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Supporting Centers in Preparing for Child Care Stabilization Grants

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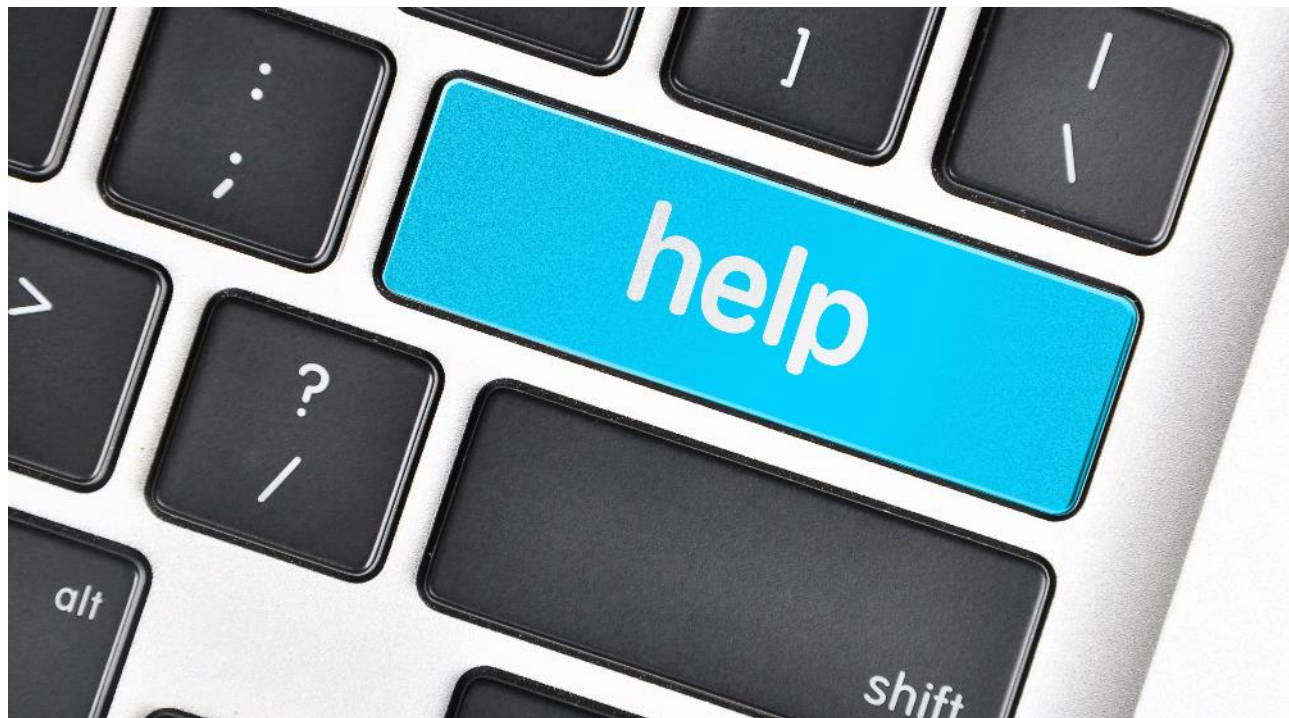


