

Child Care Development Block Grant Rate Review

Arkansas Department of Education
Office of Early Childhood
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Rate Comparisons (Nov 1 vs. Proposed Work Group)

Benton/Washington Infant

Level	C. FT	C. PT	C. NC/W	P. FT	P. PT	P. NC/W
Level 2	\$ 43.00	\$ 21.50	\$ 47.30	\$ 38.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 41.80
Level 3	\$ 43.00	\$ 21.50	\$ 47.30	\$ 51.00	\$ 25.50	\$ 56.10
Level 4	\$ 43.00	\$ 21.50	\$ 47.30	\$ 51.00	\$ 25.50	\$ 56.10
Level 5	\$ 43.00	\$ 21.50	\$ 47.30	\$ 63.00	\$ 31.50	\$ 69.30
Level 6	\$ 43.00	\$ 21.50	\$ 47.30	\$ 63.00	\$ 31.50	\$ 69.30

Urban/Rural Infant

Level	C. FT	C. PT	C. NC/W	P. FT	P. PT	P. NC/W
Level 2	\$ 36.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 39.60	\$ 36.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 39.60
Level 3	\$ 36.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 39.60	\$ 51.00	\$ 25.50	\$ 56.10
Level 4	\$ 36.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 39.60	\$ 51.00	\$ 25.50	\$ 56.10
Level 5	\$ 36.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 39.60	\$ 63.00	\$ 31.50	\$ 69.30
Level 6	\$ 36.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 39.60	\$ 63.00	\$ 31.50	\$ 69.30

Benton/Washington Toddler

Level	C. FT	C. PT	C. NC/W	P. FT	P. PT	P. NC/W
Level 2	\$ 41.00	\$ 20.50	\$ 45.10	\$ 37.00	\$ 18.50	\$ 40.70
Level 3	\$ 41.00	\$ 20.50	\$ 45.10	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 55.00
Level 4	\$ 41.00	\$ 20.50	\$ 45.10	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 55.00
Level 5	\$ 41.00	\$ 20.50	\$ 45.10	\$ 56.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 61.60
Level 6	\$ 41.00	\$ 20.50	\$ 45.10	\$ 56.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 61.60

Urban/Rural Toddler

Level	C. FT	C. PT	C. NC/W	P. FT	P. PT	P. NC/W
Level 2	\$ 35.00	\$ 17.50	\$ 38.50	\$ 35.00	\$ 17.50	\$ 38.50
Level 3	\$ 35.00	\$ 17.50	\$ 38.50	\$ 46.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 50.60
Level 4	\$ 35.00	\$ 17.50	\$ 38.50	\$ 46.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 50.60
Level 5	\$ 35.00	\$ 17.50	\$ 38.50	\$ 56.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 61.60
Level 6	\$ 35.00	\$ 17.50	\$ 38.50	\$ 56.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 61.60

Rate Comparisons (Nov 1 vs. Proposed Work Group)

Benton/Washington Pre-K

Level	C. FT	C. PT	C. NC/W	P. FT	P. PT	P. NC/W
Level 2	\$ 39.00	\$ 19.50	\$ 42.90	\$ 33.00	\$ 16.50	\$ 36.30
Level 3	\$ 39.00	\$ 19.50	\$ 42.90	\$ 38.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 41.80
Level 4	\$ 39.00	\$ 19.50	\$ 42.90	\$ 38.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 41.80
Level 5	\$ 39.00	\$ 19.50	\$ 42.90	\$ 47.00	\$ 23.50	\$ 51.70
Level 6	\$ 39.00	\$ 19.50	\$ 42.90	\$ 47.00	\$ 23.50	\$ 51.70

Urban/Rural Pre-K

Level	C. FT	C. PT	C. NC/W	P. FT	P. PT	P. NC/W
Level 2	\$ 33.00	\$ 16.50	\$ 36.30	\$ 33.00	\$ 16.50	\$ 36.30
Level 3	\$ 33.00	\$ 16.50	\$ 36.30	\$ 38.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 41.80
Level 4	\$ 33.00	\$ 16.50	\$ 36.30	\$ 38.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 41.80
Level 5	\$ 33.00	\$ 16.50	\$ 36.30	\$ 47.00	\$ 23.50	\$ 51.70
Level 6	\$ 33.00	\$ 16.50	\$ 36.30	\$ 47.00	\$ 23.50	\$ 51.70

Benton/Washington School Age

Level	C. FT	C. PT	C. NC/W	P. FT	P. PT	P. NC/W
Level 2	\$ 37.00	\$ 18.50	\$ 40.70	\$ 28.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 30.80
Level 3	\$ 37.00	\$ 18.50	\$ 40.70	\$ 28.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 30.80
Level 4	\$ 37.00	\$ 18.50	\$ 40.70	\$ 28.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 30.80
Level 5	\$ 37.00	\$ 18.50	\$ 40.70	\$ 28.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 30.80
Level 6	\$ 37.00	\$ 18.50	\$ 40.70	\$ 28.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 30.80

