



Child Care Solutions: Kamala Harris Leads with Action, Trump and Vance Fall Short

When it comes to addressing the childcare crisis, Donald Trump and J.D. Vance offer no real solutions, showing a lack of understanding of the issue's urgency. Meanwhile, Vice President Kamala Harris has a proven record of advocating for policies that lower childcare costs and support working families.

- **Child Care Disparities:** Black families spend 56% of their income on child care, the highest percentage among any group. Meanwhile, Black child care workers are overrepresented in low-paying jobs with limited benefits, further exacerbating economic disparities.
- **Trump on Child Care Costs:** When asked about reducing child care costs at the Economic Club of New York, Trump gave a vague and incoherent response, failing to provide any concrete plan. He said, "It's a very important issue...child care is, child care, it's... you have to have it. In this country, you have to have it."
- **Vance on Child Care:** J.D. Vance dismissively suggested that families could rely on unpaid care from grandparents, saying, "Maybe Grandma and Grandpa want to help out a little bit more." His response ignores the real financial burdens working families face and offers no policy solution.
- **VP Kamala Harris & The Biden- Harris Administration's Leadership on Child Care:**
 - **Increased Funding for Child Care:** Secured a 30% increase in child care assistance funding in 2023, benefiting 38% of Black families. Additionally, increased Head Start funding by \$1 billion, positively impacting over 28% of Black children.
 - **Expansion of Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit (CDCTC):** The American Rescue Plan expanded the CDCTC, allowing families earning up to \$125,000 to save up to 50% on childcare costs. This equates to savings of up to \$4,000 for one child (compared to \$600 previously) and \$8,000 for two or more children (compared to \$1,200 previously).
 - **April 2023 Executive Order on Child Care:** Expanded access to affordable child care, including a proposed \$10,000 wage increase for Head Start teachers, lowering child care costs for military families, and capping Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) co-payments at 7% of family income—saving 100,000 families an average of \$200 per month.
 - **Support for Child Care Providers:** Proposed investments that will support 220,000 child care providers, benefiting 10 million children and making child care more affordable, particularly for underserved communities.
 - **State-Level Child Care Advocacy:** The White House convened 100 state legislators to address challenges in child care access, affordability, and workforce development, highlighting a national effort to tackle these critical issues.
 - **Harris' Support for Families:** Proposed a \$6,000 benefit for parents of newborns and increased the child tax credit to a maximum of \$3,600 per child, up from the current \$2,000.