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



*"I wish more people would put themselves in my shoes as a care center owner and respect that I care about the children that I am taking care of and that also this is my business. We need to have elected officials who care about supporting care center owners just as well as caring about parents."*

HELEN BOOTHE, CHILD CENTER OWNER IN MORROW, GA

## 81,716



Without intervention, **81,716** children in Georgia are expected to lose their child care as a result of the stabilization cliff.

## 944



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

## \$218 MILLION



Georgia parents will lose **\$218 million** in earnings as a result of being forced to cut work hours or leave the workforce.



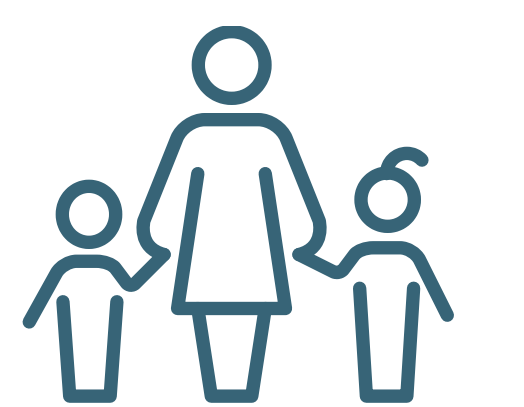
As children and families feel these consequences, so will state economies. The loss of the federal funds will mean:

**\$251 MILLION**      **\$9.8 MILLION**

less in employer productivity

less in state income tax

## 10,575 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 **10,575 child care jobs** are expected to be lost in Georgia, at a minimum.