

Preparing for Advocacy

Day

Messaging & Materials



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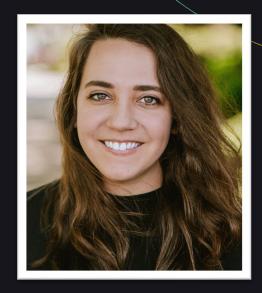
Speakers



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Agenda

- 1 The Child Care Landscape
- 2 Making the Case
- 3 Materials & Logistics
- 4 After Your Meetings
- 5 State Meeting Time









The Child Care Sector

- Relief funding proved investing in child care works!
 Now coming to an end
- States stepping up
- New 2023 data shows prices are rising but supply is at a standstill
- New Final Rule on CCDF



In Congress...

- It's an election year with slim majorities in BOTH chambers
- CCDBG received an increase in FY24
- The FY2025 Appropriations process has begun



The Perfect Time to Advocate

Congress needs to hear from YOU







Making the Case



Making the Case

Talking Points / Our ask

- \$4.3 billion for CCDBG (\$12.4 billion total)
- Support strategies to increase supply, like grants

If you cannot lobby

- Ask for their support of child care this year
- Offer to assist them with visiting a child care program in the district

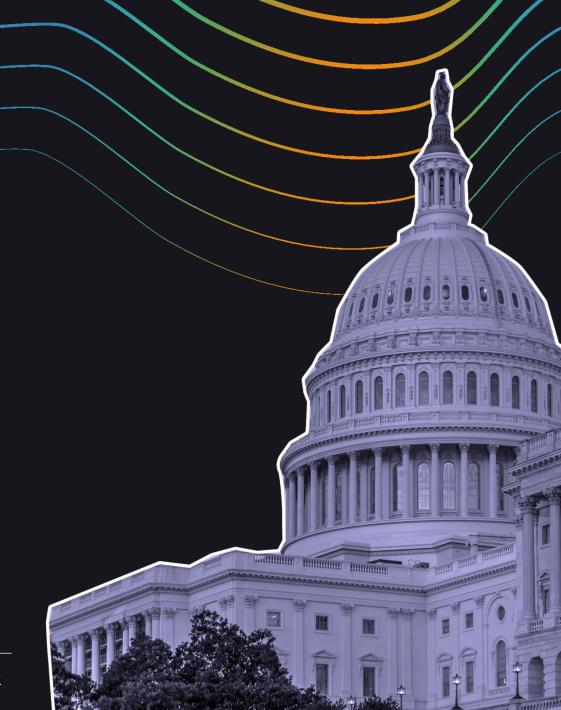
Supporting information

- Your state's price and supply data
- Stories from providers and families in your state / district
- Examples of what your state did with pandemic relief funding





Materials





Materials

Leave Behind E-mail to Offices (NOT physical folders/hand outs)

- Child Care at a Standstill webpage
- State-specific Price and Supply one-pagers
- FY25 Funding Letter to Congress
- Child Care Funding 101 one-pager

Advocate Meeting Resources

- Talking points
- Meeting tips and tricks one-pager
- Meeting planning worksheet
- Sample email text for leave behind email to offices
- Social media toolkit

Advocate Policy Resources

- Child care 101 one-pager
- Deregulation one-pager
- Explainer of CCDF Final Rule
- Family child care report
- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) one-pager
- Child Care for Working Families Act (CCWFA) one-pager

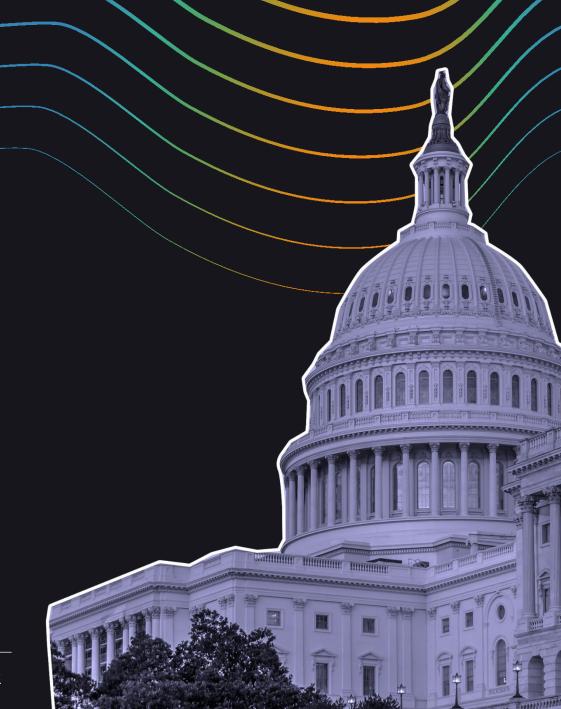


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Logistics





Logistics

State Planning Time

- Who's going to which meetings split up if Rep meetings happening at same time for larger states
- Please let Christina know if there is a meeting where no one is a constituent / plans to attend

Leaving the Hotel

- Leave based on your state's first meeting time
- Coordinate state meeting spot at hotel
- Leave 45 60 minutes before first meeting to account for security
- Use Uber voucher to call an Uber, CCAoA staff will be in lobby to help

