FLORIDA

CHILDREN IN FLORIDA 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.

212,721

Kids set to lose child care

2,196

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



"Child care is not yet stable. Temporary funding has offered some relief, including allowing me to offer wage increases to compete with other companies. However, I am praying for long term assistance to continue to maintain a quality environment."

CHILD CARE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

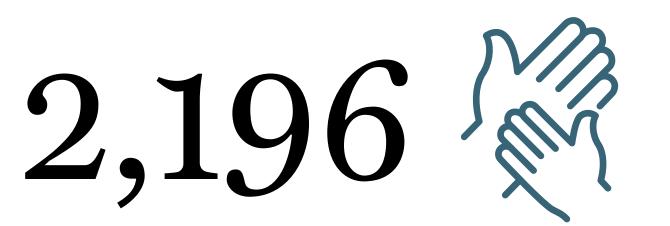


Without intervention, **212,721** children in Florida are expected to lose their child care as a result of the stabilization cliff. As children and families feel these consequences, so will state economies. The loss of the federal funds will mean:





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2,196 child care programs are projected to close - making it even harder for families to find safe, nurturing child care options.

\$604 % MILLION

Florida parents will lose **\$604 million** in earnings as a result of being forced to cut work hours or leave the workforce.

MILLION

less in employer productivity



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
15,824 child care jobs are
expected to be lost in Florida,
at a minimum.



