

Child Care Subsidies

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"Child care subsidies make quality child care more affordable, support the healthy development of children, and help low-income parents access the child care they need to go to work or to school to support their families." -CLASP, partner to Birth to Five Policy Alliance

Read below for a brief summary of key research findings related to child care subsidies.

- **Child care subsidies support parental earnings and employment.** Subsidies for child care have been shown to help low-income parents find employment and stay employed. These findings are strongest for the most disadvantaged families. Subsidy receipt also may reduce job-related disruptions due to child care problems.[3],[4] One study estimated that subsidy receipt increased the likelihood of parental employment by between 13 to 33 percentage points.[1]
- **Compared to eligible non-recipients, subsidy recipients are more likely to choose center-based care than non-recipients.**[6] Children in center-based care have exhibited more positive cognitive outcomes at 4.5 years of age (e.g., higher levels of pre-academic skills and language skills) than children receiving other types of non-parental care.[5]
- **Children receiving subsidies for child care (compared to children on waitlists to receive subsidies) were likely to have more stable care, and to have mothers who were more satisfied with their child care arrangement.**[2]

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