

# State funds available for struggling child care programs

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FYI:

Governor Phil Murphy today signed into law A-5445, which provides \$10 million in federal COVID-19 relief aid for child care providers throughout New Jersey. The bill – sponsored by Senators M. Teresa Ruiz and Joseph Lagana and Assembly Members Lisa Swain, Gabriela Mosquera, and Adam Taliaferro – will provide grants to child care providers in need. The bill is part of a five-bill, \$100 million relief effort aimed at helping New Jersey's economy recover from the year-long pandemic.

The Murphy Administration has spent nearly \$200 million of Coronavirus Relief Funds on child care capacity since last fall. To date, over 3,000 child care providers have received grants to meet new COVID-19 health and safety precautions and stabilize their operations, and a similar amount received enhanced subsidy payments between September and February.

The relief aid will be administered by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, which so far has provided more than \$250 million in aid to 55,000 New Jersey businesses. EDA will open an application pre-registration process for the grant money later this month.

**Announcement regarding child care help for struggling child care programs:**

<https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562021/20210413b.shtml>