

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](#)

SENATOR SHERROD BROWN



Since 2020, he has voted for 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 6,265 Ohio child care programs, impacting up to 399,300 children.

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

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 \$117,440,585 to support Ohio child care providers.



Senator Sherrod Brown has supported and led legislation that would reduce the cost of child care for Ohio's working families, including:

S.1867: Expanding Childcare in Rural America Act of 2023, Sponsor

S.1833: Ensuring Access to Primary Care for Women & Children Act, Sponsor

S. 3657: Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit Enhancement Act of 204, Co-Sponsor

S. 2777: Child Care Stabilization Act, Co-Sponsor

S.1354: Child Care for Working Families Act, Co-Sponsor

S. 1842: Building Child Care for a Better Future Act, Co-Sponsor

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Since 2023, **Senator Brown has supported Appropriations bills which included more than \$941 million in assistance** to child care and programs for American families.

SENATOR BROWN ON THE NEED TO SUPPORT CHILD CARE FOR WORKING FAMILIES



In 2023, Senator Brown highlighted the need to improve the availability and quality, and lower the cost, of child care in agricultural and rural communities. “Child care is far too expensive and too hard to find for Ohio families, and parents in rural Ohio face unique challenges. Farm communities often lack enough transportation infrastructure and don’t have enough high-quality child care providers, and rural parents are more likely to work non-traditional hours”.



In 2021, Senator Brown discussed how quality child care had been negatively impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. “The pandemic has highlighted the vulnerabilities in our childcare system and made clear that we need comprehensive investments to get the industry back on solid footing. Building out our childcare infrastructure and investing in the childcare workforce will help strengthen the childcare industry and keep more working families on the job”



In 2019, Senator Brown commented on the urgency of acquiring a comprehensive early learning and child care bill as he introduced the Child Care for Working Families Act. “We need to start thinking about child care as a public good in this country. By investing in working families, as well as child care providers, we can expand access to high-quality child care and set our children up for future success, while at the same time creating jobs and expanding our economy.”