

Childcare Providers Need Timely, Targeted, and Temporary Emergency Help

Emergency childcare funding will be needed in the next round of pandemic relief from the federal government. In a [letter to members of Congress](#), the U.S. Chamber, along with 41 state and local chambers urged Congress to “provide timely, targeted, and temporary emergency assistance to licensed childcare centers and homes.”

“For millions of Americans, returning to work is not just contingent on the lifting of stay-at-home orders and their employer reopening, but on securing care for their children. The existing childcare arrangements for many working parents have been particularly hard hit by the pandemic and the resulting economic fallout,” the letter states.

The childcare industry has also been impacted. “Childcare facilities in many states are operating under reduced capacity and social distancing orders” have led to operating losses, the letter states. “The childcare industry is comprised of many small and very small businesses – many run by women and women of color – who are on the brink of collapse and may never reopen.”