Child care centers matter for our economy.

Parents need to go to work.

186,876 child care slots available in licensed, registered, and approved child care centers

186,876 parents can now go to work

$45,933 median income of a one-earner household

$8.6 billion taxable wage income available because of child care centers

The child care center business model depends on enrollment of older children.
Per DSS regulations, licensed, registered, and approved child care centers must adhere to specific staff-to-child ratios dependent on the age of the children in the classroom.

Minimum gross income for child care teacher

$20,800 $10 per hour for 40 hours per week per year

0-1 year olds

4-5 year olds

1:5 staff-to-child ratio

1:17 staff-to-child ratio

The number of child care centers has been declining.

3,123 licensed, registered, and approved child care centers in October 2012

2,583 licensed, registered, and approved child care centers in September 2017

-17.3% five year decline in number of child care centers