

# Shaping Policy Action

## Child Care Resources and Support



**The [Prenatal-to-3 Policy Impact Center](#) aims to accelerate states' implementation of evidence-based policies that help all children thrive from the start.**



### Understanding the Evidence

At this stage, your organization or coalition seeks to develop a strong foundation in the research on child care subsidies, which can inform talking points and help develop key messages to advocate for policy improvement.

#### You May Want to Know

What does the research say about the benefits of child care subsidies?

What does the research say about other child care policies?

#### We Can Provide You With

A [comprehensive review](#) of the most rigorous evidence available on child care subsidies and an accompanying evidence snapshot

Our [clearinghouse](#) includes evidence reviews on state policies intended to improve outcomes for infants, toddlers, and their families.



### Navigating State Policy Choices

Your organization or coalition is exploring how states structure child care subsidy programs, identifying policy trends, and evaluating potential solutions to address challenges specific to your state.

#### You May Want to Know

How do child care subsidy programs vary across states?

How do states structure their early childhood governance?

What policy components should we consider as we craft subsidy legislation?

What sources of revenue are states using to fund their child care subsidy programs?

What are other child care policy options?

#### We Can Provide You With

Our annual [State Policy Roadmap](#) includes a summary of state progress and variation in child care subsidy policy.

Our review of [state governance structures](#) shows how states organize early childhood services across agencies.

Our [state policy lever checklist](#) outlines several subsidy policy components and their implications.

A summary of [state approaches to dedicated funding streams](#) for child care subsidies.

Answers to your individual child care policy and research questions. [Contact us!](#)



## Building Support and Shaping Action

Your organization or coalition is focused on engaging stakeholders, educating policymakers, and strengthening advocacy efforts to advance child care subsidy policy.

### You May Want to Know

How can we educate, empower, and grow our coalition?

What impact would my state's proposed child care subsidy policy changes have on families?

How can we share the benefits of child care subsidies to gain support from policymakers?

### We Can Provide You With

A presentation or mini policy academy. We can present virtually or in-person with content tailored to your state's policy goals, questions, and audience (e.g., coalition members, business community, lawmakers, etc).

- In **Oklahoma**, we presented to the state legislature on child care subsidy policy variation and approaches to funding.
- In **Ohio**, we supported the state's paid family and medical leave coalition by sharing the evidence base and policy variation across states.

Data simulations to demonstrate your program's impacts. Our data analysts can simulate how changes to subsidy policy would change resources for the family modeled in our [Policy Impact Calculator](#).

Legislative testimony and talking points that summarize the research and translate our findings along with examples from other states.



## State Specific Research

Your organization wants to better understand the child care landscape in your state to inform and support your policy efforts. **As a fee for service**, our group of researchers conducts original research to answer questions specific to your coalition and state.

### You May Want to Know

What is the return on investment specific to my state policy choices and families?

What are the characteristics and compensation of early childhood educators in my state?

### We Can Provide You With

Our team [estimated](#) the impact of **Virginia's** one-year \$309 million investment in early care and education for children under the age of 5 and their families, as well as the potential return on investment to the state.

Our team conducted a landscape scan of best practices in **Texas** and other states, convened a child care workgroup, and administered a child care director survey about compensation of early childhood educators in the state. [Results](#) were used by the workgroup to inform the state's child care workforce strategic plan.

These are just a few examples of how we can support your work. We welcome the opportunity to discuss your specific needs and explore the most effective ways to collaborate with your organization to advance your policy efforts. Contact us to start the conversation.