

# Wisconsin Early Childhood Association: Praises JFC investments in early care and education

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The Wisconsin Early Childhood Association (WECA) would like to extend its gratitude to the state's Joint Finance Committee (JFC) and the Department of Children and Families (DCF) for supporting early care and education.

Today, the JFC met to review and unanimously approved \$194 million in American Rescue Plan Act appropriations, which included additional funding for Child Care Counts, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® WISCONSIN, the REWARD Wisconsin Stipend Program, and the Wisconsin Early Education Shared Services Network, among several other programs.

WECA praises policymakers' efforts to allocate these critical federal stimulus funds to support the state's child care infrastructure, child care providers and families across Wisconsin.

*"This funding will make an incredible difference during a particularly challenging time for child care and dedicated child care professionals, who continue to persevere through the effects of the pandemic," said WECA Executive Director Ruth Schmidt. "These investments will directly and positively impact child care programs and providers, children and families and, by extension, the economic health of Wisconsin."*