

# StateFedConnect

October 1, 2024

## 1. Federal Update:

- President Joe Biden on Sept. 26 signed a continuing resolution (CR, [H.R. 9747](#)). The CR extends fiscal year 2025 funding for all 12 annual spending bills, including the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education bill, through Dec. 20. The House has passed five of 12 spending bills on party-line votes, while the Senate has advanced 11 of 12 spending bills out of committee with bipartisan support. The CR will allow the federal government to continue operating while Congress completes its work on the annual spending bills. After passing the temporary funding measure, the House and Senate will be in recess and expected to return to Capitol Hill on Nov. 12.
- Several bills have been introduced recently related to early childhood
  - Representative Clark: <https://bonamici.house.gov/media/press-releases/whip-clark-bonamici-house-democrats-take-action-invest-child-care-call-out-gop> and <https://www.ffyf.org/resources/2024/09/the-first-five-things-to-know-about-child-care-is-infrastructure/>
  - Rep Khanna: <https://khanna.house.gov/media/in-the-news/exclusive-ro-khannas-bold-proposal-cap-childcare-10-day-most-families>
  - Senator Fischer: <https://www.young.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/ccdbg-one-pager.pdf>
  - Comparison of proposal to current law: <https://www.ffyf.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/2024-CCDBG-Reauth-Comparison-Summary.pdf>
  - Summary of bipartisan proposals: <https://www.ffyf.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/118th-Congress-Bipartisan-Legislation.pdf>

## 2. Administration Resources:

- Home visiting:
  - CMS and HRSA recently hosted a webinar lifting up approaches to funding home visiting services through Medicaid. States that are pushing forward on this shared their strategies for discussion. While additional, concrete guidance from CMS would still be useful, the webinar and the information shared by states received positive reviews.  
CMS is still looking for a permanent home for the recording. In the meantime, the following temporary links have been created to provide access:
    - <https://youtu.be/KPEGohAy074?si=LbjuoXgJPuqQjlgp> – YouTube link: publicly available, watch in YouTube app or browser.

- <https://public.huddle.com/b/GYGjLx/index.html> – Public MALL link: this link provides an option to download the mp4 to watch the recording in a native player; it is not playable in the web browser.
  - National Home Visiting Resource Center  
Yearbook: <https://nhvrc.org/yearbook/2024-yearbook/>
- Maternal/child health updates (thanks to Elizabeth Burak and Tanesha Mondestin at the Georgetown Center on Children and Families)
  - Biden-Harris Administration Awards Over \$558 Million to Improve Maternal Health: <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2024/p0827-maternal-health.html>
  - Executive Agency actions on maternal health: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/07/10/the-white-house-blueprint-for-addressing-the-maternal-health-crisis-two-years-of-progress/>
  - New state grants to improve preventive women’s health in Marketplace plans: Arkansas, Colorado, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Maine, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin: <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/biden-harris-administration-advances-womens-health-through-affordable-care-act-grants-14-states-dc>
  - Postpartum implementation toolkit: <https://www.medicaid.gov/sites/default/files/2023-08/ppc-for-state-and-medicaid-toolkit.pdf>
  - MMH task force recs <https://ccf.georgetown.edu/2024/05/17/federal-task-force-releases-national-strategy-to-improve-maternal-mental-health-care-includes-medicaid-policies/>
  - Progress on Maternal Health Blueprint: Progress on blueprint: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/07/10/the-white-house-blueprint-for-addressing-the-maternal-health-crisis-two-years-of-progress/>
- White House Convening on Child Care with State Legislators:
  - <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/09/27/readout-of-the-white-house-states-convening-on-child-care-2/>

### 3. Resources:

- Council of Economic Advisors *Child Care is Infrastructure: Evidence from Universal Pre-K*: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/cea/written-materials/2024/09/27/child-care-is-infrastructure-evidence-from-universal-pre-k/>
- Differences between CTC and CDCTC: <https://www.ffyf.org/resources/2024/09/understanding-the-difference-between-the-child-tax-credit-and-the-child-care-tax-credit/>

- *Full-Time Child Care for 2 Kids Costs 39% More Than Rent Across 100 Largest US Metros* (Lending Tree): <https://www.lendingtree.com/debt-consolidation/child-care-vs-rent-study/>
- September Child Care Funding Cliff Polling Survey Summary (National Women's Law Center and Morning Consult): <https://nwlc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Morning-Consult-NWLC-Childcare-Cliff-Survey-Summary-Memo-f-9.30.2024.pdf>
- New MacArthur Genius list (including [Jason Reynolds](#), children's author): <https://www.macfound.org/programs/awards/fellows/>

See you at the next Office Hours (Tuesday, October 15, 4:00 Eastern) and the next monthly StateFedConnect call (November 12, 4:00 Eastern).