

By Investing \$139 Million in DC's Child Care Subsidy Program, the Local Economy Could Grow \$1.7 Billion

DC's child care subsidy program helps families with low and moderate incomes access education and care for their children. Expanding access to the program to all families, regardless of income level, would significantly boost DC's economy by removing barriers to women's participation in the workforce, freeing up family budgets to purchase more necessities from District businesses, and increasing the money child care providers have to overcome tight margins, hire more staff, and improve their facilities. Taking together all these effects, an investment of \$139 million to fund this expansion would create a total of 3,097 jobs, boost earnings for District workers by \$1.4 billion, and grow the overall size of the DC economy by \$1.7 billion in the first year alone.

