

ARIZONA CHILD CARE INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN		
MAJOR INITIATIVES WITHIN CATEGORY	IMPACT	FUNDING ENDS
STABILIZE THE CHILD CARE NETWORK: \$726.6M		
Child Care Stabilization Grant - provided a consistent monthly funding source directly to child care providers	\$571.7M, grants were provided to 2,951 providers Providers report spending 90% of grant funds on personnel costs, rent/mortgage and utilities.	9/30/2023
Child Care Infrastructure Building Grant	\$60M, grants were awarded to 478 providers statewide	9/30/2023
Arizona Child Care Assistance Provider Grant	Payment in October 2023, expected total grant funding: \$68M	6/30/2024
EXPAND ACCESS TO CARE: \$338M		
Increase child care subsidy reimbursement rates and suspend waitlist	\$125.4M, expected total impact of \$214.2M	6/30/2024
Expand Quality First child care scholarships to DES-contracted and certified providers and increase reimbursement to the 2021 true cost of providing quality child care for those providers rated at quality levels	\$12M, expected total impact of \$55.5M As of June 30, 1,261 children were served by expanded scholarships and 5,426 children served through higher-reimbursement quality scholarships	6/30/2024
Arizona Education Workforce Scholarship Program - child care scholarship program for parents working in child care and education field	\$3.6M, expected total impact of \$7.5M As of July 31, 1,714 children were served with 2,683 children authorized	6/30/2024

INVEST IN QUALITY SYSTEMS: \$150.6M		
Expand Quality First program to enroll more providers and expand Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation to provide support to child care providers not already receiving this service to help them support the healthy development of children in their care	<p>\$14.3M to date, expected total impact of \$33.8M</p> <p>As of July 31, an additional 384 providers were enrolled in Quality First</p> <p>As of July 31, an additional 238 providers were enrolled in Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation</p>	6/30/2024
Early Childhood Educator Apprenticeship program - launch Apprenticeship pathway to increase supply of early childhood educator apprentices	<p>\$1.4M, expected total impact of \$6.6M</p> <p>As of July 31, 11 apprentices and 3 child care providers were enrolled</p>	9/30/2024
Reduce licensing fees to \$1 for child care providers	<p>\$6.9M, expected total impact of \$12M</p> <p>As of July 31, 1,912 providers were impacted</p>	6/30/2024
Professional development strategies: online Child Development Associate (CDA) pathway; support Bachelor's degree coursework	Expected total impact of \$4.3M	6/30/2024
Enhanced incentives to purchase classroom equipment, materials and supplies for providers enrolled in Quality First	<p>\$26.1M, expected total impact of \$28M</p> <p>1,420 providers received this incentive by the completion date of June 30, 2023.</p>	6/30/2024
Child Care Health Consultation (CCHC) Pilot - extend CCHC to DES-contracted and certified providers that are not enrolled in Quality First	<p>\$285,000</p> <p>To launch October 2023</p>	6/30/2024

ACCELERATE EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY: \$90.7M		
Higher Education Child Care Project - child care scholarships for parents pursuing higher education degrees or certificates who need financial assistance to help cover the cost of child care	<p>\$1.8M, expected total impact of \$9.1M</p> <p>As of July 31, 360 students had been impacted</p>	6/30/2024
Accelerate Early Childhood Literacy - Provide intensive literacy coaching and expand high-quality early childhood programming	<p>\$6.8M, expected total impact of \$11.9M</p> <p>As of July 31, 194 educators received training in Science of Reading, 108 educators received literacy coaching and 150 educators received social-emotional training</p>	9/30/2024
High-Quality Early Learning (HQEL) grant - expand access to high-quality preschool for eligible 3- and 4-year-olds in high-need communities	<p>\$38.7M, expected total impact of \$66.9M</p> <p>As of July 31, 63 providers serving 1,519 children were impacted</p>	6/30/2024
Imagination Library Program - expand the Dolly Parton Imagination Library	<p>\$1.4M, expected total impact of \$2.7M</p> <p>As of July 31, 5,353 children were served</p>	9/30/2024

SOURCE: [Arizona Department of Economic Security, August 2023](#)