

Petition for Child Care in the budget

Sign the petition asking Governor Evers to include 2 billion in the state budget to address the child care crisis in our state.

*According to www.childcaregap.org our state loses between \$4-6 billion in lost economic activity.

*The educators who care for and educate our children from 6 weeks-12 years earn an average of \$13.54 while the median Wisconsin wage is \$28.34. This amount will get an approximately \$10 an hour raise, or \$23.54 an hour without benefits:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WIGOV/bulletins/3b56598>

*90% of brain development happens before the age of 5, 100% of that happens by caring relationships

*Low teacher to child ratios ensures higher quality interactions to build those brains

*Return on investment is \$7-14 per \$1 spent, lowering health care, penal system, and k-12 system costs along with increased income taxes, earnings for parents, and more:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lipVaPKnjRk>

*Tuition **per child** is 18% of dual income households and is rising exponentially forcing more parents out of the workforce just as many of the "Boomer" generation are reaching retirement creating a crisis for employers.

*9% of those who qualify for subsidy actually utilize it

*Women with children under the age of 6 are still well below their 70% employment rate prior to 2020 (national about 60%) and hovering around 60%

*Our state currently solely relies on Federal funding for the entire child care system and does not have child care in the budget as a line item.

*Unemployment rate in Wisconsin is 2.9% we need more people to re-enter the workforce. They need child care to do so.

The time is now, the amount seems large, but it is a fraction of the under-investment owed to our children, families, educators, communities, and employers over the last several decades. Without this investment the crisis will turn into catastrophe and rebuilding will be exponentially more expensive



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