



# Child Care Strong

## *A Breakdown*



This innovative new program will make critical investments in Wisconsin's early care and education infrastructure to support families, communities, and the economy by:

1. Targeting the high cost of infant and toddler care
2. Lifting wages of the early care and education workforce to retain top talent.

Child Care Strong is a \$106 million investment over the biennium in our early care and education system, providing bonus payments and per child stipends to providers to address quality, affordability, accessibility, and equity for all children in child care.



## Child Care Strong contains three components:

- 1. Base payments of up to \$250** per month, providing resources for providers to meet regulatory and quality requirements
- 2. A bonus payment of up to \$150** per month for providers who serve at least 25% infant and toddlers, incentivizing the provision of care to infants and toddlers
- 3. Per child monthly stipends** for YoungStar 3, 4, and 5 Star programs, with higher stipend amounts for infants, toddlers, and Wisconsin Shares recipients, helping providers maintain and increase their quality

To address child care workforce recruitment and retention problems, at least half of the monthly payments must be allocated toward staff salaries and benefits

For more information on the Wisconsin Infant Toddler Policy Project (WITPP) visit:  
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