Attire

- Whatever you are comfortable in
- Hill staff dress in business casual
- Comfortable walking shoes



Logistics

House vs. Senate Buildings

- House buildings grouped / connected together and Senate buildings grouped / connected together
- 15/20 minute walk between House and Senate side
- Will have to go through security every time you enter a building
- Ask office to point you in direction of next meeting
- See Christina for map
- You may have CCAoA staff in your meetings to take photos

Prohibited Items

- Water and food okay for House/Senate buildings NOT for Capitol
- No large bags/ luggage

Lunch

- Dirksen Cafeteria (Senate)
- Rayburn Cafeteria (House)
- Longworth Cafeteria (House)









Snacks & Debrief

Come back to the hotel for delicious snacks and debrief your meetings!

Snacks will start at 2 PM





Follow – Up Emails

Use this time to coordinate with your group to send your follow-up emails.

Use our template email for extra support.



After Your Meeting:

Hello STAFF NAME.

Thank you again for the opportunity to speak with you earlier this week. I very much enjoyed our conversation about child care in STATE and the critical need for federal investment in child care. As I mentioned in our meeting, I'm attaching a few documents to this email that provide more information about the child care landscape and the need we currently face. These documents are:

- Child Care Aware® of America's Annual Price of Care and Landscape Analysis for 2023 that outlines how the U.S. child care system has changed since 2019 and highlights key child care data findings;
- · A fact sheet that illustrates child care prices in our state;
- · A fact sheet that illustrates the child care landscape in our state;
- · A one-page introduction to child care; and
- . A recent letter from Child Care Aware® of America on FY25 funding for child care.

ADD ANYTHING ELSE RELEVANT YOU DISCUSSED IN YOUR MEETING HERE

Please let me know if you have any questions about this information; I am happy to be a resource to you and your office.

Thank you,

YOUR NAME

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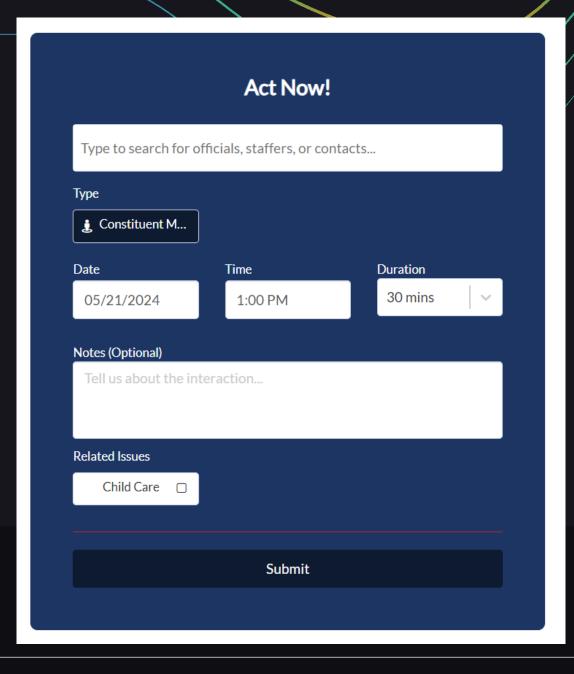
Meeting Recap Form

Tell us about your meetings!

Please submit **one** form for **each** meeting.



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Groups for Meetings

You're sitting with your groups at your tables right now. Groups are organized by state and will attend meetings together.





Coordination & Agenda Planning

- □ Review Talking Points and Determine Key Messages
- □ Plan Your Meeting Agendas
- □ Coordinate transportation / meeting up on Capitol Hill







Breakout Rooms

Room F-G - California

Room D-E - Washington

Room 5 - Massachusetts

Room 6 - New York

Ballroom - Everyone else!



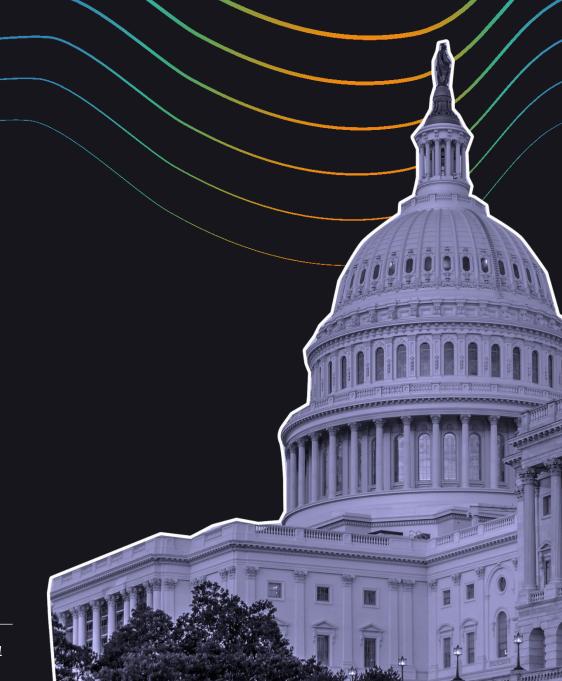
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Q&A

Open for General Questions







Thank You



