



ARIZONA CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION

3 Years of State Budget Cuts to Child Care Subsidy for Low Income Working Families

***As State revenue increases,
the number of children continues to decline***

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\$202 million – the total annual amount spent on child care prior to the budget cuts of the past three years (includes federal and state General Fund).

48,300 children - the number served in February 2009, immediately prior to the cuts and implementation of the so-called “waiting” list.

11,000 children - the peak number of children on the waiting list after one year. Many families drop off or are removed from the list after one year.

26,500 children – number denied and placed on the waiting list since Feb 2009.

7,615 children – number on the “waiting” list as of January 13, 2012.

\$13.7 million - last remaining amount of General Fund cut in 2012 budget

\$121 million – total funding in 2012, all federal*.

\$81 million – less than the amount spent 3 years ago – a 40% reduction.

5,100 fewer children in 2012 than 2011 – Joint Legislative Budget Committee.

24,500 children will be served in June 2012 – almost 50% fewer children than before the cuts in 2009.

3,000 jobs lost – number of teachers now longer working in child care as a result of three years of state cuts.

*Federal funds are matched by using qualifying expenditures from the voter approved, tobacco tax funded, First Things First programs.