

Child Care Works (CCW) - Unserved, Eligible Families

	Under 5 years	Infants and toddlers
Eligible children	4,370	2,520
Eligible children enrolled	1,234	611
Unserved, eligible children	3,136	1,909
	72% unserved	76% unserved

ONLY **57%**
of Child Care Works (CCW)
children under five years are
in high-quality programs

...and ONLY **57%** of CCW
infants and toddlers are in
high-quality programs

Only **44%** of child care
capacity in this
county currently
meets high-quality
standards

BENEFITS OF HIGH-QUALITY CHILD CARE

-  increased employment and tax revenue
-  increased job retention and productivity for employers
-  higher earning potential for parents
-  improved math and language ability
-  healthy development
-  reduced grade repetition



Start Strong PA believes that because every child deserves an equal opportunity to a quality educational foundation that will prepare them to grow, learn, and succeed, we are calling on Pennsylvania to focus on the most important years of a child's development; the first three years of life.

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	Under 5 years	Infants and toddlers
Eligible children	203,110	120,430
Eligible children enrolled	53,770	27,016
Unserved, eligible children	149,340	93,414
	74% unserved	78% unserved

ONLY **40%**
of Child Care Works (CCW)
children under five years are in
high-quality programs



...and **ONLY 37%** of CCW infants and
toddlers are in high-quality programs

Only **43%** of child care capacity in the state currently
meets high-quality standards

Invest in Working Families in the FY 2020-21 Budget by:

- Restoring \$36 million in state child care funding to reverse the FY 2019-20 cut by increasing the Child Care Services line item to expand access to high-quality, subsidized child care for 2,400 infants and toddlers and their working families in FY 2020-21.
- Use \$30 million in unallocated federal funds to boost the subsidized child care tiered reimbursement rates for infant and toddler child care provided by Keystone STAR 2, 3 and 4 programs to stabilize and expand high-quality options for working families.



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