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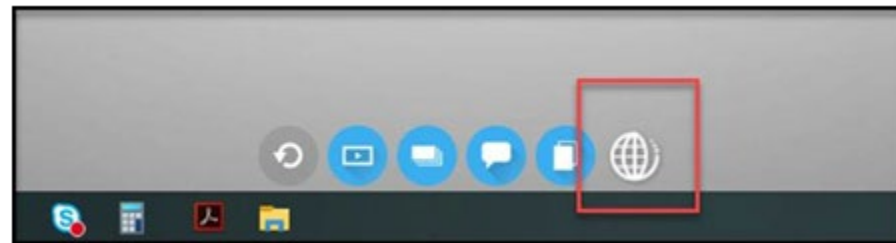
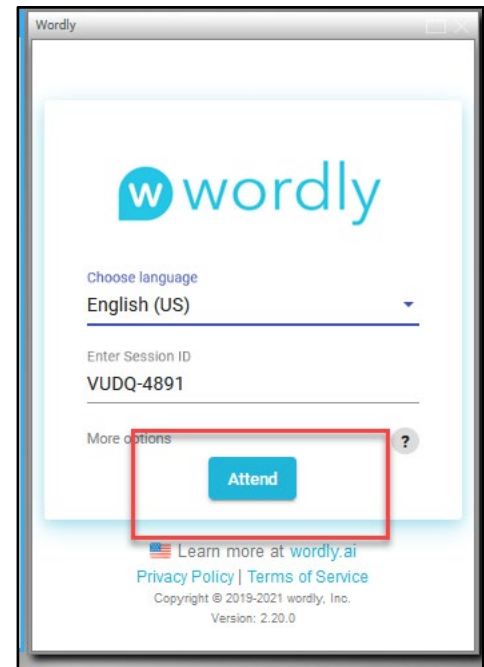
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Our Agenda

- Welcome
- What you should know about stabilization grants
- Helping you prepare
- Tools
- Resources



