How do increased child care assistance rates support my community?

AITKIN COUNTY

Child care assistance benefits employers by helping families afford child care so parents can work. Providing more access to high quality child care supports the current and future workforce by helping young learners prepare for success in school and life.

Increasing child care assistance rates helps providers and parents
Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Aitkin County, maximum family child care rates would go up $25 for toddlers and preschoolers. Child care center rates would increase $10 a week for toddlers and $20 for preschoolers. Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

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How does child care assistance support my community?

BECKER COUNTY

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As of December 2021 in Becker County, there are 21 families on the Basic Sliding Fee Child Care Assistance Program waiting list. Without fully funding the Basic Sliding Fee program, this waiting list will continue to grow because some temporary funds are only in place through 2024.

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How do increased child care assistance rates support my community?

Beltrami County

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BENTON COUNTY

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Fully funding Basic Sliding Fee child care assistance eliminates waiting lists
As of December 2021 in Benton County, there are 59 families on the Basic Sliding Fee Child Care Assistance Program waiting list. Without fully funding the Basic Sliding Fee program, this waiting list will continue to grow because some temporary funds are only in place through 2024.

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Benton County weekly Family Child Care prices (2021)

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**Big Stone County**

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**Increasing child care assistance rates helps providers and parents**

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**Child Care Assistance in Big Stone County**

- **39 children from 17 families served in State Fiscal Year 2021**
- **Fewer than 10 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2021**
- **0 child care center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2021**

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**Blue Earth County**

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Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Blue Earth County, **maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $20 for toddlers and preschoolers.** Child care center rates would increase **$20 a week for toddlers and $19 for preschoolers.** Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays¹:

- “I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else.” (Licensed family child care provider)
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Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Brown County, **maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $20 for toddlers and preschoolers. Child care center rates would increase $10 a week for toddlers and about $18 for preschoolers.** Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

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How do increased child care assistance rates support my community?

Carlton County

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Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Carlton County, maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $25 for toddlers and preschoolers. Child care center rates would increase $20 a week for toddlers and $19 for preschoolers. Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays¹:

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Cass County

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Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Cass County, maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $20 for toddlers and about $16 for preschoolers. Child care center rates would increase $10 a week for toddlers; preschool rates would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease. Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

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Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Chippewa County, maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $10 for toddlers and $15 for preschoolers. Child care center rates would increase $10 a week for toddlers and $20 for preschoolers. Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

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**Cook County**

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Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Cook County, **maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $30 for toddlers and preschooolers. Child care center rates would increase $58 a week for toddlers and $62 for preschoolers.** Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

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**Child Care Assistance in Cook County**

10 children from 5 families served in State Fiscal Year 2021

Fewer than 10 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2021

Fewer than 5 child care center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2021

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How do increased child care assistance rates support my community?

COTTONWOOD COUNTY

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CROW WING COUNTY

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Faribault County

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Fillmore County

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**Goodhue County**

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GRANT COUNTY

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Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Grant County, maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $10 for toddlers and $15 for preschoolers. Child care center rates would increase $20 a week for toddlers and $19 for preschoolers. Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays1:

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Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Hubbard County, maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $20 for toddlers; preschool rates would stay the same. Child care center rates would increase $58 a week for toddlers and $62 for preschoolers. Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

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Isanti County

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Jackson County

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Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Jackson County, maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $10 for toddlers and $15 for preschoolers. Child care center rates would increase $10 a week for toddlers and $20 for preschoolers. Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

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Kanabec County

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KANDIYOHI COUNTY

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KITTSON COUNTY

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LAC QUI PARLE COUNTY

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Lake County

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Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Lake County, child care center rates would increase $58 a week for toddlers and $62 for preschoolers. If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well. Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

- “I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else.” (Licensed family child care provider)
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LAKE OF THE WOODS COUNTY

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Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Lake of the Woods County, maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $25 for toddlers and preschoolers. Child care center rates would increase $58 a week for toddlers and $62 for preschoolers. Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays¹:

- “I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else.” (Licensed family child care provider)
- “Families are not able to pay the difference.” (Licensed child care center provider)
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¹ Minnesota Department of Human Services survey of child care providers from July 25, 2018, to Aug. 24, 2018.

