



# CLASP

Policy solutions that work for low-income people



## **Federal Early Care and Education Funding Arizona Head Start Association**

Tiffany Ferrette, Policy Analyst, Child Care and  
Early Education

August 19, 2021

# A Lay of the Land

- Federal COVID-19 funding & related legislation:
  - CARES Act: \$3.5 billion, CCDBG; \$750 million Head Start
  - CRRSA: \$10 billion, CCDBG; \$250 million, Head Start
  - ARPA: \$39 billion; \$1 billion, Head Start
- Reconciliation & other Federal proposals
  - American Jobs Plan
  - American Families Plan
  - Child Care for Working Families Act

# President's Budget

- American Families Plan
  - Preschool for 3 and 4 year olds: \$200B
  - Child Care: \$225B
- American Jobs Plan
  - Child Care Facilities: \$25B
- Child Care for Working Families Act
  - Bicameral Proposal reintroduced this year
  - Provides a sliding scale structure for co-payments
  - Better support Head Start programs by providing funding to offer full-day, full-year programming

# Upcoming Priorities & Opportunities

- **Priorities**
  - House and Senate reconciliation package proposals.
- **Federal Appropriations and proposed annual discretionary funding:**
  - House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health, Human Services, and Related Agencies proposed bill
- **Opportunities**
  - Contacting your Senator to advocate for increases in annual discretionary appropriations.
  - Contacting your Senator and Congressperson to advocate for prioritized child care and early education mandatory funding in the reconciliation package.
  - Advocating for the provisions from the American Jobs Plan and American Families plan to be included in the reconciliation package.
    - Capping copays
    - Universal PreK

# Role of Head Start

- By mid-fall, we're hoping that the budget resolutions will be finalized and passed in Congress.
- As of now, we're not sure specifically how Head Start will show up in current proposals but should be part of a mixed delivery system of care.
- The CLASP team is continuing to follow this over the coming weeks and months as Congress votes and hopefully passes legislation.

# Thank You!

- For questions and follow up:
  - **Email:** [tferrette@clasp.org](mailto:tferrette@clasp.org)
  - **Twitter:** @TJFerrette
  - CLASP Resources:
    - Capping the Co-Pay: A State-by-State Analysis Fact Sheet
    - Mandatory Child Care Investments Are Crucial For Building a Long-Term System (CLASP, NWLC, TCF)