

Child Care

The economic recovery package will provide an additional \$2 billion in child care funding under the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG). CCDBG provides funding to states to subsidize child care for children in low-income working families and low-income families in which parents are engaged in education or training.

Due to funding constraints, only a minority of children eligible for child care assistance currently receive any help paying for child care. Moreover, need for child care assistance will remain high despite the recession. Some employed parents who previously could afford child care will need help when their earnings fall. Parents who are out of work but are going to school or are engaged in training programs to retool their skills will also need help paying for child care. And many parents who are unaffected by the recession will continue working for low or moderate pay and will still struggle to pay the high cost of child care.

The Center for Law and Social Policy has estimated the funding each state will receive from the recovery package and the average monthly number of children the state will be able to serve with those additional resources. Its analysis is found here: http://clasp.org/publications/aara_childcarestatealloc.pdf