# American Rescue Plan Proposal

## Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education

### STABILIZATION - 286M*

*90% of funding must go to existing facilities and up to 10% can be used for new programs

**Subgrant Payments - $258M**

**Facility must have been open on or before March 11, 2021 to qualify.

**Quality Improvement**

Funding to assist facilities in obtaining a higher level of quality. Eligible subgrant amounts were determined based on a cost analysis of the amount necessary to move up one level in quality.

**Operational**

Funding to assist facilities in paying operational expenses incurred during the pandemic.

**Child Care Expansion of Existing Business**

Funding to address out of school time and infant/toddler early childhood education gaps across the state of Arkansas. Existing facilities will be awarded a subgrant amount based on the type and amount of increased capacity. Funding will cover minor renovations of existing classrooms, classroom start-up, or partnerships with local businesses to support essential workers by expanding or opening an on-site campus.

**Supply Building - $25M**

Funding contracted out through public/private partnerships to create new child care centers across Arkansas for the essential workforce including care for non-traditional hours.

### SUPPLEMENTAL DISCRETIONARY - 178M

#### Essential Worker Child Care - $130M

Funding to continue assisting Arkansas’s Essential Workforce in paying for child care services. Essential Worker Child Care will be extended through September 2024 or until funding has been exhausted.

#### TEACH Scholarship Program - $40M

Funding to cover scholarships for early childhood teachers to obtain a degree or credential in the field. Funding will be disseminated out by the Arkansas Early Childhood Association using the national TEACH model.

### ADMINISTRATIVE - $11M***

***Administrative budget is $3M from Stabilization and $8M from Supplemental Discretionary Funds

#### Personnel - $4M

Funding to cover 22 personnel to assist with the implementation of Stabilization and Supplemental Discretionary Funds.

#### IT Upgrades and Other - $7M

Funding to cover IT upgrades for internally and externally facing systems.