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## Tell Congress: We Need \$50 Billion in Child Care Funding

Congress has failed to provide enough funding to help the child care industry survive the COVID-19 crisis. Without support, providers will have to **close permanently**, leaving women without care options when they can finally return to work or school. That's why we need to tell Congress to pass the **Child Care Is Essential Act** and include at least **\$50 billion** in child care funding in the next COVID-19 relief legislation.

On **July 29th**, the House will be voting on two critically important child care bills, the **Child Care Is Essential Act**, which will increase child care funding by \$50 billion so that the child care system can survive the COVID-19 pandemic, and the **Child Care for Economic Recovery Act**, which will provide tax relief (including making the child and dependent care tax credit refundable), state child care funding, and funding for child care facilities and infrastructure.

Together, the **Child Care is Essential Act** and the **Child Care for Economic Recovery Act** will ensure that child care centers have the resources to safely operate - including to reopen, when appropriate -- and mothers have support so they can find and afford **high-quality child care**.

To learn more about the proposed bills, click [here](#).

### What You Can Do:

**We need your help to get this message to Congress.** Please use the link below to contact your state's House members and tell them to vote **YES** on the Child Care Is Essential Act and the Child Care for Economic Recovery Act. To take action, click [here](#).

### Learn More About the ECE Sector

WOMEN'S WAY recently had the opportunity to sit down with Carol Austin, the Executive Director of First Up. To learn more about the ECE sector and how her organization is providing aid during this crisis, Carol dives into the financial precariousness of child care centers, the lack of accessibility to working mothers, and offers insight to the necessary solutions that are needed to improve these conditions.



Check Out Our Blog  
["Childcare and COVID-19: How the Global Pandemic is threatening The Early Childhood Education Sector"](#)

### Share This Message

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