Child Care Affordability in ALABAMA

Child Care Aware of America’s recent report Demanding Change: Repairing our Child Care System found that in 2020 in Alabama:

- **Center-based Child Care**
  - **Infant Care**
    - $4,483 (lowest in nation)
    - 35% of family median income
  - **4-Year-Old Care**
    - $7,020
    - 9% of family median income

- **Family Child Care**
  - **Infant Care**
    - $3,766 (lowest in nation)
    - 35% of family median income
  - **4-Year-Old Care**
    - $7,280
    - 9% of family median income

**Tuition and Fees**
- In Alabama, the average price of infant care in a center-based program is **29.16% less** than the average tuition and fees at an in-state, four-year public university.

**Mortgage and Rent**
- In Alabama, the average price for two children in center-based child care is **58.67% more** than the average annualized mortgage cost.

**Comparisons**
- **Center-based Child Care**
  - **Infant Care**
    - #35
  - **4-Year-Old Care**
    - #49

**Family Child Care**
- **Infant Care**
  - #46
- **4-Year-Old Care**
  - #44

*Source: Child Care Aware® of America’s Demanding Change: Repairing our Child Care System Report #DemandingChildCareChange childcareaware.org*