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Kids set to lose child care

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



"We will not be able to retain staff due to low pay and no bonus incentives now that the stabilization grant money has ended and will likely have to close after the first of the year. We received our last deposit of the stabilization grant in Mississippi in June 2022. There has been no notification of future opportunities for additional grant funds in 2023. Several staff members have left and will be leaving by the first of the year to attain jobs in the workforce such as McDonald's due to much higher wages."

– PROGRAM DIRECTOR/ADMINISTRATOR

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Without intervention, **29,253** children in Mississippi are expected to lose their child care as a result of the stabilization cliff.

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

\$62.3

MILLION



Mississippi parents will lose **\$62.3 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:

\$64.9 MILLION

less in employer productivity

\$2.1 MILLION

less in state income tax

2,334

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 **2,334 child care jobs** are expected to be lost in Mississippi, at a minimum.

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