

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 RYAN MACKENZIE



Since 2020, State Representative Ryan Mackenzie has voted for legislation that helped working families access child care, including:

Pennsylvania's 2022-23 state budget bill, which [brought](#) education spending to an all-time high, including a \$60 million [increase](#) for Pre-K, and created a childcare tax credit equal to 30% of the federal credit.

Pennsylvania's 2023-24 Fiscal Code, which [included](#) Rep. Mackenzie's proposed child and dependent care tax credit, providing \$3,000 for individual parents and \$6,000 for two or more qualifying individuals to ease the cost of child care.



Representative Ryan Mackenzie has supported and led legislation that would reduce the cost of child care for Pennsylvania's working families, including:

H.B. 169: Expanding Pennsylvania Child and Dependent Care enhancement tax credit program

REPRESENTATIVE MACKENZIE ON THE NEED TO SUPPORT CHILD CARE FOR WORKING FAMILIES



In 2024, Rep. Mackenzie visited the Brookside Children’s Early Education Center, expressing interest in resolving problems facing child care providers. “On Tuesday, I had the opportunity to tour the Brookside Children’s Early Education Center in Wescosville and learn about the issues they are facing as child care providers. I also had fun reading to the children. As a member of the House Early Childhood Education Caucus, visits like this are of great interest to me.”



In 2023, Rep. Mackenzie praised the 2023 Fiscal Code for lowering the cost of everyday expenses for Pennsylvania families. “When I introduced my Pennsylvania Families Tax Relief bill package earlier this year, the intent was to provide a variety of budget options that would help working families deal with the high costs of everyday life. I am pleased that this proposal was included in the 2023-24 Fiscal Code and is now law.”



In 2023, Rep. Mackenzie argued for increasing the state’s child and dependent care tax credit. “Increase the state’s child and dependent care tax credit to match the federal credit of \$3,000 for one qualifying individual and \$6,000 for two more qualifying individuals over a three-year period.”