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



"Once the stabilization grant funding is gone, we will have to raise tuition to continue to pay staff at a rate that is comparable to what we are now paying them. I know that staff members will not want to work for less than they are making now. They are already making much less than equally qualified individuals in other jobs. I don't know if parents are going to be able to pay enough to cover our operating costs once the grant money is gone."

PROGRAM DIRECTOR/ADMINISTRATOR

134,564

Without intervention, **134,564** children in Ohio are expected to lose their child care as a result of the stabilization cliff.

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2,111 child care programs are projected to close - making it even harder for families to find safe, nurturing child care options.

\$342

Ohio parents will lose **\$342 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:

\$370 MILLION

\$9.7 MILLION

less in employer productivity

less in state income tax

6,306

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 **6,306 child care jobs** are expected to be lost in Ohio, at a minimum.