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GWDB CHILDCARE POLICY REPORT POTENTIAL UPDATES FOR 2024-2025

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CHILDCARE POLICY REPORT

Governor's Workforce Development Board Childcare Working Group

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Potential Updates-Current State of Childcare

- Update to the labor force participation rate
- Update on the spending of federal money for childcare, including performance metrics and outcomes
- Update on community outreach and awareness
 - First 5 Nevada
 - Nevada Child Care Fund Media Campaign
 - Reno+Sparks and Vegas Chamber 45F Awareness Event in May 2023
 - U.S. DOL Women's Bureau webinar
 "Innovative Approaches to Strengthening Childcare Supply and Access"
- Update on childcare desert data, demand for childcare, availability of childcare, update on childcare costs by county
- Second business survey









Potential Updates-Best Practices in Nevada

- Childcare facility opened in Ely in March 2024
 - Inquire with Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows if there are any other rural developments in progress
- Find new examples for Northern and Southern Nevada



Early Learning Center opening soon in Ely

March 8, 2024 by Caitlynn Winkler

The Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows will be opening an Early Learning Center in Ely, located at 701 Murry Street, Monday, March 11. There are various centers open throughout the state, all an extension of the current Boys and Girls Clubs. The centers hire certified teachers and caregivers who have obtained their degrees

Source: https://elynews.com/2024/03/08/early-learning-center-opening-soon-in-ely/





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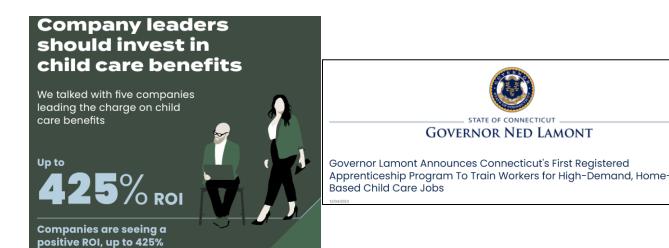


Potential Updates-National Childcare Research

- Nevada most expensive state for childcare costs relative to income
- Between 90%-425% ROI Increase for companies that invested in childcare benefits for employees
- Many states, including
 Wisconsin, Vermont,
 Connecticut, Minnesota, are investing state funding towards parents and childcare providers

| 3 states where families spend the most of their income on child care | | | | |
|--|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Rank | State | Mean weekly family income | Mean weekly child care spending | % of income spent on child care |
| 1 | Nevada | \$1,529 | \$493 | 32.3% |
| 2 | Montana | \$1,643 | \$372 | 22.6% |
| 3 | Louisiana | \$1,381 | \$303 | 21.9% |

Source: https://www.lendingtree.com/debt-consolidation/child-care-income-study/



Source: https://momsfirst.us/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/The-Employe-Benefit-That-Pays-for-Itself_March-2024-2.pdf

Source: https://portal.ct.gov/governor/news/press-releases/2023/12-2023/governor-lamont-announces-registered-apprenticeship-program-to-train-workers-for-child-care-jobs?language=en_US



Potential Updates-Policy Recommendations

- Specific barriers for childcare businesses and parents that could be addressed by the legislature
 - Infrastructure
 - Workforce
 - Basic assessment of federal funding towards childcare
- Opportunity for Department of Transportation Workforce Development \$ to be spent on business provided childcare
 - FHWA Office of Innovative Program Delivery: Center for Transportation Workforce
 Development (dot.gov)

