More than 64,300 children depend on paid child care every week in South Dakota.

QUALITY CHILD CARE

- Helps parents earn
- Helps children learn
- Quality child care is essential to the safety and healthy development of children, particularly in the school readiness of low income children.
- Access to high quality child care leads to a more skilled workforce—school readiness leads to better school performance, increased high school graduation rates and students college- and career-ready.

Especially for low-wage workers with children, the decision to work or seek additional education may depend on the availability of affordable child care.

CHILD CARE’S ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION

- $70 million: SD child care industry revenue of $140.6 million led to another $70 million in spillover impact on local economies.
- 1,000: The SD child care industry employs about 5,776 individuals who support an additional 1,000 jobs in local economies.
- $30 million: The $80.6 million in SD employee and proprietors’ earnings within the child care industry generates $30 million in additional earnings throughout SD.

Building with blocks today. Building the economy tomorrow.

Families and employers depend on quality child care for more stability for today’s employees and to invest in tomorrow’s workforce.

Information from “Child Care in State Economies” ced.org/childcareimpact