

State and Federal Child Care Funding Opportunity

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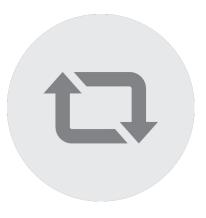




Facilitate Evaluation, Research, & Analysis



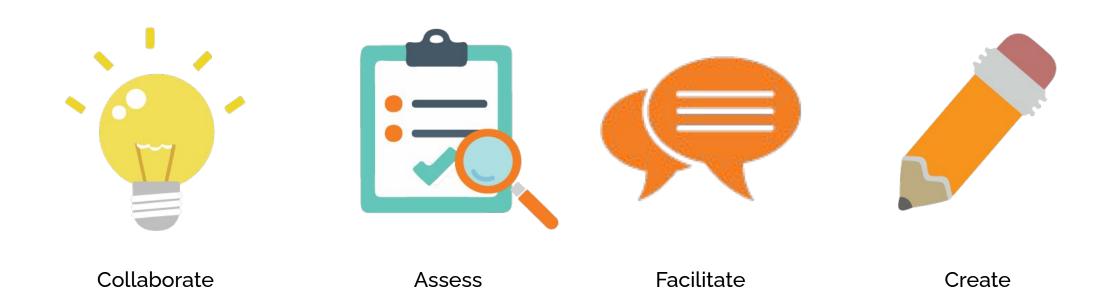
Build Capacity



Mobilize Communities, Partners, & Systems









Early Learning Experience

- State data profiles, dashboards and research studies
- Early learning coalitions
- Feasibility studies and program design
- Training and technical assistance
- State pre-K programs
- Grant design and management

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My "Why"



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Tell me about you. What state do you represent?

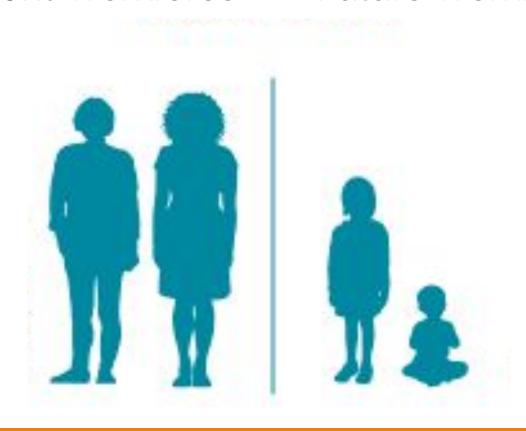




Significance and Implications

Current Workforce

Future Workforce





Current Workforce

- Majority of workforce have children AND need care
- All parents are working
- Over ¼ of women have left the workforce due to COVID
- Child care is expensive



Current Workforce



Implications of child care on:

Recruitment

Potential employees stay out of workforce due to:

Lack of **availability** of child care (location, hours, spots)

Unaffordable (cost of care is greater than wages)

Retention

Potential employees don't stay in workforce due to:

Attendance can be difficult at work if unreliable child care

Productivity can be low if concerned about child care provider



Economic Impact

- Indiana employers lose \$1.8B annually
- Indiana economy loses \$1.1B annually
- ✓ Indiana loses \$118.8M in tax revenue annually



Laura Littlepage, MPA, Senior Researche

Source: Littlepage, Laura (2018). LOST OPPORTUNITIES: The Impact of Inadequate Child Care on Indiana's Workforce & Economy. Indiana University Public Policy Institute. Retrieved at:

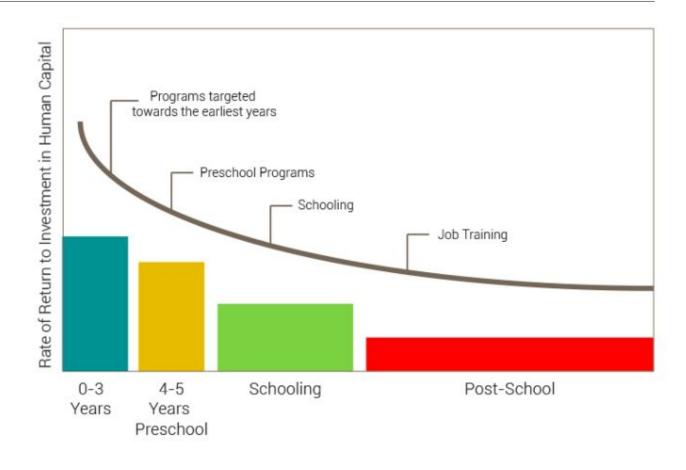




Future Workforce

What is the return on investment (ROI) in human capital?

