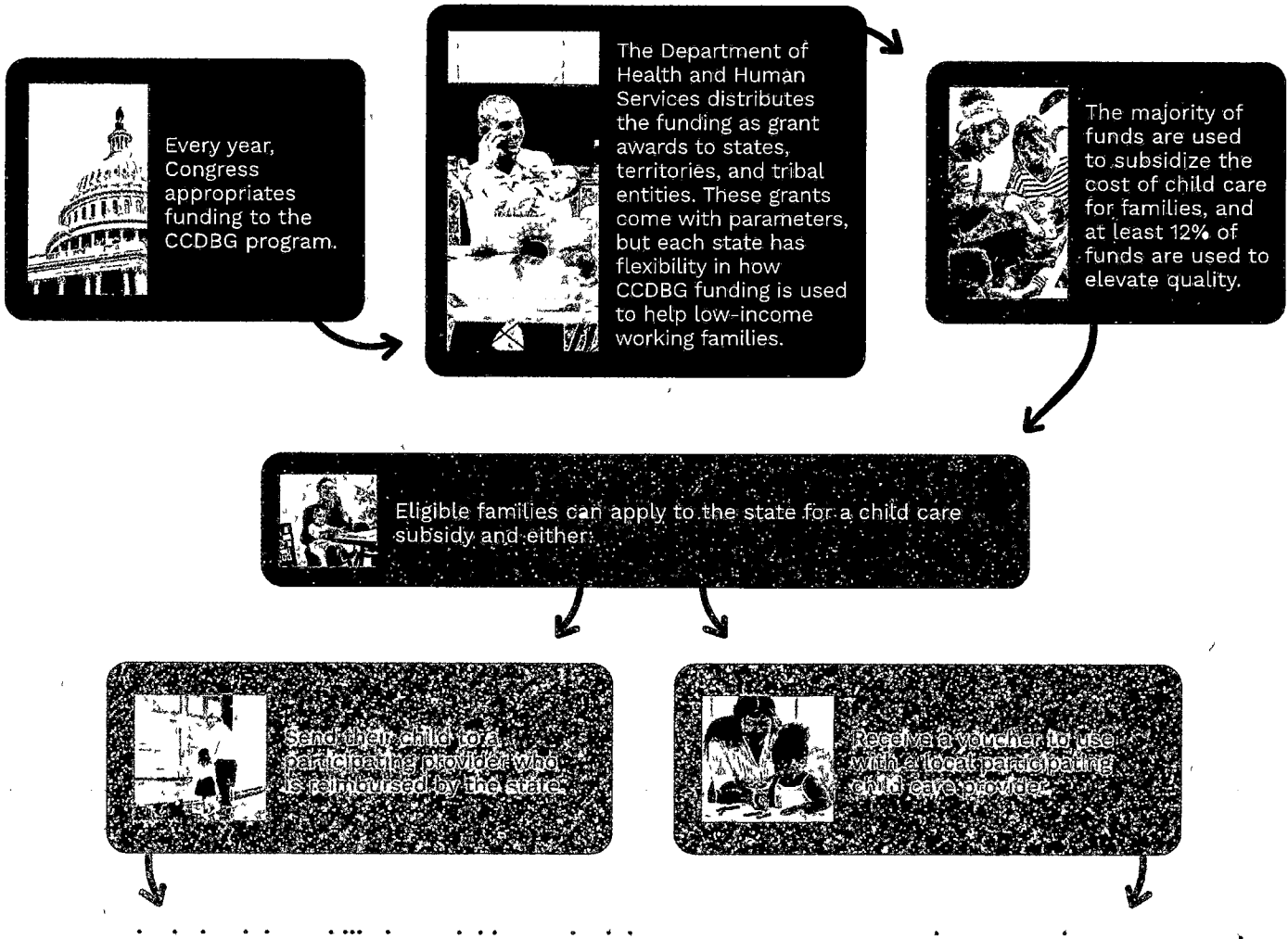



Child Care and Development Block Grant: From Funding to Families

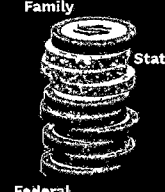
Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) program funding goes to lead agencies in all 50 states, territories, and tribes to help low-income parents access child care while they work or attend school. Here's how it works



