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



"Programs need regular funding in order to pay staff a wage that keeps them in the field. Every. Single. Childcare. Program is having a staffing shortage right now and they'd have to charge families a ton more in order to pay a feasible wage that wouldn't have staff leaving. Programs are suffering in quality now because the staff have become a revolving door. The end of the stabilization grants means programs won't be able to offer bonuses or higher pay to staff and we will see an even worse child care teacher shortage than we already currently have."

FAMILY CHILD CARE OWNER/OPERATOR

38,888

Without intervention, **38,888** children in Nebraska are expected to lose their child care as a result of the stabilization cliff.

851

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

\$91.2

Nebraska parents will lose **\$91.2 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:

\$113

MILLION

less in employer productivity

\$5

MILLION

less in state income tax

2,408

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 **2,408 child care jobs** are expected to be lost in Nebraska, at a minimum.