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




"How can we continue to pay the staff the wages we needed to offer? We will need to raise our tuition costs and hope this will not create a hardship for families. Unless we offer competitive wages, we cannot recruit staff and that would ultimately close down our center. Staffing remains a HUGE issue."

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

152,048 

Without intervention, **152,048** children in Pennsylvania are expected to lose their child care as a result of the stabilization cliff.

2,848 

2,848 child care programs are projected to close - making it even harder for families to find safe, nurturing child care options.


\$412 
MILLION

Pennsylvania parents will lose **\$412 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:

\$480 **\$10**
MILLION MILLION

less in employer productivity less in state income tax

11,374 
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 **11,374 child care jobs** are expected to be lost in Pennsylvania, at a minimum.

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