



# CHILD CARE

## THE MOST SWEEPING PLAN IN THE NATION

*"Child care is one of the most important things we can focus on as we emerge from the pandemic. This year was tough on our kids and our hardworking parents. That's why we're directing our resources to help parents return to the workforce and get our kids the care they need."*

### GOVERNOR DUCEY

- **\$548.9 million** to stabilize and support child care providers through a grant program
- **\$134.8 million** to increase reimbursement rates for child care providers
- **\$73.4 million** to increase the number of quality child care settings around the state
- **\$47.2 million** to develop early literacy programs for children across the state
- **\$45 million** to increase funding for child care for Arizonans in need pursuing an undergraduate degree in teaching or nursing
- **\$45 million** to improve and expand preschool curriculum
- **\$39 million** to ensure there remains no waitlist for the child care subsidy for eligible families
- **\$30.2 million** to cover child care subsidies for unemployed Arizonans who return to the workforce
- **\$30 million** to increase funding for students in need pursuing an undergraduate degree that would raise their wages above the need for government assistance

The FY 2022 budget signed by Governor Ducey invests **\$1.2 billion** in child care, compared to **\$181 million** last year. This represents a five-fold increase in year-over-year child care spending.

