



**Serving those who serve
the children of Tennessee**



**ANNUAL
REPORT
2025**





6 Years of Supporting Early Childhood Educators

The 2024–2025 contract year marked **six years** for our team at **Childcare Tennessee**.

This year, we traveled across the state to attend conferences and connect with providers face-to-face. From first-time teachers to Family Home Providers celebrating 20 years in the field, we witnessed the passion and dedication that drive Early Childhood Educators across Tennessee.

Today, half of Americans live in “**childcare deserts**,” with only one childcare spot available for every three children. Tennessee is no exception. That’s why our **Establishment Grant** and **Expansion Grant** are so critical—this year alone, they helped create **8,886 new childcare spots** across the state. These additional opportunities for children and families will have a lasting impact for years to come.

We also launched our second year of the **Safety Supplemental Grant**, which has empowered providers to strengthen safety and security in their programs. From upgrading camera systems to installing protective film to hiring consultants who train staff in intruder preparedness, providers are finding meaningful ways to stay vigilant—without raising tuition for families.

As we close this grant cycle, we reflect on the castles built, the artwork created, the smiles shared, and the sighs of relief felt. Childhood may not last forever, but we’re proud to know we’ve played a part in making it brighter and safer for many.

SUPPORT AND ENHANCEMENT GRANT

MONEY DISTRIBUTED:

\$3,442,161.83

PROGRAMS:

736

EQUIPMENT:

\$1,669,592.57

PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS:

\$1,717,909.63

CONSULTANTS/COACHES:

\$54,659.63

Conscious Discipline Training, Curriculum and Training

SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT

INFANT/TODDLER
SPECIALIZATION GRANT:

Programs - 24
\$23,603.89

FAMILY AND GROUP
SPECIALIZATION GRANT:

Programs - 32
\$31,841.51

PRESCHOOL SPECIALIZATION GRANT:

Programs - 32
\$32,299.46

ACCREDITATION GRANT:

Programs - 7
\$7,000.00

REMEDIATION GRANT:

Programs - 1
\$999.00

MENTAL HEALTH ENDORSEMENT GRANT:

Programs - 20
\$19,935.97

SAFETY SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT

Programs - 412
\$1,481,669.00

Items purchased were
in three categories:

**Intruder Prevention, Life-Saving,
and Emergency/Disaster
Preparedness/Response**

CONSULTANTS/COACHES:
\$45,748.00

Security and safety site assessments and training,
active shooter trainings, verbal/physical de-escalation
training, first aid/CPR/AED training



EXPANSION GRANT:

Programs - 31
TOTAL OF \$1,251,757.22

Program Enhancements:

\$689,040.04

Equipment:

\$528,748.33

Consultants/Coaches:

\$1,000.00

Financial training

Counties:

**Anderson, Blount, Cocke, Davidson, Franklin, Hamilton,
Knox, Montgomery, Roane, Rutherford, Shelby, Smith,
Sullivan, Williamson, Wilson**

New Slots Created:

1,670

ESTABLISHMENT GRANT:

Programs - 117
TOTAL OF \$5,269,710.00

Program Enhancements:

\$2,036,907.48

Equipment:

\$3,209,634.07

Consultants/Coaches:

\$23,168.45

Curriculum and training, financial training

Counties:

Anderson, Benton, Blount, Bradley, Cannon, Coffee, Cumberland,
Davidson, Dyer, Giles, Hamblen, Hamilton, Knox, Lawrence,
Lewis, Lincoln, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Maury, Montgomery,
Obion, Putnam, Rhea, Robertson, Rutherford, Scott, Sevier,
Shelby, Sullivan, Sumner, Warren, Washington, Williamson,
Wilson

New Slots Created:

7,216



DISASTER/EMERGENCY RESPONSE & RECOVERY

**September 26, 2024,
Hurricane Helene**

Number of Programs: 12

\$141,083.22

Counties:

**Carter, Cocke, Greene, Hamblen, Hawkins,
Johnson, Unicoi, and Washington**

Loss of Income:
\$77,133.99

Operations Support Activities:
\$20,991.26

Equipment/Materials/Supplies:
\$42,957.97

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BY THE NUMBERS

Child Care Programs Enrolled:
2,270

ChilcareTennessee.com Page Views:
173,557

Number of Pages per Session:
4.8

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Successful Program Management – Forms, Policies, Templates
In the Classroom – Teacher Resources
Engaging Families – Admin Tools

