

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](#)

KARI LAKE ON THE NEED TO SUPPORT CHILD CARE FOR WORKING FAMILIES



In 2024, Kari Lake [posted](#) on social media about rising inflation and increased child care costs. “#Bidenflation is costing us an extra \$1,069 a month compared to just 3 years ago. [Joe Biden] & [Ruben Gallego] make us sacrifice food, rent, child care, & gasoline, while they pursue their far-left agenda.”



In 2024, Lake [listed](#) her goal of improving child care access if elected to the U.S. Senate in a statement on the Arizona Supreme Court abortion ruling, “As your Senator, I will FIGHT FOR: ... Extending the child tax credit...Paid family leave...Investing in childcare”.



In 2024, Lake [advocated](#) for improving the child tax credit in an interview with NBC News. “This is where I can actually help in the Senate, by pushing some really great legislation that would actually provide baby bonuses for families, extend and beef up child tax credits to provide more tax incentives, and tax cuts for moms and dads and babies.”

As a someone who has not previously served in government, Kari Lake does not have a record of supporting legislation to lower the cost or improve the quality of child care for working families and has not extensively discussed the issue on the campaign trail thus far.