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Le Sueur County

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Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Le Sueur County, **maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $15 for toddlers and preschoolers. Child care center rates would increase $10 a week for toddlers and $20 for preschoolers.** Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

- “I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else.” (Licensed family child care provider)
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As of December 2021 in Le Sueur County, there are 27 families on the Basic Sliding Fee Child Care Assistance Program waiting list. Without fully funding the Basic Sliding Fee program, this waiting list will continue to grow because some temporary funds are only in place through 2024.

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Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Lincoln County, maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $10 for toddlers and $15 for preschoolers. Child care center rates would increase $20 a week for toddlers and $19 for preschoolers. Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:1:

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LYON COUNTY

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Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Lyon County, maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $10 for toddlers and $14 for preschooolers. Child care center rates would increase $20 a week for toddlers and $19 for preschoolers. Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

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Mahnomen County

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Martin County

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Increasing child care assistance helps providers and parents

Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Martin County, maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $10 for toddlers and $15 for preschoolers. Child care center rates would increase $58 a week for toddlers and $62 for preschoolers. Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

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**Increasing child care assistance rates helps providers and parents**

Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Mille Lacs County, maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $20 for toddlers and preschoolers. Child care center rates would increase $58 a week for toddlers and $62 for preschoolers. Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

- “I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else.” (Licensed family child care provider)
- “Families are not able to pay the difference.” (Licensed child care center provider)
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- “I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else.” (Licensed family child care provider)
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Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Mower County, maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $20 for toddlers and preschoolers. Child care center rates would increase $20 a week for toddlers and $19 for preschoolers. Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

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**Increasing child care assistance rates helps providers and parents**

Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Murray County, **maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $10 for toddlers and $15 for preschoolers**. If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for center-based care as well. Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

- “I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else.” (Licensed family child care provider)
- “Families are not able to pay the difference.” (Licensed child care center provider)
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NI COLLET COUNTY

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Increasing child care assistance rates helps providers and parents
Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Nicollet County, maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $20 for toddlers and preschoolers. Child care center rates would increase $20 a week for toddlers and $19 for preschoolers. Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

- “I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else.” (Licensed family child care provider)
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Child Care Assistance in Nicollet County

255 children from 139 families served in State Fiscal Year 2021

13 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2021

14 center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2021

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Nicollet County weekly Family Child Care prices (2021)

Nicollet County weekly Center prices (2021)

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**Increasing child care assistance rates helps providers and parents**

Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Nobles County, **maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $10 for toddlers and $15 for preschoolers.** Child care center rates would **increase $20 a week for toddlers and $19 for preschoolers.** Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

- “I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else.” (Licensed family child care provider)
- “Families are not able to pay the difference.” (Licensed child care center provider)
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Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Norman County, maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $10 for toddlers and $15 for preschoolers. Child care center rates would increase $20 a week for toddlers and $5 for preschoolers. Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

- “I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else.” (Licensed family child care provider)
- “Families are not able to pay the difference.” (Licensed child care center provider)
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Olmsted County

Child care assistance benefits employers by helping families afford child care so parents can work. Providing more access to high quality child care supports the current and future workforce by helping young learners prepare for success in school and life.

**Increasing child care assistance rates helps providers and parents**

Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Olmsted County, **maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $10 for toddlers; preschool rates would stay the same.** Child care center rates would increase $71 a week for toddlers and $67 for preschoolers. Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

- “I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else.” (Licensed family child care provider)
- “Families are not able to pay the difference.” (Licensed child care center provider)
- “If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn’t be in business at all.” (Licensed family child care provider)

**Fully funding Basic Sliding Fee child care assistance eliminates waiting lists**

As of December 2021 in Olmsted County, there are 152 families on the Basic Sliding Fee Child Care Assistance Program waiting list. Without fully funding the Basic Sliding Fee program, this waiting list will continue to grow because some temporary funds are only in place through 2024.