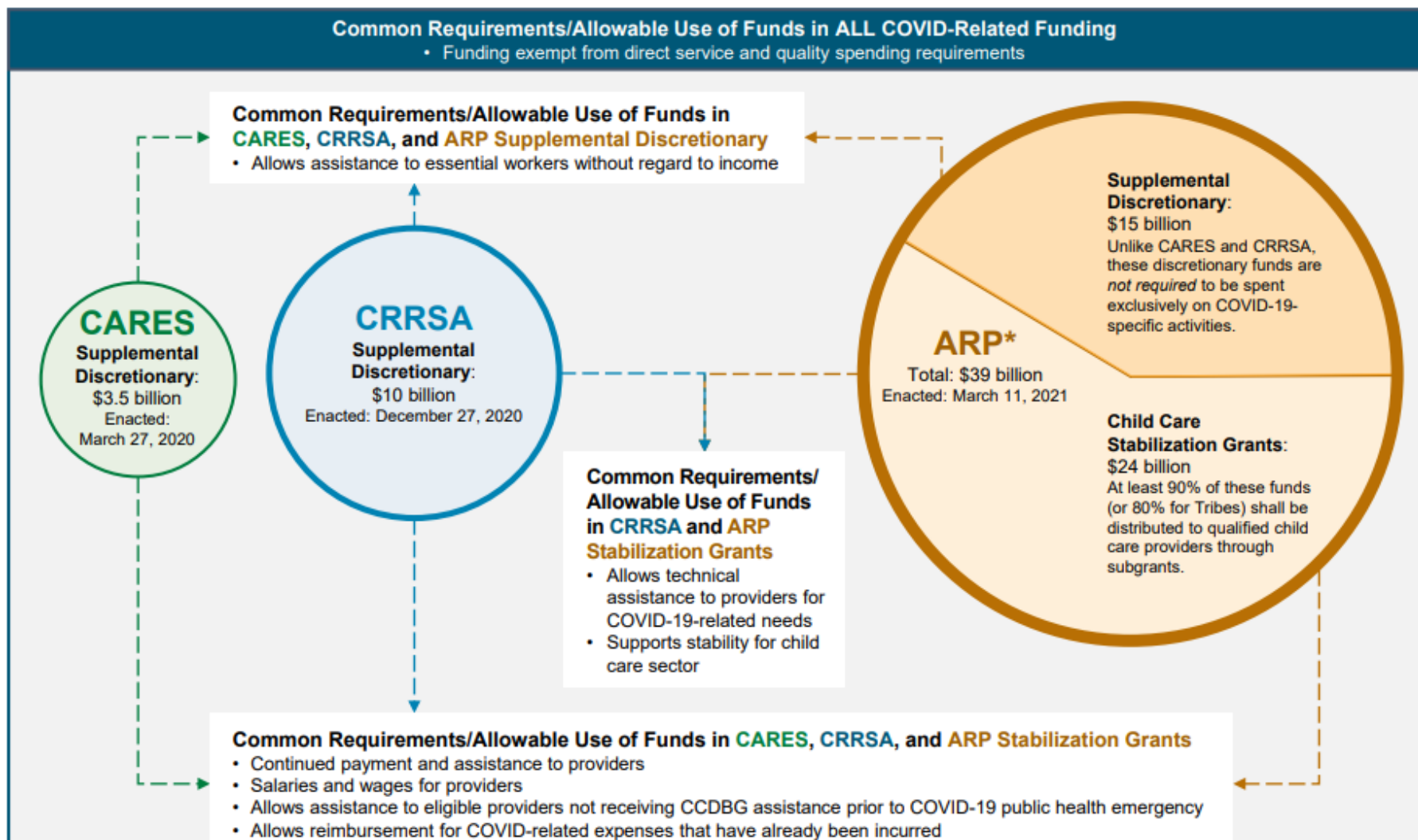
Welcome

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COVID-19 Funding Overview for States, Territories, and Tribes:

Common Requirements and Allowable Use of Funds in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act; Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act; and American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act



Stabilization funds

- States/territories/Tribes have until September 30, 2022 to obligate the stabilization funds.
- State/territories/Tribes have until September 30, 2023 to liquidate the funds.





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GOAL

Does provide considerations and opportunities for child care businesses as they navigate stabilization grant processes

Does NOT provide recommendations

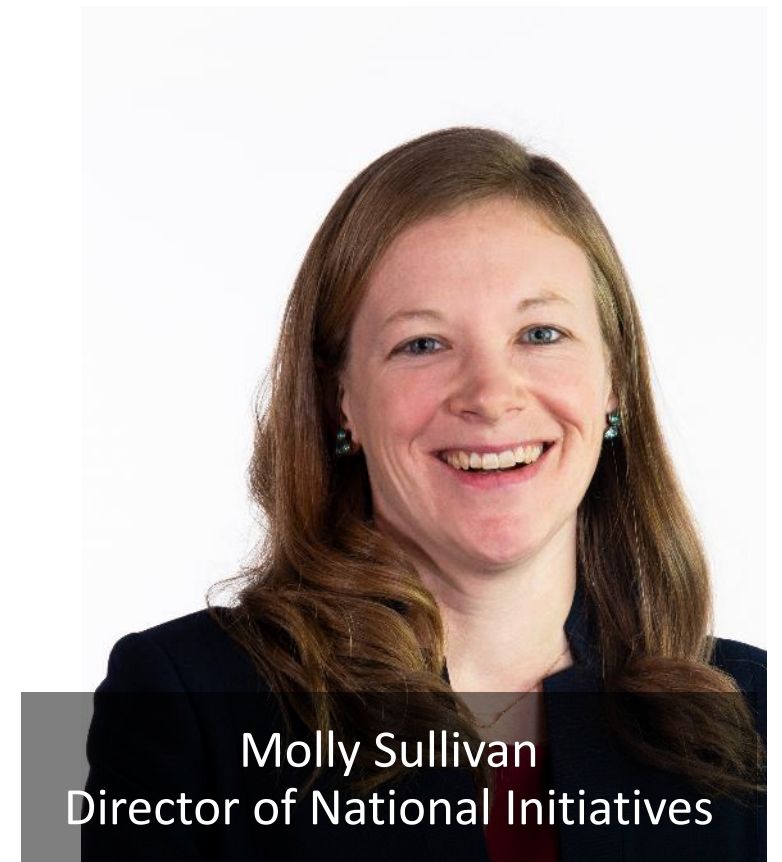


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Your Presenters





First Children's Finance: who we are

- Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI)
- 30 years' experience focused on business side of child care
- Presence in 20 states and facing increased demand
- Unique in working at child care business, community, & system levels

First Children's Finance: What We Do





Considerations

Preparing For Future Child Care
Stabilization Grants



Key takeaways from federal guidance

- Multiple other funding sources
- Eligibility for Child Care Stabilization grants
- Grant award terms
- Allowable uses
- Compliance and evaluation



Child Care Stabilization Grant eligibility

Child care businesses must have been licensed, regulated, regulated, or registered and CCDF-eligible on the date of application or registered in the state, tribe, or territory no later than March 11, 2021, and must meet applicable health and safety requirements.

