

## McLeod County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

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### McLeod County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>58 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>83 children served, including 35 in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>22</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>7</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, McLeod County families have 0.68 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 26<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Mahnomen County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

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### Mahnomen County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>12 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>13 children served, including some in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fewer than 10</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>Fewer than 5</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Mahnomen County families have 0.5 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 66<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Marshall County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

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### Marshall County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>13 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>21 children served, including some in quality child care</b>, essential for child brain development. Decades of research has made it clear that quality early care is essential for child brain development.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fewer than 10</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>Fewer than 5</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Marshall County families have 0.4 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 80<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Martin County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

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### Martin County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>60 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>102 children served, including some in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>20</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>Fewer than 5</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Martin County families have 0.86 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 10<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Meeker County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

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### Meeker County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>39 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>62 children served, including 35 in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fewer than 10</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>Fewer than 5</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Meeker County families have 0.49 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 67<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Mille Lacs County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

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### Mille Lacs County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>97 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>154 children served, including 91 in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>10</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>5</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Mille Lacs County families have 0.62 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 42<sup>nd</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Morrison County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

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### Morrison County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>44 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>75 children served, including 23 in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>14</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>Fewer than 5</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Morrison County families have 0.53 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 59<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Mower County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

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### Mower County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>124 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>222 children served, including 71 in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>24</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>10</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Mower County families have 0.51 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 65<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
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## Murray County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

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### Murray County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>15 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>23 children served, including some in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fewer than 10</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>Fewer than 5</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Murray County families have 0.74 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 24<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Nicollet County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

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### Nicollet County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<b>139 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.	<b>226 children served, including 34 in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.	Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>17</b> family child care providers</li> <li><b>14</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it. <sup>1</sup>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Nicollet County families have 0.77 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 20<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
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## Nobles County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

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### Nobles County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>53 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>94 children served, including 90 in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fewer than 10</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>Fewer than 5</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Nobles County families have 0.48 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 70<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Norman County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Norman County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>15 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>20 children served, including 11 in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fewer than 10</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>Fewer than 5</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Norman County families have 0.78 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 19<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Olmsted County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Olmsted County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<b>723 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.	<b>1,361 children served, including 882 in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.	Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>38</b> family child care providers</li> <li><b>65</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it. <sup>1</sup>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Olmsted County families have 0.75 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 21<sup>st</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Otter Tail County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Otter Tail County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>104 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>171 children served, including 61 in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>44</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>7</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Otter Tail County families have 0.6 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 47<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Pennington County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Pennington County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>21 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>33 children served, including some in quality child care</b>, essential for child brain development. Decades of research has made it clear that quality early care is essential for child brain development.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>11</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>Fewer than 5</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Pennington County families have 0.64 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 36<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Pine County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Pine County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>81 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>133 children served, including 50 in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>19</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>Fewer than 5</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Pine County families have 0.39 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 82<sup>nd</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Pipestone County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Pipestone County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>26 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>37 children served, including some in quality child care.</b> Decades of research has made it clear that quality early care is essential for child brain development.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>12</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>Fewer than 5</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Pipestone County families have 0.84 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 12<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Polk County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Polk County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>92 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>147 children served, including 66 in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>23</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>7</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Polk County families have 0.67 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 30<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Pope County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Pope County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>34 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>63 children served, including 15 in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fewer than 10</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>Fewer than 5</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Pope County families have 0.51 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 64<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Red Lake County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Red Lake County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>10 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>15 children served, including some in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fewer than 10</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>0</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Red Lake County families have 0.99 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 3<sup>rd</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Red Lake Nation: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Red Lake Nation administers the Minnesota Child Care Assistance Program for tribal members in Beltrami and Clearwater counties.<sup>1</sup> Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled CCAP rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Red Lake Nation child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>30 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>86 children served, including 58 in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fewer than 10</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>5</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>2</sup></p>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

<sup>1</sup> Counts are based on providers who received a payment from Red Lake Nation as their Financially Responsible Agency, and families/children who had a payment made on their behalf from Red Lake Nation.

