Increasing Workforce Infrastructure: Childcare

How Might We empower small businesses to reduce barriers to quality, affordable childcare for their employees?



WHY?



\$4.7 billion dollar economic disruption to AZ families, empoyers and state economy annually.



\$958 million in lost revenue for businesses due to gap.



43% of Pima County's workforce work for small businesses.

Opportunity: Create a small business coalition

Share local data and resource mapping.

Pooled Funding opportunities:

- Tuition for employees
- Subsidies/incentives through Section 45F of BBB
- Offset licensing costs

Lessons learned and best practices

CALL TO ACTION:

- Register for Spring Planning Event using QR code
- Be a Vocal Champion of Childcare as Infrastructure
- **♥** Volunteer a passionate employee for the Coalition





Resources/Citations

Bright Futures AZ https://osi.az.gov/bright-futures-az

First Things First/EPIC https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/epic/

PEEPS https://www.pima.gov/975/Pima-Early-Education-Program-Scholarship

Center for the Future of Arizona https://www.arizonafuture.org/

US Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy

https://advocacy.sba.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Arizona_2025-State-Profile.pdf

The Prosperity Initiative https://www.pima.gov/3137/The-Prosperity-Initiative

Employer Child Care Navigator/ROI Calculator https://employerchildcarenavigator.org/tools

45F Tax Credit for Employer-Provided Child Care https://www.congress.gov/crs-product/IF12379

GIS for Childcare Deserts https://childcaredeserts.org/

