

# WHAT THE CANDIDATES ARE SAYING ABOUT CHILD CARE

What **Democratic Presidential Nominee Kamala Harris** and **Republican Presidential Nominee Donald Trump** have said about child care and early learning while in office:

## REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE **DONALD TRUMP**

*“I have also overseen historic funding increases for high-quality child care, enabling 17 States to serve more children, many of which have reduced or eliminated their waitlists altogether. And I sent the Congress a plan with a vision to further expand access to high-quality childcare and urge you to act immediately.” — [State of the Union, 2020](#)*

*“My administration is also focused on expanding access to high-quality, affordable childcare. Last year, I was proud to sign into law the largest ever increase in Child Care Development Block Grants to States. The States understand that very well. A lot of Governors come up to me and they thank me for that” — [Remarks at the White House Summit on Child Care and Paid Leave, 2019](#)*

## DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE **KAMALA HARRIS**

*“This is a critical issue for almost every family in our country — and the issue, of course, being the need for affordable childcare. And, frankly, in too many places in our country, it’s just too expensive.” — [Remarks by Vice President Harris in Press Call on Affordable Child Care, 2023](#)*

*“Unfortunately, childcare, again, remains too expensive for too many families in our nation. In some places, childcare can cost almost \$20,000 per child per year. Low-income families often spend one third — one third of their yearly income on childcare, more than they spend on their rent or mortgage. No family should have to choose between high quality care for their child or to give up their career or put food on the table.” — [Remarks by Vice President Harris in Press Call on Affordable Child Care, 2023](#)*

## REPRESENTATIVE DON BACON



**Since 2020, Rep. Bacon has voted for legislation that helped working families access child care including:**

**The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act** which delivered \$3.5 billion in supplemental funding to the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) program, including bringing in \$20,077,074 to support Nebraska child care providers.

**Since 2020, Rep. Bacon has voted against legislation that helped working families access child care including:**

**The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021** which supported more than 225,00 child care providers serving as many as 10 million children, including 2,270 Nebraska child care programs, impacting up to 103,700 children.

**The CHIPS and Science Act** which required employers seeking Commerce Department grants to guarantee affordable, quality child care.



**Representative Bacon has supported and led legislation that would reduce the cost of child care for Nebraska's working families, including:**

**H.R. 6056: More Child Care and Jobs for Military Families Act, Co-Sponsor**

**H.R. 7720: Helping Child Care Providers Respond to the Coronavirus Public Health Emergency Act , Co-Sponsor**

**H.R. 2722: Providing Child Care for Police Officers Act of 2023, Co-Sponsor**

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**Since 2023, Rep. Bacon has supported Appropriations bills which included more than \$164 million in assistance to child care and programs for Nebraska families.**

## REPRESENTATIVE BACON ON THE NEED TO SUPPORT CHILD CARE FOR WORKING FAMILIES



In 2024, Rep. Bacon spoke about the critical need for child care to support America's military families in a House Armed Services Committee Quality of Life Panel Hearing with Senior Enlisted Leaders. "Making sure service members have access to child care is not just about supporting military families, it is a key element in ensuring the readiness of our armed forces. We can't afford to overlook this service."



**In 2021, Rep. Bacon posted on Twitter about his work with The Problem Solver's Caucus to help maintain employment during the pandemic and support child care providers.** "The Problem Solvers Caucus (25Rs & 25Ds) and I drafted the bipartisan #COVID relief bill to add more funding for the unemployment [...] our goal was to keep people employed. We put money towards our K-12 schools, child care providers, low income housing & live venues."