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CHILDREN IN MONTANA 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 Montana'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 grant money has been a great help to stay open and keep my rates down for my hard-working parents. Figuring out how to budget costs to stay open and still make a decent living for myself to make it worth staying in the field is a big concern."

CHILD CARE CENTER DIRECTOR

12,052

Without intervention, **12,052** children in Montana are expected to lose their child care as a result of the stabilization cliff.

475

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

\$33.5

MILLION

Montana parents will lose **\$33.5 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:

\$33 **\$2.2**
MILLION MILLION

less in employer productivity less in state income tax

1,014

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 **1,014 child care jobs** are expected to be lost in Montana, at a minimum.