



# Help Us Pass the **Child Care is Essential Act**, to:



## Permanently Increase Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) Rates

Promotes access to quality care by **meeting or exceeding federal standards** for all age groups and settings.



## Give Weekly Infant Care Bonuses

A **\$20 weekly bonus** given to providers for each infant under 18 months.



## Cap Family Copayments at 7% of Family Income

CCAP family subsidy copayments **no more than 7% of income**.



## Allow More Low-Income Working Families to Qualify for a CCAP Certificate

**Eligibility for families with incomes at or below 225% of Federal Poverty Level**, and allow enrolled families to **retain the benefit up to 300% of FPL**.

## RI CHILD CARE IS ESSENTIAL ACT

Will Bring Needed Help To Working Families

Governor's  
FY22 Budget:

**\$6 MIL**

American  
Rescue Plan:

**\$36 MIL**

Total Ask:

**\$42 MIL**

For more info please visit: <https://rightfromthestartri.org/take-action/>