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CHILDREN IN LOUISIANA 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 Louisiana'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 grants have enabled us to retain qualified staff to provide quality care for children served. It has also enabled us to purchase supplies needed for the health and safety of children and staff. It has allowed us to forgive debts owed by parents for services provided. The end of stabilization grants could easily result in closure for our center."

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR

76,752



Without intervention, **76,752** children in Louisiana are expected to lose their child care as a result of the stabilization cliff.

1,076



1,076 child care programs are projected to close - making it even harder for families to find safe, nurturing child care options.

\$175 MILLION



Louisiana parents will lose **\$175 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:

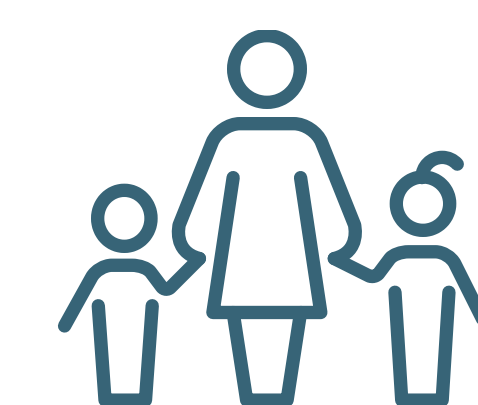
\$195 MILLION

less in employer productivity

\$4.6 MILLION

less in state income tax

2,307 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 **2,307 child care jobs** are expected to be lost in Louisiana, at a minimum.