development, ensure families have access to the stable child care they need to support their family, and that child care providers are paid the living wages and good benefits they deserve. We must build a comprehensive child care system for families with children 0-13 (and older as needed) that addresses:



Equity in outcomes for all children, families and providers; prioritizing investments in communities who are most impacted by our child care crisis, including BIPOC families, low-income families, immigrant families, families with a child or parent with a disability, and more.



Affordability for all families; with care being free for many and affordable to all.



Living wages and benefits for all child care providers—including those in centers, family homes or who provide informal care to friends, family members, or neighbors.



Accessibility for all families regardless of where they live, when they work, how much they work, or their immigration status.



Parent choice through a mixed delivery system that supports culturally diverse providers in providing culturally-relevant and safe care in a range of settings.

Child Care Crisis by the Numbers

In America today, two-thirds of children from birth to 13 have all available parents in the workforce. And many more parents would join the workforce if good child care options were available. If we invested in child care for all families:

- **2 million jobs** would be added to the economy
- Our GDP would increase by as much as **\$274 billion**
- Families across the country would **save \$35 billion** that could be invested in other essentials
- American businesses would **gain back an estimated \$12.7 billion** lost annually from child care challenges.

We must invest in an equitable, accessible, affordable, culturally-relevant, high-quality, mixed delivery child care system that meets the needs of all our children, families and providers.