



Nevada's Response to COVID-19: Child Care Actions

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On March 27, 2020, the CARES Act was signed into law, including \$3.5 billion in supplemental appropriations for the Child Care and Development Block Grant to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. This funding represents a 60% increase in total discretionary appropriations for fiscal year 2020, which amounts to \$9.326 billion. States were given broad flexibility for how to use this funding and have therefore taken a variety of approaches to help address needs of working families and providers through COVID-19. However, as the funds ran out during the ongoing crisis, many states began pulling from other sources to continue supporting parents and providers alike. This fact sheet explains the actions Nevada took to support the child care industry and working parents through 2020.

Nevada received \$32.9 million in supplemental CCDBG funds and anticipated that this funding would last through August 2020.

While child care was deemed essential in Nevada, over 70% of providers had temporarily closed in the spring. The state primarily used its supplemental CCDBG funds to pay for enrollment-based subsidies as well as competitive NV CARES Act Grants described below.

The NV CARES Act Grants were intended to cover up to three months of provider expenses. The grant

application closed on May 29, and providers received funds in two monthly installments during June and July. Furthermore, Nevada repurposed \$1.2 million of unspent CCDBG quality dollars for emergency stipends to cover unexpected costs resulting from COVID-19.

The state did not offer further assistance to child care and school-age care providers through the fall. As of the first week in January 2021, the state had yet to announce plans offering additional financial assistance to support child care providers or to expand access to school-age care into 2021.