<sup>2</sup> See page seven of the 2023 CCAP Family Profile for race/ethnicity data: [edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfs/Server/Public/DHS-6664k-ENG](https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfs/Server/Public/DHS-6664k-ENG)

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## Redwood County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Redwood County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>22 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>33 children served, including some in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fewer than 10</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>Fewer than 5</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Redwood County families have 0.66 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 31<sup>st</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Renville County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Renville County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>26 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>53 children served, including 15 in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fewer than 10</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>6</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Renville County families have 0.8 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 17<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Rice County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Rice County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<b>137 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.	<b>288 children served, including 166 in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.	Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>30</b> family child care providers</li> <li><b>14</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it. <sup>1</sup>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Rice County families have 0.52 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 62<sup>nd</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Rock County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Rock County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>Fewer than 10 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>12 children served, including some in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fewer than 10</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>0</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Rock County families have 0.74 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 22<sup>nd</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Roseau County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Roseau County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>17 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>33 children served, including some in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>15</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>Fewer than 5</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Roseau County families have 0.52 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 61<sup>st</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## St. Louis County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### St. Louis County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>556 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>849 children served, including 578 in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>60</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>64</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, St. Louis County families have 0.51 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 63<sup>rd</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Sherburne County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Sherburne County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<b>225 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.	<b>408 children served, including 272 in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.	Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>25</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>22</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it. <sup>1</sup>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Sherburne County families have 0.47 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 72<sup>nd</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Sibley County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Sibley County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>41 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>66 children served, including 19 in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fewer than 10</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>Fewer than 5</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Sibley County families have 0.58 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 50<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Stearns County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Stearns County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>523 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>1,078 children served, including 613 in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>48</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>44</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Stearns County families have 0.61 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 43<sup>rd</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Steele County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Steele County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<b>161 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.	<b>270 children served, including 100 in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.	Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>22</b> family child care providers</li> <li><b>5</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it. <sup>1</sup>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Steele County families have 0.65 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 34<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Stevens County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Stevens County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>16 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>24 children served, including some in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fewer than 10</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>Fewer than 5</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Stevens County families have 0.53 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 60<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Swift County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Swift County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>27 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>47 children served, including 27 in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fewer than 10</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>Fewer than 5</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Swift County families have 0.84 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 11<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Todd County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Todd County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>30 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>51 children served, including 23 in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fewer than 10</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>Fewer than 5</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Todd County families have 0.42 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 77<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Traverse County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Traverse County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>Fewer than 10 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>15 children served, including some in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fewer than 10</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>0</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Traverse County families have 0.9 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 6<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Wabasha County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Wabasha County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>42 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>63 children served, including 11 in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>11</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>5</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Wabasha County families have 0.81 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 16<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Wadena County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Wadena County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>33 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>59 children served, including 27 in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fewer than 10</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>Fewer than 5</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Wadena County families have 0.55 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 54<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Waseca County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Waseca County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>83 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>138 children served, including some in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>15</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>Fewer than 5</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Waseca County families have 0.53 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 58<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Watonwan County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Watonwan County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>30 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>48 children served, including some in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fewer than 10</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>Fewer than 5</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Watonwan County families have 0.37 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 85<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## White Earth Nation: Child Care Assistance Program impact

White Earth Nation administers the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) for Tribal members in Mahnomon, Becker and Clearwater counties.<sup>1</sup> Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled CCAP rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### White Earth Nation child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>20 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>32 children served, including 15 in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>15</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>5</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>2</sup></p>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

<sup>1</sup> Counts are based on providers who received a payment from White Earth Nation as their Financially Responsible Agency, and families/children who had a payment made on their behalf from White Earth Nation.

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## Wilkin County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Wilkin County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>25 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>45 children served, including some in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fewer than 10</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>0</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Wilkin County families have 0.91 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 5<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Winona County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Winona County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>135 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>208 children served, including 64 in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>32</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>17</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Winona County families have 0.73 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 25<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Wright County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Wright County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>165 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>295 children served, including 207 in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>13</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>15</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Wright County families have 0.49 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 68<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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## Yellow Medicine County: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates to increase to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

### Yellow Medicine County child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p><b>Fewer than 10 families served</b> so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p><b>11 children served, including some in high-quality child care,</b> essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fewer than 10</b> family child care providers</li> <li>• <b>Fewer than 5</b> child care centers</li> </ul>	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.<sup>1</sup></p>

According to the [University of Minnesota’s Child Care Access](#) data, Wright County families have 0.6 nearby child care slots available per child, ranking it 45<sup>th</sup> out of the state’s 87 counties. Investing \$100 per young child in the local population can increase the number of licensed providers statewide by 4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

### What parents are saying<sup>3</sup>

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

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