Urban/Rural School Age

Level	C. FT	C. PT	C. NC/W	P. FT	P. PT	P. NC/W
Level 2	\$ 31.00	\$ 15.50	\$ 34.10	\$ 28.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 30.80
Level 3	\$ 31.00	\$ 15.50	\$ 34.10	\$ 28.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 30.80
Level 4	\$ 31.00	\$ 15.50	\$ 34.10	\$ 28.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 30.80
Level 5	\$ 31.00	\$ 15.50	\$ 34.10	\$ 28.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 30.80
Level 6	\$ 31.00	\$ 15.50	\$ 34.10	\$ 28.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 30.80

Rate Comparisons (Nov 1 vs. Proposed Work Group)

SRA Daily Rate Difference: Proposed to Nov 1 State Rates (Statewide)

Care Type	Duration	Better Beginnings Level				
		Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6
Infant	Full Time	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$27.00	\$27.00
	Part Time	\$0.00	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$13.50	\$13.50
	Night/Weekend	\$0.00	\$16.50	\$16.50	\$29.70	\$29.70
Toddler	Full Time	\$0.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$21.00	\$21.00
	Part Time	\$0.00	\$5.50	\$5.50	\$10.50	\$10.50
	Night/Weekend	\$0.00	\$12.10	\$12.10	\$23.10	\$23.10
Preschool	Full Time	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$14.00	\$14.00
	Part Time	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$7.00	\$7.00
	Night/Weekend	\$0.00	\$5.50	\$5.50	\$15.40	\$15.40
School Age	Full Time	-\$3.00	-\$3.00	-\$3.00	-\$3.00	-\$3.00
	Part Time	-\$1.50	-\$1.50	-\$1.50	-\$1.50	-\$1.50
	Night/Weekend	-\$3.30	-\$3.30	-\$3.30	-\$3.30	-\$3.30

Rate Comparisons (Nov 1 vs. Proposed Work Group)

SRA Daily Rate Difference: Proposed to Nov 1 State Rates (Benton/Washington Co)

Care Type	Duration	Better Beginnings Level				
		Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6
Infant	Full Time	-\$5.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
	Part Time	-\$2.50	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
	Night/Weekend	-\$5.50	\$8.80	\$8.80	\$22.00	\$22.00
Toddler	Full Time	-\$4.00	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
	Part Time	-\$2.00	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$7.50	\$7.50
	Night/Weekend	-\$4.40	\$9.90	\$9.90	\$16.50	\$16.50
Preschool	Full Time	-\$6.00	-\$1.00	-\$1.00	\$8.00	\$8.00
	Part Time	-\$3.00	-\$0.50	-\$0.50	\$4.00	\$4.00
	Night/Weekend	-\$6.60	-\$1.10	-\$1.10	\$8.80	\$8.80
School Age	Full Time	-\$9.00	-\$9.00	-\$9.00	-\$9.00	-\$9.00
	Part Time	-\$4.50	-\$4.50	-\$4.50	-\$4.50	-\$4.50
	Night/Weekend	-\$9.90	-\$9.90	-\$9.90	-\$9.90	-\$9.90

Rate Comparisons (Nov 1 vs. Proposed Work Group)

Projected Cost from 11/2025 - 9/2026 using Current Rates

Sum of Current Proj. Cost	Column Labels				
Row Labels	Infant	Toddler	Pre-K	School Age	Grand Total
Level 2	\$2,556,864.20	\$6,088,289.00	\$8,447,979.00	\$6,485,848.50	\$23,578,980.70
Full Time	\$2,545,625.00	\$6,067,342.00	\$7,875,861.00	\$3,134,640.00	\$19,623,468.00
Part Time	\$7,002.00	\$19,330.00	\$563,406.00	\$3,340,978.50	\$3,930,716.50
Night Care	\$4,237.20		\$7,768.20	\$10,230.00	\$22,235.40
Weekend		\$1,617.00	\$943.80		\$2,560.80
Level 3	\$4,423,858.00	\$9,471,914.50	\$11,528,504.40	\$9,050,424.50	\$34,474,701.40
Full Time	\$4,401,736.00	\$9,385,275.00	\$10,710,924.00	\$4,328,765.00	\$28,826,700.00
Part Time	\$22,122.00	\$85,946.50	\$794,058.00	\$4,671,873.50	\$5,574,000.00
Night Care			\$23,522.40	\$48,558.40	\$72,080.80
Weekend		\$693.00		\$1,227.60	\$1,920.60
Level 4	\$690,898.50	\$1,702,943.50	\$2,139,576.00	\$1,800,568.50	\$6,333,986.50
Full Time	\$680,793.00	\$1,635,336.00	\$1,855,140.00	\$865,209.00	\$5,036,478.00
Part Time	\$10,105.50	\$67,607.50	\$284,436.00	\$935,359.50	\$1,297,508.50
Level 5	\$257,299.00	\$412,618.50	\$712,765.50	\$678,190.00	\$2,060,873.00
Full Time	\$251,971.00	\$408,716.00	\$611,655.00	\$211,889.00	\$1,484,231.00
Part Time	\$5,328.00	\$3,902.50	\$101,110.50	\$466,301.00	\$576,642.00
Level 6	\$782,270.00	\$1,371,778.50	\$846,033.00	\$454,479.00	\$3,454,560.50
Full Time	\$777,320.00	\$1,365,461.00	\$690,597.00	\$232,543.00	\$3,065,921.00
Part Time	\$4,950.00	\$6,317.50	\$155,436.00	\$221,936.00	\$388,639.50
Grand Total	\$8,711,189.70	\$19,047,544.00	\$23,674,857.90	\$18,469,510.50	\$69,903,102.10

