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## RHODE ISLAND

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# CHILDREN IN RHODE ISLAND 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 Rhode Island's children, families, and communities from the higher costs, reduced earnings, and productivity loss that will come with going over the child care cliff.



*"I think the money needs to come from somewhere—the increased wages, bonuses that should be reoccurring, and the other incentives created should be ongoing. We need to grow this field and make it a place where people can work and make a difference, all while making a livable wage. It is important that funds keep coming to supplement our programs. If not, then tuition will need to increase, and in that case, it may be harder for families to maintain the care they need."*

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Without intervention, **21,354** children in Rhode Island are expected to lose their child care as a result of the stabilization cliff.

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

\$75 MILLION 

Rhode Island parents will lose **\$75 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:

**\$73** MILLION **\$2.5** MILLION

less in employer productivity less in state income tax

680  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 **680 child care jobs** are expected to be lost in Rhode Island, at a minimum.

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