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# CHILDREN IN COLORADO 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 Colorado's children, families, and communities from the higher costs, reduced earnings, and productivity loss that will come with going over the child care cliff.


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*The costs associated with child care outweigh our community's ability to afford child care. We were able to use our stabilization grant to ensure our families continued to have affordable access to high quality child care. Without this grant, we are looking to increase our tuition, risking affordability.”*

CHILD CARE CENTER DIRECTOR

**83,164** 

Without intervention, **83,164** children in Colorado are expected to lose their child care as a result of the stabilization cliff.

**1,088** 

**1,088** child care programs are projected to close - making it even harder for families to find safe, nurturing child care options.

**\$277.6**  
MILLION 

Colorado parents will lose **\$277.6 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:

<b>\$308</b>	<b>\$10.5</b>
MILLION	MILLION
less in employer productivity	less in state income tax

**5,358**   
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 **5,358 child care jobs** are expected to be lost in Colorado, at a minimum.

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