Potential Challenge

- Determining your business's eligibility for ARPA, and any other funds.

Considerations

- Be aware of all possible funding sources.



Taxes

Income may be taxed. Be aware of the tax implications in your area.

Potential Challenge

- Feeling uncertain about how this funding affects your taxes and business.

Considerations

- What questions do you have about accepting the funding?
- Who will direct your tax questions to?



Attestations

Child care businesses will have to certify and attest to several conditions.

Potential Challenge

- Your state, tribe, or territory may also include additional attestations.
- You may feel unfamiliar with attestations.

Considerations

- Be aware of federal and local attestation. Make a plan for compliance.
- Ask for interpretations if you need them.



Grant award terms

Cost estimation options:

1. Cost estimation model
2. Formulas based on enrollment & region
3. Survey
4. Collect providers' current operating expenses

Local adaptation:

- Timeline
- Monitoring
- Multiple pools of grants

Potential Challenge

- Be aware of the grant award terms.

Considerations

- Outreach: who typically contacts you about child care business opportunities?
- How do you organize and track information about grants?



Allowable uses

- Personnel
- Rent, utilities, facilities, maintenance
- PPE, cleaning, sanitation supplies
- Equipment & supplies
- Goods & services
- Mental health services
- Past expenses

Potential Challenge

- You might be reporting this information for the first time.

Considerations

- You have what you need to report expenses.
- Ask all of the questions you have!
- Reach out to supports for clarification.



Reporting and monitoring

Potential Challenge

- States, tribes, or territories may ask questions they typically do not ask of child care businesses.

Considerations

- What reporting information will be required in your state, tribe, or territory?
- Businesses will need to ensure compliance with reporting requirements: deadlines, information required.



Allowable expense categories

Child care businesses can use the grants to cover....

1. Personnel costs
2. Rent, utilities, facilities, maintenance & insurance
3. Personal protective equipment, cleaning, and other health and safety practices
4. Equipment and supplies
5. Goods and services
6. Mental health services
7. Past expenses



Personnel costs

Expenses that cover the payment and benefits for people who work in the child care business.

What does this include?

- Payroll records
- Benefits
- Premium pay
- Staff bonuses
- Vaccine-related personnel costs



Rent, utilities, facilities, maintenance & insurance

Payments made for the home or facility where the child care business is located and operates.

What does this include?

- Mortgage or rent payments
- Any fees related to late payments for rent or mortgage
- Insurance
- Utilities expenses
- Maintenance expenses or charges made to address COVID-19
- State, tribe, territory may allow the cost of minor improvements, maintenance or renovations to the child care facility



Goods & services

Payments made to purchases or update supplies to help run the child care business during the COVID-19 crisis.

What does this include?

- Food, snacks, dishes, and other supplies needed for mealtimes and drinks
- Diapers, wipes, & toilet paper
- Toys & games (indoor/outdoor)
- Cribs, sheets and other materials for sleeping
- Books & workbooks
- Craft materials
- Licensing fees and expenses related to maintain license



Equipment and supplies

Payments made for supplies or materials to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

What does this include?

- Accounting software
- Payroll software
- Software or material to track and report public health data
- Health monitoring equipment such as thermometers
- Updates to computers, smart phones, and/or tablets



Personal protective equipment, cleaning, and other health and safety practices

Payments made for supplies or materials to keep child care business staff and children safe and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

What does this include?

- Sanitizing wipes, bleach, hand soap, and other cleaning/disinfecting materials
- PPE (face shields, masks, disposable gloves)
- Trainings on proper cleaning & disinfections processes
- Hiring cleaning companies, janitors or other cleaning services
- Ordering background checks & healthy and safety training



Mental health services

Payments made to support the mental health of the child care business' children and staff.

