







of brain growth happens in the first 5 years!



Created by voters in 2006 and funded by tobacco tax.

Our three focus areas are:

- Quality child care
- Strengthening families
- Preventive health

\$1 Invested in early childhood

\$16 In returns to our state's economy.



Quality child care impacts the present & future workforce.

Increased

- High school graduation
- Post-secondary education & training
- Healthy outcomes & higher personal income

Decreased

- Dependence on social welfare
- Special education& grade retention
- Crime related costs & incarceration rates









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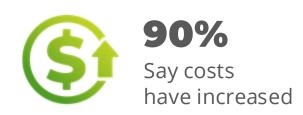


Families can't afford more.

12-32% of income is spent on child care; **infant care** costs more than state college tuition.











90%Say costs

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Report child care options decreased





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82%

Missed work





Arizona's economy loses \$4.7 billion annually.



\$3 billion annually in earnings and job search expenses.



\$958 million
annually due to
absences & turnover.



The state loses \$725 million annually in tax revenue.





- \$12 Million in assistance for state fiscal year 2025.
- First investment for working families in 15 years.
 - State never restored **\$84M** annual funding eliminated during the Great Recession.
 - Only about 30% of eligible children in Arizona receive assistance currently.



41% child care gap in Coconino County

- 9,652 children aged 5 and under.
- 2,945 children live in homes where both parents work.
- 2,308 available child care slots with licensed providers
- 2.6 children for every existing space for three & four year olds.





The ability to recruit and retain top talent is more important than ever, and child care is key to solving many of the workforce challenges that Arizona businesses face."

Danny Seiden
President & CEO
AZ Chamber of Commerce & Industry







How can you support?



1. Connect through our Take Action page.

Find resources to support employees

Calculate the financial impact on your business

Connect with FTF to learn about community-based solutions

1. Advocate for more public support.

Thank you.



