

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](#)

DAVE MCCORMICK ON THE NEED TO SUPPORT CHILD CARE FOR WORKING FAMILIES



McCormick wrote an op-ed in Real Clear Pennsylvania advocating for reduced childcare costs and paid family leave. “We can also do more to support young families economically. From incentivizing paid family leave in the private sector to lowering the sky-high price of childcare, we can do more to help adults who feel like the blessing of children is ‘out of reach.’” March 2024



McCormick has made few public comments on child care. In 2023, he criticized the CHIPS and Science Act for its child care requirements. “There was things about the CHIPS Act that I thought were useful, but soon after its passage you saw the set of Commerce Department policies associated with the recipients of the funding from the CHIPS Act, in terms of day care, and diversity, and all these other things, where you’re trying to impose a set of political — the Biden administration is trying to impose a set of political objectives on top of a set of technological leadership objectives.”

As someone who has not previously held elected office, McCormick has not supported legislation to reduce the cost of child care for working families.