What does this include?

- Infant and early childhood mental consultation
- Mental health consultations for you or your employees



Past expenses

Expenses for the child care business from the start of the public health crisis (January 31, 2020) for any uses related to COVID-19.

What does this include?

- Any receipts for items your business had to pay starting on January 31, 2020, to manage the COVID-19 crisis.
- Each state, tribe, territory may make a decision about whether or not past expenses can be covered by the grants.



Preparing for What Comes Next



Preparation activities

1. Assess the benefits and costs of the CCSG opportunity.
2. Determine if you are eligible.
3. Complete the applications.
4. Ask questions and request technical assistance!
5. Establish and maintain financial tracking systems.
 - *Comprehensive doesn't mean expensive or difficult.*



Consider your funding opportunities

Administrative
Capacity &
Burden

Monitoring
Requirements

Application &
Attestation

Reporting
Requirements

Staffing Costs

Cost
Allocation



Thinking ahead

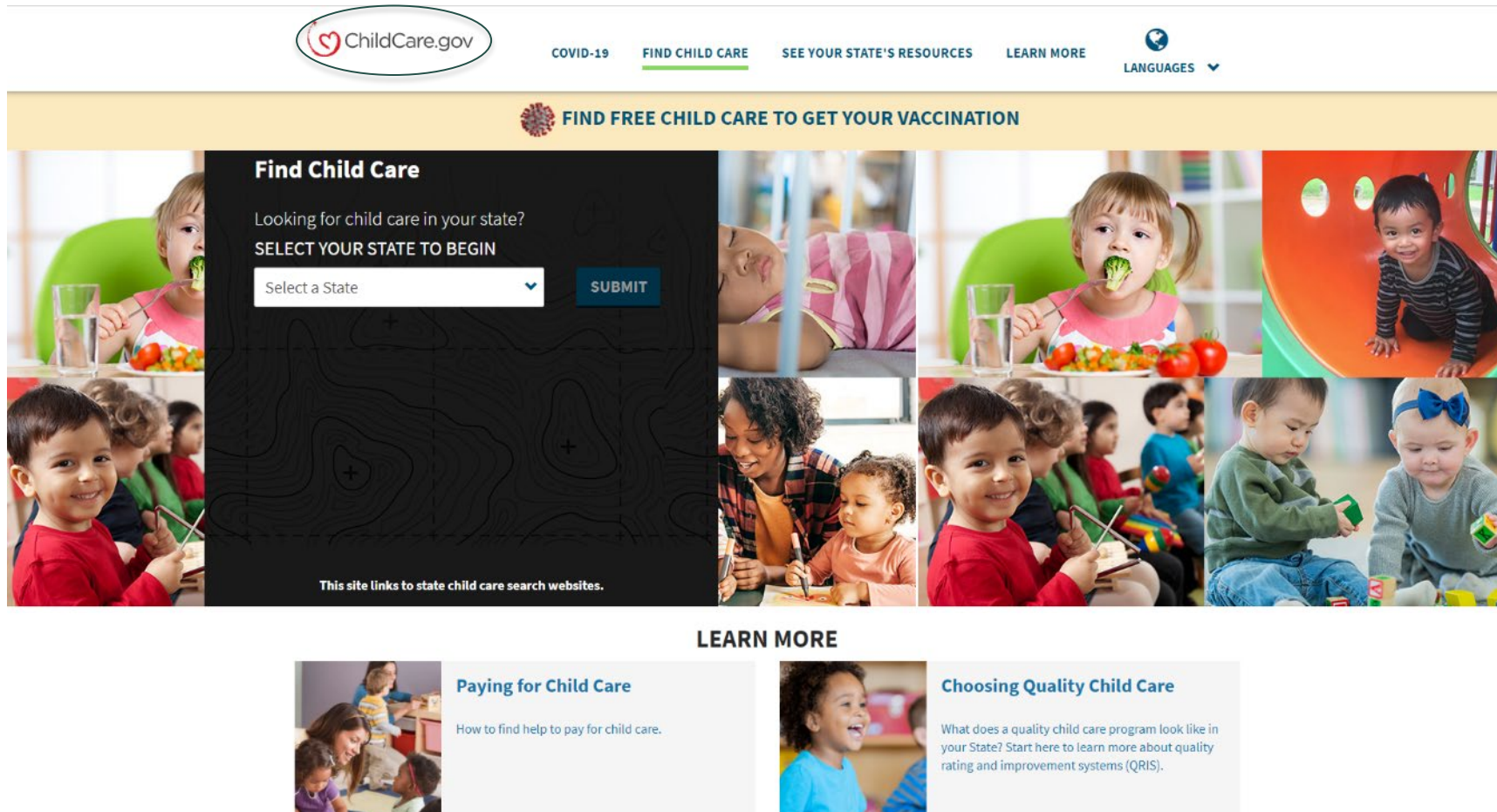
- States, tribes, and territories are busy designing application processes
- Child care programs and out of school time programs should use this time to:
 - Plan for application processes and gather information
 - Consider how to optimize the opportunity to improve your financial stability
 - Improve accounting and tracking capacity for compliance
 - Identify intermediaries who can assist you with business and finance questions



