



Indiana's Use of CRRSA Child Care Funding

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Indiana received **\$225 million** in supplemental CCDBG funding from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, passed in December 2020. This is in addition to **\$79 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 February 25, the state announced their three-phase CRRSA funding plan. The priorities of this plan include stabilizing child care providers, supporting working families through a two-generational approach, and developing new system level supports.

Support for providers. The state intends to issue emergency relief grants to CCDF-eligible providers to help offset increased operational expenses. It will also offer stipends to support recruitment and onboarding new staff and offer targeted business training and coaching tools. Additionally, providers that must close temporarily close due to COVID-19 outbreaks will receive financial support.

The state will also support providers by increasing the subsidy reimbursement rate to programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program. It will support increased costs associated with following local, state and federal guidelines around meal service. Indiana also has plans to create a statewide child care marketplace to better support providers in filling vacant seats and increase transparency on the supply and demand of the child care market.

Support for families. Indiana will support families by waiving co-pays for subsidy recipient families for an undetermined amount of time. The state will also utilize a portion of CRRSA funds to allow job search activities to count for initial eligibility for both the state's child care subsidy and pre-K systems. Further, the state will use funds to expand child care assistance around 50,000 essential workers whose income levels are between 128% to 250% of the federal poverty line. These scholarships will be administered jointly by the Indiana Afterschool Network and Early Learning Indiana, to help families with children of all ages access the care and programming they need.

To mitigate learning losses incurred by the pandemic, the state will be providing summer programming funding for children from birth to age five and school-age children.

Further, in collaboration with the Regional Workforce Development Boards and Ivy Tech Community College, the state will fund child care services for approximately 2,000 students and workforce preparation program participants. This collaboration will support both families and providers by increasing the availability of a child care subsidy.

Support for the workforce. Grants will be allocated to address the staffing needs of providers. The state will develop shared substitute teacher pools and help individuals fulfill the substitute teacher certification.

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