



NCLCCA 2020 Legislative Agenda

- 1) Prevent child care program cuts in the face of an estimated \$4 billion State revenue shortfall, including funding reductions for the NC Pre-K and Subsidized Child Care Programs (slots, provider reimbursements, etc.) *NOTE: Facing a similar \$4 billion revenue shortfall, Georgia's governor proposed across-the-board Pre-K and Subsidy budget cuts.*
- 2) Secure funding to continue current bonuses for child care teachers and staff, including payroll taxes on the bonuses, for as long as Governor Roy Cooper's State of Emergency remains in effect and child care center employees are working under extenuating circumstances (hazardous conditions) and more stringent "emergency" guidelines.
- 3) Secure funding to reimburse providers for increased operating costs resulting from new "emergency" operating guidelines imposed by NC DHHS-DCDEE, including *required* new signage, symptom screening, isolation space and the costs of *required* cleaning supplies (EPA-registered disinfectants), recommended PPE (cloth face coverings), etc.
- 4) Secure funding for a "COVID-19 Child Care Mitigation & Survival Fund" to reimburse centers for the exorbitant costs to licensed child care centers when a center employee or child has a confirmed case of coronavirus/COVID-19, including funding for recommended/required professional sanitation services and to replace lost revenue during the period of time a center is forced by State or local government to close classrooms or centers (up to 14 days).
- 5) Fund NC Pre-K by classrooms instead of individual slots to help the NC Pre-K Program and licensed child care centers that participate in the program survive the economic impacts of COVID-19 (fewer children enrolled, fewer qualified teachers available, etc.)
- 6) Seek additional and ongoing regulatory flexibility wherever and whenever such regulatory changes do not undermine health and safety in order to help licensed child care centers remain open and operating during the pandemic to serve families who need or want child care.