



Iowa's Use of CRRSA Child Care Funding

Fact Sheet | March 2021

Iowa received **\$95 million** in supplemental CCDBG funding through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, passed in December 2020. This is in addition to the **\$32 million** in supplemental CCDBG funding the state received in the CARES Act, passed in March 2020.

States were required to submit a plan for their use of CRRSA funds to the Department of Health and Human Services by February 26, 2021. On March 10, Governor Reynolds signed an [executive order](#) establishing a Child Care Task Force to develop strategies for aiding with the child care shortage across Iowa. The task force is charged with presenting to the Governor within 100 days. The state has also announced plans to continue offering financial support for providers and parents.

Support for providers. For the months of March through June of 2021, the Department of Human Services will offer monthly stipends to licensed and registered child care programs that are open to serve children. Programs do not need to apply for this opportunity, instead, the department will use its KinderTrack system to verify active programs every month. Programs verified as being open will automatically be sent that month's stipend—\$1,500 for child care homes and range from \$3,000 to \$7,000 for centers, based on size. This stipend builds off and expands a previous opportunity from December through February 2021, in which the state offered a monthly stipend worth \$2,000 for child care centers and \$500 for home-based providers that were open or planning to reopen during that time.

The state continues to place no limit on the number of absent days paid per month to child care providers who remain open for business.

Support for parents. Beginning February 8, 2021, the state began waiving all family co-payments for families who receive a state subsidy and reimbursing providers for such amounts. This policy will last through June 27, 2021. Payments to providers will be processed every four weeks and sent automatically.

More information available [here](#), including how the [state spent its CARES Act funding in 2020](#).