

Georgia's Child Care System Needs Your Help!

Federal child care stabilization grants are coming to an end, with the final September payment supporting providers through June.



Quality Care for Children conducted a survey of child care providers across Georgia to gauge their anticipated impact of federal stabilization grants coming to an end.

- **684** total responses
- At least **85** of Georgia's **159** counties
- Spread across the state and the six CCR&R regions
- **353+** centers, **227+** family child care learning homes
- Nearly all (**96%**) have been receiving stabilization grants, and **86%** indicate they expect to feel an impact when those funds come to an end



When asked what impact would occur when stabilization grant funding has ended, **one-quarter of respondents reported that they may have to close their programs.**

Other potential impacts include:

- On Georgia families
 - **82% reported they may need to increase tuition**
 - **30%** say they may have to serve fewer children
 - **36%** say they may have fewer toys and materials for children to use while learning

- On teachers
 - **44%** say they may have to cut teacher wages
 - **36%** anticipate they may need to lay off teachers
 - **24%** report they may need to cut staff benefits



How QCC is Supporting Families and Providers:

QCC is committed to helping families find quality child care through 1-877-ALL-GA-KIDS (1-877-255-4254) and providing Boost child care scholarships to qualifying low-income families. Our QCCworks suite of business support services helps child care providers increase the sustainability of their programs, and we provide updates for families, business leaders and community members to advocate for the necessary funding to ensure access to sustainable quality child care.

Provider concerns about stabilization grants coming to an end:

“After 19 years in business, we may have to close our doors without the extra funding.”

“Yes, we have been able to retain amazing teachers -- we have our strongest teams in our 20+ years of being open, due to STABLE. The market has increased competitive salaries significantly, and STABLE has permitted us to remain comparable.”

“Since STABLE, I've increased base wages across the board, offer vision and dental benefits and pay quarterly bonuses. Additionally, I've upgraded classroom equipment.”

“Parents have to work and without the STABLE grant assistance parents are going to do what they have to do, even if it means leaving their children with much cheaper unlicensed providers.”

- Georgia child care provider

How you can help:

Visit these websites to advocate for Georgia’s child care



Childcareaware.org/our-issues/advocacy-2/

Geeears.org/take-action/advocate/



Naeyc.org/get-involved/advocate

Georgiavoices.org/legislative-resources/#advocacy



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