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Nevada Approves Critical Child Care Relief, Prioritizing Nevada's Children, Child Care Providers and Workforce Needs.

Child care is critical for families with young children to return to work and for Nevada's economic recovery

Las Vegas, Nevada — On April 1, 2021 Nevada legislature approved \$92.7 million dollars in relief to aid Nevada's ailing child care industry in its recovery. Children's Advocacy Alliance (CAA), a statewide nonpartisan child policy organization dedicated to improving conditions for Nevada children and families and the Nevada Strong Start PN-3 Collaborative, a coalition spearheading an effort to realize a statewide framework for investments in children during the 1,000 days of a child's life, were encouraged by the potential impact of this investment. Estimates indicate over 550 Nevada child care providers will be assisted to stabilize operations and keep their doors open.

"We are ecstatic to see these critical investments in child care, particularly as we consider the role child care will play in Nevada's recovery," said Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner, Executive Director of the Children's Advocacy Alliance. The American Rescue Plan was a critical start to help the country and Nevada's economic recovery, but we cannot stop there. CAA believes that we must also invest in our infrastructure to improve quality for our babies and working families.

High quality child care was expensive and difficult to secure before Covid and the pandemic has only exacerbated these conditions. Child care and early learning investments are essential to supporting babies' development, early learning, and lifelong success. It is critical for working parents and families with young children to be able to return to work and for Nevada's economy to recover.

"High quality, comprehensive early childhood programs for 0-5 year olds, provide a return on investment of 13%. Investment in child care is an investment in our human capital." (<https://heckmanequation.org/>). Annette Dawson Owens, School Readiness Policy Director said, "These early investments are critical to not only our children's future success but also lead to Nevada's work force recovery and ultimately the success of our families and communities."

A significant support to child care programs is the restructuring of reimbursement rates to better reflect enrollment instead of attendance, and additional funds that are necessary to handle COVID-19 related costs. An investment in child care will have a significant ripple effect throughout Nevada's economy and workforce. Nevada's investment of \$45M in child care programs will yield \$315M to \$585M in public assistance, education savings, taxes on earnings, and crime savings. (<http://nvecac.com/nevada-early-childhood-dashboard/>).

Children's Advocacy Alliance and Nevada Strong Start PN-3 Collaborative urges the Biden Administration and Nevada leaders to prioritize investments in child care for infants and toddlers as we recover and rebuild. Every dollar we put toward infant and early childhood programs is not only an investment in today's children and families, but the infrastructure necessary for our communities and country to thrive in the future.

About the Children's Advocacy Alliance

The Children's Advocacy Alliance (CAA) is a community-based nonprofit organization that advocates for policy changes that benefit Nevada's children and families by researching and utilizing current data and promoting evidence-based policies to ensure that every child has a chance to thrive. CAA engages the community by bringing people together to address challenges and opportunities around children's issues to leverage collective strength toward improving the systems that support the well-being of Nevada's children. For more information, visit www.caanv.org.

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