Tools

Online resources for child care
businesses

Where can I find information about stabilization grants available to me?



The screenshot shows the ChildCare.gov website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ChildCare.gov logo, links for COVID-19, FIND CHILD CARE (highlighted), SEE YOUR STATE'S RESOURCES, LEARN MORE, and a LANGUAGES dropdown menu. Below the navigation bar is a yellow banner with a virus icon and the text "FIND FREE CHILD CARE TO GET YOUR VACCINATION". The main content area features a "Find Child Care" section with a dark background. It includes the text "Looking for child care in your state? SELECT YOUR STATE TO BEGIN" and a "Select a State" dropdown menu with a "SUBMIT" button. Below the dropdown is a map of the United States with state boundaries. At the bottom of the map, it says "This site links to state child care search websites." To the right of the map are several images of children in a classroom setting. Below the "Find Child Care" section is a "LEARN MORE" section with two cards. The first card is titled "Paying for Child Care" and includes the text "How to find help to pay for child care." The second card is titled "Choosing Quality Child Care" and includes the text "What does a quality child care program look like in your State? Start here to learn more about quality rating and improvement systems (QRIS)."

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Navigate to childcare.gov COVID-19 resources



COVID-19

FIND CHILD CARE

SEE YOUR STATE'S RESOURCES

LEARN MORE



Find Your State or Territory COVID-19 Resources

States and territories have developed child care-specific COVID-19 guidance and resources for families and child care providers. Select from the options below to find the appropriate COVID-19 resources in your state or territory.

FAMILIES:
State and Territory COVID-19
Resources

CHILD CARE PROVIDERS:
State and Territory COVID-19
Resources

National COVID-19 Resources

Child Care Stabilization Grants

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) (Pub. Law 117-2), signed on March 11, 2021, included nearly \$24 billion in Child Care Stabilization Grants to be allocated to states, territories, and Tribes. The goal of the child care stabilization grants is to provide rapid financial relief to child care providers to help them pay for unexpected business costs they faced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. By providing much needed economic relief to child care providers, this funding will help them stay open so that that they may continue to serve working families.

To learn more about which child care providers are eligible, how to apply, and how funds can be used in your state, territory, or Tribe, visit the [Child Care Providers: State and Territory COVID-19 Resources](#) page.

Helpful Resources

- [Childcare.gov](https://www.childcare.gov)
 - [Childcare.gov COVID-19 Provider Resources](https://www.childcare.gov/covid-19/provider-resources)
- [Child Care Stabilization Grant Information](#)
- [Overview of ARP Act Child Care Stabilization Guidance \(hhs.gov\)](#)
- Resources released regularly on FCF website: www.firstchildrensfinance.org

Thank you for all you do!



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