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CHILDREN IN CALIFORNIA SET TO LOSE CHILD CARE DUE TO CHILD CARE CLIFF

Beginning September 30, 2023, states will face a steep dropoff in federal child care investment. Without Congressional action, this cliff will have dire consequences. More than three million children are projected to lose access to child care nationwide. Seventy thousand child care programs are likely to close. This will have ripple effects for parents forced out of work or to cut their work hours, for businesses who will lose valuable employees or experience the impact of their employees' child care disruptions, and state economies that will lose tax revenue and jobs in the child care sector as a result.

Congress should act quickly to protect California's children, families, and communities from the higher costs, reduced earnings, and productivity loss that will come with going over the child care cliff.



"The stabilization prevented programs from closing and were lifelines during the pandemic, but without permanent longterm increased funding, high quality early education programs serving children 0-5 will close. Short-term grant funding is not a solution. The perilous ECE system is built on the backs of the amazing workforce (the majority of whom are women of color) who accept poverty wages to serve the nation's youngest and most vulnerable children. I am tired of talking about equity and access - for true equity and to increase access, the government must adequately fund programs and support competitive wages for the early childhood education workforce."

CHILD CENTER DIRECTOR

84,417

Without intervention, **84,417** children in California are expected to lose their child care as a result of the stabilization cliff.

13,581

13,581 child care programs are projected to close - making it even harder for families to find safe, nurturing child care options.

\$289 MILLION

California parents will lose **\$289 million** in earnings as a result of being forced to cut work hours or leave the workforce.



As children and families feel these consequences, so will state economies. The loss of the federal funds will mean:

\$350 MILLION less in employer productivity
\$17.7 MILLION less in state income tax

23,021 CHILD CARE JOBS

Finally, the child care sector has been far behind the rest of the economy in recovering jobs post-pandemic. We hear stories around the nation about child care classrooms having to close because there are not enough early educators. An additional **23,021 child care jobs** are expected to be lost in California, at a minimum.