✓ Highest ROI of \$13:\$1 is in first five years.





Future Workforce

What is one of the top skills employers are seeking in the current workforce and say is a deficit?

- Executive function or "soft skills"
- ✓ These skills are developed (or not) in the first five years.
- ✓ Developed in quality learning environments: conflict resolution, negotiation with peers, interpersonal communication, self-regulation, etc.

Child care system was broken before COVID-19

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What have been the significance or implications of child care in your community?





- \$39B total to support child care system
- \$15B to provide expanded child care assistance through Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)
- \$24B created a stabilization fund for programs



Purpose and Use of the Funds

- Stabilize child care providers no more closures and lost seats
- Personnel
- Rent and mortgage
- Equipment and supplies
- PPE
- Material goods or services
- Mental health services for children and employees



Who is eligible?

- Existing programs as of March 11, 2021 that are licensed, regulated or registered in a state
- Homes, centers, schools, and other designations by your state



How much for my State?

Ranges from \$40M to \$2B based on population



Timeline for Using Funds

- December 11, 2021: States must notify Feds if unable to obligate 50% of its stabilization funds.
- April 1, 2022: States must notify Feds if there are any remaining funds that will not be obligated. These identified unobligated funds will be recaptured by Feds and reallocated to other lead agencies.
- September 30, 2022: All stabilization funds must be obligated.
- September 30, 2023: All stabilization funds must be liquidated.

Questions?

What questions do you have about the funds?





Create a new business model for child care and build child care sustainability.



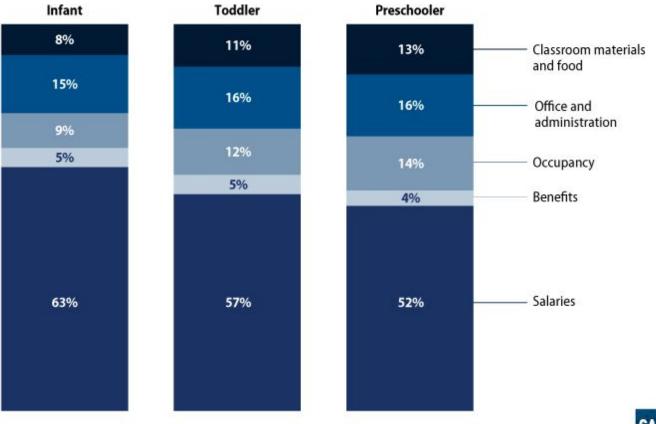
Child Care Business

Why is child care so expensive?

- ✓ Staff intensive
- High regulations
- ✓ Avg. 30% attrition rate

Personnel costs are the largest expense for child care programs

Distribution of child care program expenses for an infant, toddler, and preschooler in a child care center meeting basic state licensing standards and paying current average wages, based on United States averages





Current Workforce

How well is the early childhood education workforce compensated?

- ✓ The average hourly wage for child care workers is \$8.62 and \$12.53 for preschool teachers.
- The average wage falls below the average wage for all occupations

Source: Whitebook, McLean, Austin, & Edwards, 2018. Early childhood workforce index 2018. Berkeley, CA: Center for the Study of Child Care Employment, University of California, Berkeley. Retrieved from http://cscce.berkeley.edu/topic/early-childhood-workforce-index/2018/





A tale of two child care programs

Expense	123 Child Care Center	XYZ Child Care Center
Lead teacher salary	\$33,300 annually	\$55,460 annually
Health benefits	\$500 annually	\$5,300 annually
Retirement benefits	None	17% of annual salary
Paid planning time	8 hours per week	12 hours per week
Number of children in infant class	8 (4 per teacher)	6 (3 per teacher)
Classroom and shared space	65 square feet per child	78 square feet per child
Classroom materials	\$150 per child, annually	\$195 per child, annually
Monthly tuition	\$1,220	\$2,260





Support for Providers

- Legal guidance
- Tax support
- Financial partners and institutions
- Business management support
- Partnerships and collaborations



Support for Providers

- Host local meetings or webinars to discuss need and opportunity
- Convene local financial and other business partners to provide individual coaching and support to child care businesses
- Develop cooperative relationships with child care programs to put funding together and share costs
- Advise providers to wait to spend the money
- Establish endowments or funds



Key Partners to Collaborate

- State administrator for child care (CCDBG Funds)
- Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Agencies regional contractors
- State and Local Association for the Education of Young Children (AEYC) Chapters - providers
- Philanthropic Partners foundations and United Way agencies
- Early learning coalitions

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What opportunities do you see possible to leverage with this new funding for your community?

Questions?



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