

## DC CHILD CARE RECOVERY INVESTMENTS



Stabilizing and strengthening the child care sector is a top priority for the District. The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) has made substantial investments since 2020 to equip child care providers with the necessary resources to sustain and strengthen operations through and beyond the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and recovery. As of January 2023,

**\$50.3 million**  
has been distributed to **462** facilities in the District of Columbia.

This funding comes from a combination of local funds, federal COVID-relief funds dedicated to child care and general federal COVID-relief funds the District allocated to support child care.



**DC ROAD TO RECOVERY FUND** supported increased costs incurred by facilities serving medically vulnerable children and offset reduced revenues from lower attendance, among other supports.

**DC CHILD CARE PROVIDER RELIEF FUND I AND II** provided emergency operating funding relief to nearly all licensed facilities and ensured an ample supply of child care for families to access during the public health emergency.



**DC CHILD CARE STABILIZATION GRANT** provided nearly all licensed facilities financial relief for unexpected business costs associated with the pandemic and to stabilize operations and preserve the supply of child care for children and families.

**ENHANCED SUBSIDY RATES** were implemented to partially offset the effects of increased costs and/or reduced revenues that subsidy child care providers experienced as a result of the pandemic. The Public Health Emergency Subsidy Rate, implemented from December 2020 through September 2021, and Public Emergency Subsidy Rate, implemented from January through June 2022, substantially increased payments to subsidy providers. A permanent increase in subsidy rates took effect in October 2021.



And additional funding is available for child care programs.  
In 2023 and beyond, OSSE will distribute an additional **\$52 million**.



**DC CHILD CARE STABILIZATION TARGET GRANT** provides funds on an as-needed basis to child development facilities that have experienced unique financial harm as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE GRANT** provides support to current and future child development facility operators over two years to expand, open and improve new and existing child development facilities.



**BACK-TO-WORK CHILD CARE GRANT** provides financial assistance to preserve the supply of child care in neighborhoods most impacted by the pandemic and offset costs for programs to resume operating at full capacity, opening and preserving additional slots for families in need of care.

For more information on OSSE's recovery investments in the early childhood sector, visit [bit.ly/SSECE](https://bit.ly/SSECE).