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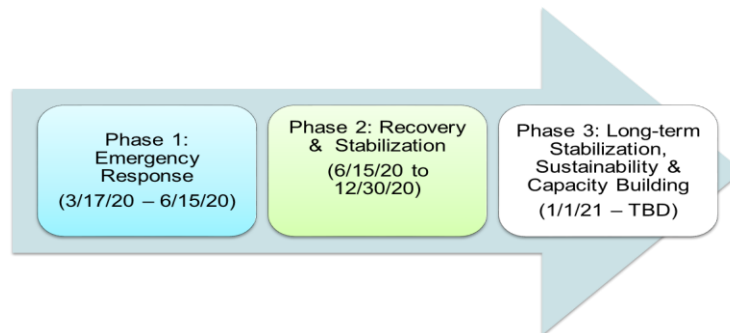
**New Hampshire Child Care COVID Funding**  
**August 21, 2023**

**Funding Status**

To date, the State of New Hampshire has received \$142,343,708 in federal COVID-related relief dollars to assist the child care industry. Of these funds received, \$111,613,100 has been issued to-date by the Department of Health and Human Services directly to providers, as outlined on the attached overview. In September of 2022, the Department also issued an additional \$5,168,215 in FFY2022 Child Care Discretionary Funds (CCDF) to providers, bringing the **total amount to-date issued to child care providers to \$116,781,315**. By early next month, the Department will distribute \$1,900,500 more to providers directly, and \$5,250,000 will be available for providers to apply for as a result of their participation in a Business Health Assessment designed to strengthen their programs. Once distributed, this will equate to a total of \$123,881,815 of COVID-related federal funding distributed child care providers in New Hampshire.

**Summary**

New Hampshire has had a three-phased approach to supporting childcare for children, families, providers, and the business community. As shown in the figure below, NH is now in Phase 3: Long-term Stabilization, Sustainability and Capacity Building.



The sources of pandemic related childcare funds are as follows:

OVERALL COVID-Related Child Care Funding  Total from all sources <b>\$142,343,708</b>	Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (through Governor's Office of Economic Relief & Recovery (GOFERR))	Child Care Development Block Grant Funds (CCDFX) Supplemental Discretionary Funds	Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA)	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Stabilization Funds	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Discretionary Funds
Total	\$38,083,075	\$6,999,268	\$19,867,522	\$47,657,076	\$29,736,767

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Enactment Date	March 27, 2020	April 20, 2020	December 27, 2020	March 11, 2021	March 11, 2021
Utilization Date	By September 30, 2023	By September 30, 2023	By September 30, 2023	By September 30, 2023	By September 30, 2024

The final funding stream, Child Care ARPA Discretionary (ARPA-D) Funds, \$29,736,767 is targeted for overall capacity building for the child care system. The ARPA-D plan was developed with significant stakeholder engagement and is attached. To develop the plan, the Department, engaged with more than 400 individuals and organizations and in addition, conducted an online survey that received 430 responses from over 56 organizations, entities, and individuals. The purpose of these funds, as stated by the Office of Child Care within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is to assist Child Care Development Fund lead agencies (the Department) to:

- 1) Build a better child care system;
- 2) Help more families afford quality child care over the next three years; and
- 3) Meet their federal mandate under civil rights law to provide equal access to childcare programs, services and activities, including high quality programs.

New Hampshire is currently utilizing ARPA Discretionary funds to strengthen the childcare system in a sustainable manner; increase access to affordable, quality childcare for families; and strengthen the childcare workforce now and for the future by investing in evidence-based and promising practices and strategies designed for these purposes. The plan is focused on strengthening childcare for children, families, providers, and communities and covers the following areas:

- Strengthening the Workforce
- Partnerships with NH Businesses and Employers
- Child Care Supply Building
- Family Equitable Access to Affordable, Quality Child Care
- Quality Improvement
- Infrastructure Building
- Emerging Priorities and Needs

The Department continues to work with the provider community, our stakeholders and others as we move forward the strategies aimed to build a stronger child care system for New Hampshire families.

