

CALL YOUR US SENATORS

Tell Congress that
Child Care is Essential
for Missouri children
and families.



WHO TO CALL:

Senator Roy Blunt: (202) 224-5721

Senator Josh Hawley: (202) 224-6154

WHAT TO SAY

INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND WHY YOU ARE CALLING.

"Hello, my name is _____ and I am calling from (City in Missouri). I am calling as a (parent/child care provider/citizen) in Missouri to share my concerns for our child care programs. Child care is essential to our state's economy and recovery from COVID-19. If parents don't have child care, they can't get back to work. Without further federal support for child care, Missouri stands to lose over 50% of its child care businesses, which will hurt children and families."

ARE YOU A CHILD CARE PROVIDER?

Share the challenges your program is having with concerns for health and safety of staff, increased business and staffing costs, and the additional needs of children and families that you serve.

ARE YOU A PARENT?

Share your experiences with child care and what it would mean if your family lost access to child care or it became less affordable.

ARE YOU A BUSINESS OWNER?

Share how a lack of child care or concerns around child care for parents could impact your business or your workforce.

MAKE THE FINAL ASK!

"I want to urge the Senator to support an additional \$50 billion in child care funding in the next COVID-19 relief bill to ensure families and children have a strong child care infrastructure that supports them through and beyond the crisis. This would help bring almost \$1 billion in stabilization funds to Missouri to ensure that child care programs are here to support families, from early childhood through school-age, as our economy bounces back and we build toward a stronger future."