- And when funding was temporarily increased in the past few years, states used it to do such things as raise payment rates for providers, improve health and safety standards, meet the child care needs of families working nontraditional hours, reduce or eliminate co-pays for some families, and reduce waitlists
- That additional funding runs out soon



The Challenge:
Even with combined state and federal funding, CCDBG only reaches **14%** of eligible families.¹



The Path Forward:
If Congress increases CCDBG funding, more child care slots will become available, allowing more parents to go to work or school.



Why do parents pay so much for child care when early educators earn so little?

Parents can't afford to pay, but teachers can't afford to stay. The average cost of child care rivals college tuition, while early educators are among the lowest-paid workers in the country.

How is this possible? The system is broken!

Imagine a child care center..



Open **10** hours/day



40 children



1 director



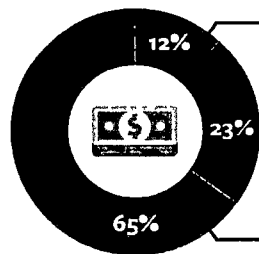
3 lead teachers



6 assistant teachers

...where parents pay an average of \$10,000 each

Total budget:
\$400,000



Rent, Utilities, & Maintenance
\$48,000

Materials & Administration
\$92,000

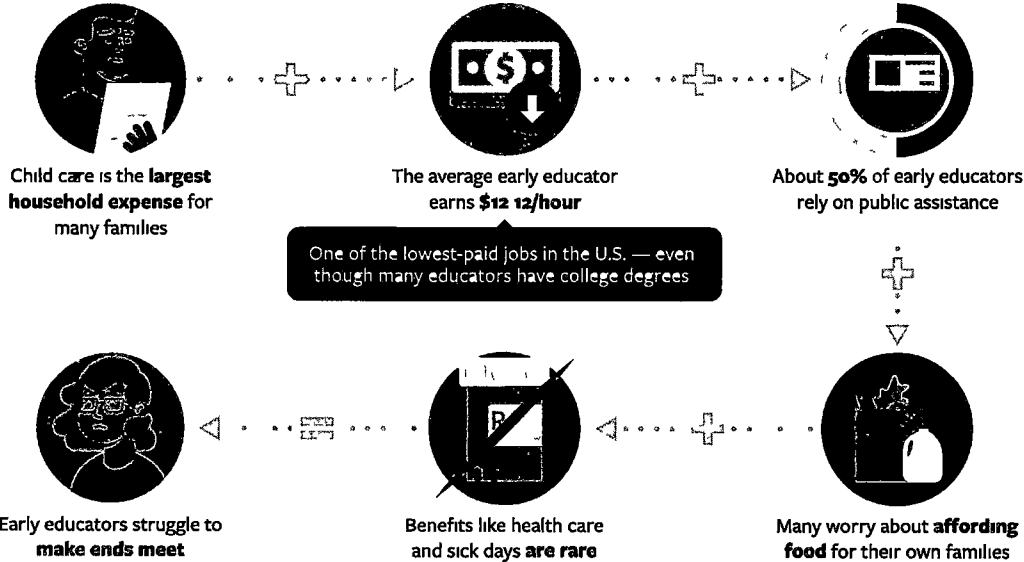
Personnel
\$260,000

Must stretch to meet 10 salaries!

How do we fix the system?

We need to invest in early education as a public good

Parent fees can't support living wages and benefits



Teacher turnover is rampant in all 50 states

It's hard for children to learn and grow when they lose their teachers

Early educators require a system that supports their livelihood

Children and families require a qualified and stable workforce

Take a stand for public investment

Ask policymakers to fund a system that works for children, parents, and teachers



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Inspired by the video "Why Do Parents Spend So Much on Child Care, Yet Early Childhood Educators Earn So Little?"
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