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Child Care Relief Funding in the Year-End Stimulus Deal: A State-by-State Estimate

Our country's existing and long-term child care crisis—inequitable access for communities of color, poverty-level wages for early educators, and unaffordable care for far too many families— has been exacerbated by the devastating, inequitable impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, which has pushed the child care and early learning sector to the brink of collapse. The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 provides \$10 billion in much-needed direct pandemicrelated relief for the child care sector. These funds can be used to support providers facing reduced enrollment and increased costs of serving children safely, reduce family co-payments, pay staff salaries, provide care for the children of essential workers regardless of income, support costs related to reopening, and more. The legislation encourages lead agencies to delink provider payments from attendance.

This new infusion of federal dollars comes on top of the \$3.5 billion of much-needed relief for child care provided by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Act in the spring. This additional funding, while an important and long-overdue down payment to support the fragile child care sector, still falls far short of the more than \$50 billion the sector needs to survive the pandemic. 1 Without this additional support, our nation runs the risk of exacerbating the child care crisis that existed long before the pandemic, making it harder for parents to work, leaving children without critical supports for their health and wellbeing, and jeopardizing the livelihoods of early childhood educators—disproportionately women of color and immigrant women.

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State	State Estimated State Allocation with \$10 Billion Increase
Alabama	\$187,140,152
Alaska	\$18,691,085
Arizona	\$254,754,389
Arkansas	\$119,504,202
California	\$1,005,065,505
Colorado	\$122,703,398
Connecticut	\$66,330,355
Delaware	\$27,742,952
District of Columbia	\$16,686,478
Florida	\$624,538,869
Georgia	\$416,823,437
Hawaii	\$34,801,553
Idaho	\$60,013,065

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State Estimated State Allocation with \$10 Billion Increase

Illinois	\$340,943,294
Indiana	\$224,431,458
Iowa	\$90,530,486
Kansas	\$90,545,859
Kentucky	\$192,572,592
Louisiana	\$193,255,990
Maine	\$31,583,377
Maryland	\$130,783,315
Massachusetts	\$130,292,246
Michigan	\$284,662,399
Minnesota	\$137,055,004
Mississippi	\$136,904,025
Missouri	\$190,246,691
Montana	\$29,014,370

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State Estimated State Allocation with \$10 Billion Increase

Nebraska	\$57,404,682
Nevada	\$92,695,857
New Hampshire	\$20,225,844
New Jersey	\$181,226,492
New Mexico	\$86,026,206
New York	\$449,598,890
North Carolina	\$338,767,639
North Dakota	\$17,752,857
Ohio	\$336,390,480
Oklahoma	\$146,802,761
Oregon	\$111,663,883
Pennsylvania	\$301,990,726
Puerto Rico	\$96,547,229
Rhode Island	\$23,574,207

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State Estimated State Allocation with \$10 Billion Increase

South Carolina	\$182,352,773
South Dakota	\$25,881,462
Tennessee	\$234,534,907
Texas	\$1,079,072,951
Utah	\$115,452,846
Vermont	\$12,764,140
Virginia	\$198,033,656
Washington	\$168,277,476
West Virginia	\$65,531,705
Wisconsin	\$147,411,475
Wyoming	\$12,402,312
United States	\$10,000,000,000

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