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<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Funds Paid To Providers</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Time Period</b>	<b>Eligible Funding Recipients</b>	<b>Impact</b>
CCDF Disaster Billing	\$4,958,000	This program paid full enrollment with no cost share to families for all NH Child Care Scholarship Program children regardless of attendance or program status (open/closed) during the early months of the pandemic	March 16, 2020 – June 28, 2020	All child care providers serving children in the NH Child Care Scholarship Program – automatic eligibility	628 Child Care Providers eligible
PPE and Health/Safety Supply Distribution Program	\$1,500,000	10-week distribution program providing all licensed and license-exempt child care providers registered as Emergency Child Care Programs with critical PPE supplies, including toilet paper, gloves, paper towels, cleaning supplies and Thermometers.	April 2020 – July 2020	All child care providers serving children in the NH Child Care Scholarship Program– automatic eligibility	811 Child Care Providers received supplies
School Age Full Day Billing	\$550,160	This program paid for full-day care for NH Child Care Scholarship Program school age children attending childcare programs for the period when schools were closed, offering assistance and support by childcare providers with remote learning, and on summer and holiday breaks.	March 16, 2020 – September 6, 2021	All child care providers serving school age children in the NH Child Care Scholarship Program – automatic eligibility	500 Child Care Providers funded

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Absent Due to COVID Billing	\$7,315,108	Provide “Absent Due to COVID Billing” for NH Child Care Scholarship Program and non-scholarship children when they are out of a program due to a COVID- related incident (illness, center is closed, etc.). Gives each child a supply of 10 paid absent days in 4- month increments. Funding through GOFERR	August 3, 2020 – April 2, 2023	All NH children, both scholarship and non- scholarship, (birth-age 12) attending licensed or license-exempt childcare programs (home and center-based). To qualify all childcare providers must be enrolled in the NH Child Care Scholarship Program, but do not need to be serving scholarship children at the time of invoicing.	622 Child Care Providers funded
Emergency Child Care Staff Incentives	\$2,893,744	By application form, this program paid a \$5 an hour incentive to childcare staff for every hour they worked.	May and June 2020	By application, all NH licensed or license-exempt childcare programs (home and center-based), full day summer camps and municipal recreation programs serving children birth-age 12 designated as Emergency Child Care Providers. (open and serving both vulnerable children and essential workers	158 Child Care Providers funded
NH Child Care Recovery and Stabilization Program (CCRSP)	\$ 19,867,522	Grant Award Program providing emergency relief funds for income loss and COVID-related expenses. Award amount based on program size and programs licensed or approved capacity.	June 2020 – December 31, 2020	By application, all NH licensed or license-exempt childcare programs (home and center-based), full day summer camps and municipal recreation programs serving children (birth-age 12).	604 Child Care programs funded

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COVID-19 Child Care Assistance Supplement Program (CCCAS)	\$9,647,586	Grant Award Program providing emergency relief funds for income loss and COVID-related expenses. Award based on percent of income loss and COVID-related expenses by program.	October 2020 – December 31, 2020	By application, all NH licensed or license-exempt childcare programs (home and center-based), full day summer camps and municipal recreation programs serving children (birth-age 12).	256 Child Care Providers funded
CRRSA Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA)	\$13,920,627	Grant Award Program providing emergency relief funds for income loss and COVID-related expenses. Award based on number of open and closed classrooms, number of full and part time staff and the number of children in the NH Child Care Scholarship Program served by program.	March 2020 – September 30, 2023	By application, all NH licensed or license-exempt childcare programs (home and center-based), full day summer camps and municipal recreation programs serving children (birth-age 12).	569 Child Care Providers funded
Child Care Achieving Stabilization Sub-Grant Program (CCASP)	\$47,459,419	Grant Award Program providing emergency relief funds for income loss and COVID-related expenses. Award based on operating expenses by program. Includes 10% for support services for grantees. Add'l % for stable tuition rates, free staff childcare, additional NH Child Care Scholarship children served	March 2021 – September 30, 2023	By application, all NH licensed or license-exempt childcare programs (home and center-based) serving children (birth-age 12).	489 Child Care Providers funded

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American Rescue Plan Act – Discretionary Funds	\$3,500,934 to-date  \$1,900,500 to be distributed early Sept 2023  \$5,250,000 available in grants beginning Fall 2023 as result of participation in Business Health Assessments	Multiple ACF/OCC guidelines	March 2021 – September 30, 2024	Multiple procurements to strengthen the child care industry; Percentage of funding distributed directly to providers	650 Child Care Providers expected to participate
Child Care Development Fund FFY2022 – Quality Incentives	\$5,168,215	Grant based incentive program to improve providers using CCDF Discretionary funds including, but not limited to, professional development, materials, supplies, staff and child wellness, etc.	October 2022	By application, all NH licensed or license-exempt childcare programs (home and center-based) serving children (birth-age 12).	584 Child Care Providers
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$123,881,815</b>				