

# 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](#)*



## FORMER GOVERNOR HOGAN HAS CONSISTENTLY DELIVERED FOR MARYLAND PARENTS AND FAMILIES



### As Governor, Larry Hogan took actions to helping working families in Maryland access child care, including:

Delivering \$155 million in federal funds for **Child Care Stabilization Grants** to support Maryland child care centers and registered family child care providers.

Issuing an emergency order to expand access to childcare during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Working with the federal government to deliver support from the Small Business Administration for child care facilities and businesses impacted by the pandemic.

Implementing and investing \$800 million in the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, increasing education funding annually, expanding access to full-day Pre-K, providing tuition assistance to providers, and supporting the Maryland EXCELS program.



### Governor Hogan supported budgets and legislation to assist child care providers and families in Maryland, including:

Allocating \$2 million to protect schools and child care centers from hate crimes.

Expanding eligibility to Maryland's Childcare Subsidy Program, doubling the number of eligible families.

Supporting funding proposals to expand Pre-K access and assist low-income Maryland families.

Through Governor Hogan's leadership, his Administration left Maryland with a \$5 billion budget surplus which is now being used to support Maryland's public education system.

**FIRST**  
**FIVE**  
**ACTION**

THEN **GOVERNOR HOGAN** ON THE NEED TO  
SUPPORT CHILD CARE FOR WORKING FAMILIES



In 2022, in his final State of the State, Then-Governor Hogan lauded record investments in education by his administration. “We changed Maryland for the better with record investments in education eight years in a row to prepare our children for the opportunities of the future.”



In his 2021 State of the State, Then-Governor Hogan highlighted educational investments, including expanding access to full-day Pre-K. “Every single child in Maryland deserves a world-class education. That’s why we are proposing that every school system receives more funding, regardless of declining enrollment figures. And we are expanding investment for full-day pre-K targeted tutoring, scholarships for deserving students to attend non-public schools, and we are proposing the largest investment in school construction in state history to bring every single one of the state’s schools into the 21st century.”