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Otter Tail County

Child care assistance benefits employers by helping families afford child care so parents can work. Providing more access to high quality child care supports the current and future workforce by helping young learners prepare for success in school and life.

Increasing child care assistance rates helps providers and parents
Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Otter Tail County, maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $20 for toddlers and preschoolers. Child care center rates would increase $20 a week for toddlers and $19 for preschoolers. Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

- “I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else.” (Licensed family child care provider)
- “Families are not able to pay the difference.” (Licensed child care center provider)
- “If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn’t be in business at all.” (Licensed family child care provider)

Fully funding Basic Sliding Fee child care assistance eliminates waiting lists
As of December 2021 in Otter Tail County, there are 34 families on the Basic Sliding Fee Child Care Assistance Program waiting list. Without fully funding the Basic Sliding Fee program, this waiting list will continue to grow because some temporary funds are only in place through 2024.

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Otter Tail County weekly Family Child Care prices (2021)

Otter Tail County weekly Center prices (2021)


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Pennington County

Child care assistance benefits employers by helping families afford child care so parents can work. Providing more access to high quality child care supports the current and future workforce by helping young learners prepare for success in school and life.

Increasing child care assistance rates helps providers and parents

Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Pennington County, maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $20 for toddlers and preschoolers. Child care center rates would increase $20 a week for toddlers and $19 for preschoolers. Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

- “I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else.” (Licensed family child care provider)
- “Families are not able to pay the difference.” (Licensed child care center provider)
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Pine County

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**Increasing child care assistance rates helps providers and parents**

Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Pine County, **maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $20 for toddlers; preschool rates would stay the same. Child care center rates would increase $20 a week for toddlers and $19 for preschoolers.** Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

- “I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else.” (Licensed family child care provider)
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How do increased child care assistance rates support my community?

Pipestone County

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- “I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else.” (Licensed family child care provider)
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Polk County

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Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Polk County, maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $10 for toddlers and $15 for preschoolers. Child care center rates would increase $20 a week for toddlers and $19 for preschoolers. Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

- “I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else.” (Licensed family child care provider)
- “Families are not able to pay the difference.” (Licensed child care center provider)
- “If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn’t be in business at all.” (Licensed family child care provider)

Fully funding Basic Sliding Fee child care assistance eliminates waiting lists
As of December 2021 in Polk County, there are 11 families on the Basic Sliding Fee Child Care Assistance Program waiting list. Without fully funding the Basic Sliding Fee program, this waiting list will continue to grow because some temporary funds are only in place through 2024.

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Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Pope County, maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $20 for toddlers and preschoolers. Child care center rates would increase $20 a week for toddlers and $19 for preschoolers. Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

- “I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else.” (Licensed family child care provider)
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Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Red Lake County, **maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $10 for toddlers and $15 for preschoolers.** Child care center rates would increase $10 a week for toddlers and $20 for preschoolers. Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

- “I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else.” (Licensed family child care provider)
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Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Redwood County, maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $20 for toddlers and preschoolers. Child care center rates would increase $10 a week for toddlers and $20 for preschoolers. Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:
- “I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else.” (Licensed family child care provider)
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Child Care Assistance in Redwood County

32 children from 17 families served in State Fiscal Year 2021

Fewer than 10 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2021

Fewer than 5 child care center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2021

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How do increased child care assistance rates support my community?

Renville County

Child care assistance benefits employers by helping families afford child care so parents can work. Providing more access to high quality child care supports the current and future workforce by helping young learners prepare for success in school and life.

