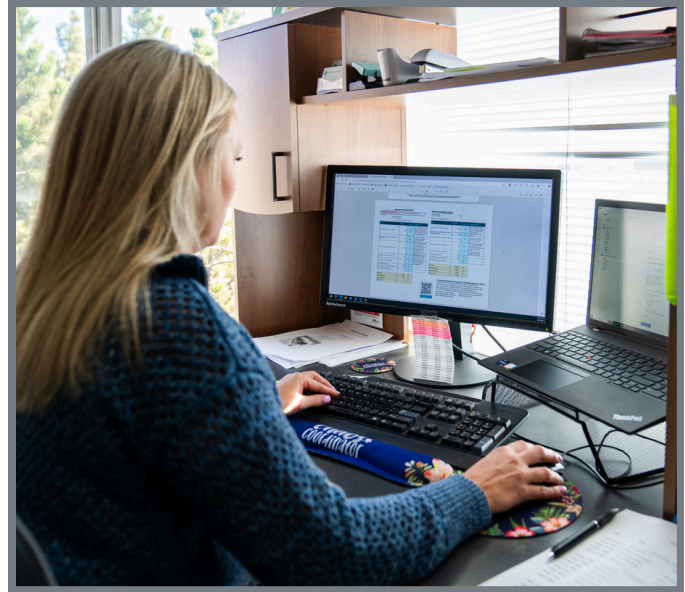


EMPLOYER-SPONSORED Child Care Grant Program

Zero to Five Montana, in partnership with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services Bright Futures Birth to Five program, is offering a one-time grant opportunity through the Family Forward Montana initiative for employers to develop and offer child care benefits to their employees.

The goal of the program is to implement a child care strategy reflective of the goals of the employer that is sustainable and creates cost sharing between the employee, employer, and the State of Montana.



Grants will range from \$10,000 to \$100,000 depending on the size and scope of the employer's project plan. Grant funding will total \$2 million to be awarded in two cohorts over 2025 and 2026. (Child Care Infrastructure and Innovation grant participants are not eligible.) Data collected from this pilot will help inform future public private partnerships.

EMPLOYERS CAN CHOOSE FROM:

- Sponsoring Dependent Care Assistance Programs (DCAP)
- Providing on-site or near-site child care programs
- Providing backup care options
- Community infrastructure investments
- Offering tuition benefits
- Reserving slots in local child care programs
- Establishing priority waitlist partners
- Or, a strategy proposal not listed above that is directly connected to increasing access to quality early care and education

Learn more and apply!

Application deadline is Feb. 7, 2025
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