Rate Comparisons (Nov 1 vs. Proposed Work Group)

Projected Cost from 11/2025 - 9/2026 using Proposed Rates

Sum of Proposed Proj. Cost	Column Labels				
Row Labels	Infant	Toddler	Pre-K	School Age	Grand Total
Level 2	\$2,509,169.20	\$6,010,031.00	\$8,255,082.00	\$5,768,322.00	\$22,542,604.20
Full Time	\$2,497,930.00	\$5,989,114.00	\$7,685,139.00	\$2,785,608.00	\$18,957,791.00
Part Time	\$7,002.00	\$19,300.00	\$561,231.00	\$2,973,474.00	\$3,561,007.00
Night Care	\$4,237.20		\$7,768.20	\$9,240.00	\$21,245.40
Weekend		\$1,617.00	\$943.80		\$2,560.80
Level 3	\$6,115,129.50	\$12,338,169.80	\$12,977,220.40	\$8,049,314.00	\$39,479,833.70
Full Time	\$6,083,790.00	\$12,225,142.00	\$12,042,884.00	\$3,860,780.00	\$34,212,596.00
Part Time	\$31,339.50	\$112,117.00	\$907,250.00	\$4,143,566.00	\$5,194,272.50
Night Care			\$27,086.40	\$43,859.20	\$70,945.60
Weekend		\$910.80		\$1,108.80	\$2,019.60
Level 4	\$949,186.50	\$2,198,147.00	\$2,374,658.00	\$1,550,178.00	\$7,072,169.50
Full Time	\$936,105.00	\$2,112,264.00	\$2,059,524.00	\$745,500.00	\$5,853,393.00
Part Time	\$13,081.50	\$85,883.00	\$315,134.00	\$804,678.00	\$1,218,776.50
Level 5	\$440,118.00	\$641,172.00	\$977,952.50	\$569,632.00	\$2,628,874.50
Full Time	\$430,794.00	\$634,928.00	\$838,527.00	\$187,460.00	\$2,091,709.00
Part Time	\$9,324.00	\$6,244.00	\$139,425.50	\$382,172.00	\$537,165.50
Level 6	\$1,362,406.50	\$2,184,420.00	\$1,173,073.00	\$408,240.00	\$5,128,139.50
Full Time	\$1,353,744.00	\$2,174,312.00	\$952,079.00	\$208,012.00	\$4,688,147.00
Part Time	\$8,662.50	\$10,108.00	\$220,994.00	\$200,228.00	\$439,992.50
Grand Total	\$11,376,009.70	\$23,371,939.80	\$25,757,985.90	\$16,345,686.00	\$76,851,621.40

Rate Comparisons (Nov 1 vs. Proposed Work Group)

Care Type	State Rate Plan	Work Group Rate Plan	Difference
Infant	\$8,711,189.70	\$11,376,009.70	\$2,664,820.00
Toddler	\$19,047,544.00	\$23,371,939.80	\$4,324,395.80
Preschool	\$23,674,857.90	\$25,757,985.90	\$2,083,128.00
School Age	\$18,469,510.50	\$16,345,686.00	-\$2,123,824.50
TOTAL	\$69,903,102.10	\$76,851,621.40	\$6,948,519.30

Child Care Development Block Grant Funds



Additional Expenses

- Federal Pre-K Seats (1017 seats)—Currently \$1.3M monthly
- ABC Infant/Toddler Subsidy—Currently \$106K monthly
- CCDF Infant/Toddler Seats (50 seats)—Currently \$67K monthly

Approx. \$1.5M monthly

Unbilled Service Days Obligated on Active Authorizations

Prior to October 2025--\$1M approximately

October 2025--\$3.9M approximately