Increasing child care assistance helps providers and parents

Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Renville County, maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $10 for toddlers and $15 for preschoolers. If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for center-based care as well. Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

- “I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else.” (Licensed family child care provider)
- “Families are not able to pay the difference.” (Licensed child care center provider)
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Rice County

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Increasing child care assistance rates helps providers and parents

Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Rice County, maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $25 for toddlers and preschoolers. Child care center rates would increase $58 a week for toddlers and $62 for preschoolers. Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

- “I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else.” (Licensed family child care provider)
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ROCK COUNTY

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Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Rock County, **maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $10 for toddlers and $15 for preschoolers. Child care center rates would increase $10 a week for toddlers and $20 for preschoolers.** Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays⁴:

- “I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else.” (Licensed family child care provider)
- “Families are not able to pay the difference.” (Licensed child care center provider)
- “If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn’t be in business at all.” (Licensed family child care provider)

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¹ Minnesota Department of Human Services survey of child care providers from July 25, 2018, to Aug. 24, 2018.

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Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Roseau County, maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $10 for toddlers and $15 for preschoolers. Child care center rates would increase $20 a week for toddlers and $19 for preschoolers. Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

- “I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else.” (Licensed family child care provider)
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**St. Louis County**

Child care assistance benefits employers by helping families afford child care so parents can work. Providing more access to high quality child care supports the current and future workforce by helping young learners prepare for success in school and life.

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Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in St. Louis County, **maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $25 for toddlers and preschoolers. Child care center rates would increase $20 a week for toddlers and $19 for preschoolers.** Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

- “I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else.” (Licensed family child care provider)
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How do increased child care assistance rates support my community?  

**Sherburne County**

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**Increasing child care assistance rates helps providers and parents**

Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Sherburne County, **maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $25 for toddlers and preschoolers. Child care center rates would increase $58 a week for toddlers and $62 for preschoolers.** Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

- “I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else.” (Licensed family child care provider)
- “Families are not able to pay the difference.” (Licensed child care center provider)
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How do increased child care assistance rates support my community?  

Sibley County

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Stearns County

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- “I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else.” (Licensed family child care provider)
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Steele County

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**Increasing child care assistance rates helps providers and parents**

Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Steele County, **maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $10 for toddlers and $15 for preschoolers. Child care center rates would increase $58 a week for toddlers and $62 for preschoolers.** Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

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Stevens County

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**SWIFT COUNTY**

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Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Swift County, **maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $10 for toddlers and $15 for preschoolers. Child care center rates would increase $10 a week for toddlers and $20 for preschoolers.** Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

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Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Todd County, **maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $10 for toddlers and $15 for preschoolers.** Child care center rates would increase $10 a week for toddlers and $20 for preschoolers. Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

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WABASHA COUNTY

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Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Wabasha County, maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $20 for toddlers and $19 for preschoolers. Child care center rates would also increase $20 a week for toddlers and $19 for preschoolers. Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

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WADENA COUNTY

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As of December 2021 in Wadena County, there are 12 families on the Basic Sliding Fee Child Care Assistance Program waiting list. Without fully funding the Basic Sliding Fee program, this waiting list will continue to grow because some temporary funds are only in place through 2024.

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Waseca County

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**Child Care Assistance in Waseca County**

- **130 children from 75 families served in State Fiscal Year 2021**
- **15 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2021**
- **5 child care center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2021**

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**Waseca County weekly Family Child Care prices (2021)**
- Toddler: Current max $130, 75th percentile $145
- Preschool: Current max $125, 75th percentile $145

**Waseca County weekly Center prices (2021)**
- Toddler: Current max $145, 75th percentile $180
- Preschool: Current max $193, 75th percentile $205

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WATONWAN COUNTY

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**Child Care Assistance in Wilkin County**

**31 children from 18 families served in State Fiscal Year 2021**

**Fewer than 10 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2021**

**Fewer than 5 child care center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2021**

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**Winona County**

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[Graphs showing Winona County weekly Family Child Care and Center prices (2021) for Toddler and Preschool with Current max and 75th percentile]

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Wright County

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Increasing child care assistance payments to current market rates helps child care providers in your area continue to provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 75th percentile in Wright County, **maximum weekly family child care rates would go up $25 for toddlers and preschoolers. Child care center rates would increase $58 a week for toddlers and $62 for preschoolers.** Here’s what some providers say about the below-market rates the state currently pays:

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YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY

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