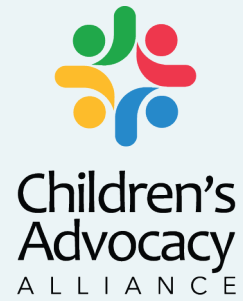




# Waivers for the Child Care Business License



## Child Care Providers are Struggling to Keep their Doors Open

Child care providers in Nevada and across the United States are struggling to meet the needs of families and support our economy. The Office of Workforce Innovation has called the child care crisis in Nevada a critical barrier to workforce participation and emphasizes the need to expand services throughout the state by addressing licensing and regulatory barriers.

## Child Care Fiscal Cliff

Although the economic issues in the childcare industry are not new, they were amplified by the catastrophic effects of the pandemic, which continue to be felt today. Vital pandemic relief funds gave many providers on the brink of closure a lifeline, offering them the chance to stabilize. However, as of September 30, 2024, funds are no longer available.

Pandemic relief funds were critical in providing stipends for underpaid staff and purchasing supplies to ensure children have a safe learning environment. Additional investments freed up funds for operating expenses like business license fees, fire and health inspections, and a number of other new and recurring expenses.

Although licensure and inspections are essential to ensure a safe, quality environment, the associated costs are burdensome and deter new professionals from entering the field.



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**Home-based childcare reduces unemployment**



## Recommendation

Create a childcare business license waiver for new and existing childcare providers

Waiving the license fee is a temporary solution that warrants investments in the Child Care Development Fund to ensure Nevada's childcare industry no longer functions in a perpetuating cycle of crisis but is a sustainable and growing business.



The average cost to open a new childcare business:

*\*Fees vary based on zip code, type of childcare business, and the number of children served.*

**Rental amount for a secured location is \$3,500.00/month with capacity for 45 children.**

- First Month, Last Month and Security Deposit on Space \$10,500
- Licensing Application Fee \$200
- Health Inspection Fee \$304
- Fire Inspection Fee \$22
- Fingerprints submitted \$75 (\$300 total for 4 employees)
- TB Testing (4 employees) \$400
- CPR Training (4 employees) \$200
- Liability Insurance \$750
- Zoning Application Fee \$6,251
- NV Professional Land Surveyor \$1,000
- Renovation costs \$15,000 *\*Typical renovations include but are not limited to age-appropriate bathrooms*
- 2 months' employer costs (payroll and benefits) \$12,000

**Average Total: \$46,927**