

Arizona's Child Care Recovery Plan

CCDF Stabilization Funding Implementation (FY 2022-2024)

*Supporting the well-being and economic independence of Arizona's families
by providing quality child care assistance and services.*

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Major funding impact to the child care network since March 2020

- Over \$1 billion for Arizona's CCDF program (*planned to be expended between March 2020-June 2024*)



Arizona's regular CCDF allocation is approximately \$200 million

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The Child Care Administration is implementing **20 initiatives** organized across 4 priorities to support Arizona's early childhood education and child care network recover and rebuild after COVID-19.

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Priority: Expand Access to Child Care

*Ensure access to quality child care for low-income working families by providing **financial stabilization** to support and maintain Arizona's child care network while **supporting growth and sustainability**.*



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Priority: Invest in Quality Systems

*In order to adequately address the current instability of the child care industry and ensure Arizona's families have access to quality child care settings that will best support them and their children, providers must have **supports that ensure continued operation** and simultaneously **address other inequities in the system.***



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Priority: Stabilize the Child Care Network

*Focus on stability and ensuring widespread access to quality child care through **supports for providers** across the state, including: help with operating costs of providers to prevent closures, retaining the early childhood education and child care workforce, and ensuring that Arizona families continue to have access to quality options when choosing child care.*



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Priority: Accelerate Educational Supports and Early Childhood Literacy

*Support parents in need of child care who are seeking to **increase skills** to move toward greater self-sufficiency and higher income jobs; and*

*Increase the knowledge of early childhood educators and families to **strengthen and sustain effective teaching and early childhood literacy practices** in communities.*



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Next Steps:

Over the course of the next three fiscal years, the Arizona Child Care Administration will work in partnership with state agencies and community organizations to implement the recovery plan, including the Child Care Stabilization Grants that will go directly to eligible child care providers.

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