

## Gov. Cooper Funnel \$805 Million Of Covid Money To Early Learning

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Governor Roy Cooper announced a one-time federal \$805 million investment in North Carolina's early care and learning child care programs. The North Carolina Child Care Stabilization Grants, made possible by funding from the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act, will support working families with access to high-quality, affordable child care. The grants will also help early care and learning programs with recruitment and retention, enabling them to provide better wages and benefits to teachers, and promoting equity for all—children, parents and teachers. Administered by NCDHHS' Division of Child Development and Early Education, the application for Child Care Stabilization Grants application launches on Oct. 11. All private, licensed early care and learning programs are eligible to apply, including for-profit and not-for-profit, family child care homes, and faith-based centers. To learn more about the grants and apply after Oct. 11, visit [ncchildcare.ncdhhs.gov](https://ncchildcare.ncdhhs.gov).