Wisconsin ARP Child Care Stabilization Fact Sheet

7,895 Child Care Programs in Wisconsin have Received American Rescue Plan Stabilization Support, Impacting up to 326,700 Children

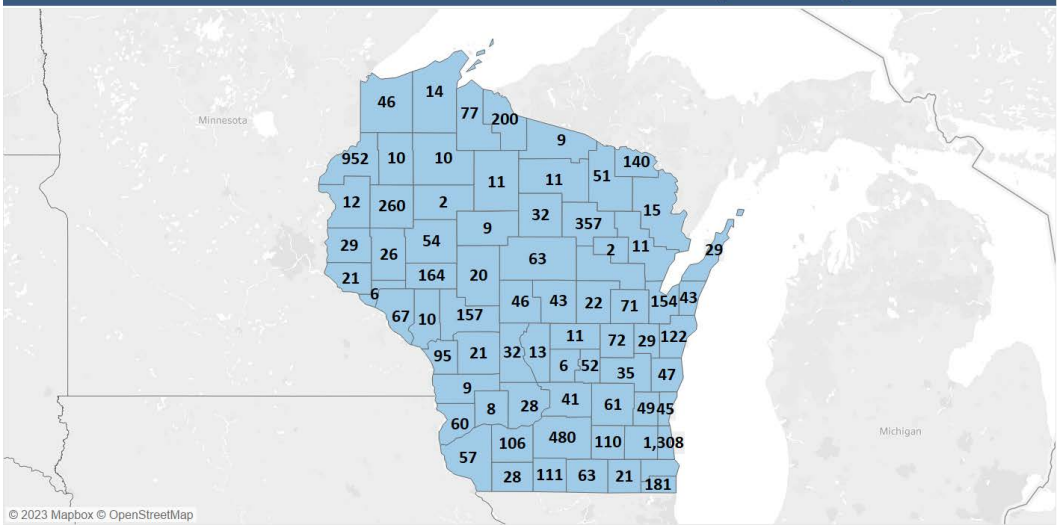
The American Rescue Plan (ARP) provided Wisconsin with $357.0 million for their Child Care Stabilization program. The Child Care Stabilization program helped center and family child care providers with operational costs like wages, rent, and supplies. These funds were critical to helping child care centers and family child care providers in Wisconsin remain open or reopen, paying child care workers, and providing families with more reliable options for high quality care while they work. Child care programs are mostly small businesses and are essential for families, communities, and the economy.

The ARP Child Care Stabilization program was an unprecedented lifeline for the child care sector that helped parents return to work and spurred economic recovery. More than 225,000 child care programs serving as many as 10 million children nationwide received assistance from the Stabilization program. This fact sheet includes ACF-901 data through March 31, 2023. ARP Stabilization funds ended September 30, 2023.

In Wisconsin:

- Providers in 51% of Wisconsin counties have received funds.
- 4,410 child care centers that received stabilization payments most commonly used them to pay for rent and mortgage payments to help ensure their doors stayed open.
- 3,490 family child care homes that received stabilization payments most commonly used them to pay for rent and mortgage payments, typically their largest operating expense.
- On average, child care centers received an award of $67,100 and family child care homes received $9,900.

Number of Providers Reached by County



County total may not sum to the state total due to rounding.
WI's center and family child care data included a small number of duplicate counts, so do not sum to the correct total.
ACF-901 data through March 31, 2023.

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