



Provider Retention/Incentive Payments

What is the Provider Retention/Incentive Payment?

Governor Gianforte and the Health Advisory Commission approved \$7 million in one-time-only funds for child care workforce retention and incentive payments through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Providers are eligible to receive \$600 for Round 1 and those remaining in the child care field are encouraged to submit for a second payment of \$1,000 in December 2022. New child care professionals are eligible to submit for one payment of \$600 in December 2022.

When is this funding available?

Round 1 is available now.

Round 1 Completed Certification and Acceptance of Funds forms due to ECP by March 18th, 2022.

Round 1 payments will be sent out in May 2022.

Round 2 Completed Certification and Acceptance of Funds forms will be available in December 2022.

Round 2 payments are anticipated to be sent out in February 2023.

Do I qualify for this payment?

Eligible providers must be on the ECP Workforce Registry, currently employed in a licensed or registered Family, Group, or Center child care program, and an approved caregiver by Montana Child Care Licensing in one of the following positions:

- Early Childhood Teacher (Full and Part Time)
- Early Childhood Assistant Teacher (Full and Part Time)
- School Age Teacher (Full and Part Time)
- Director

How can I submit for this award?

Eligible Caregivers will need to complete the Certification form and a W-9.

Forms and W-9 forms are available at:
<https://www.mtecp.org/incentive-program/>

For more information, contact Montana Early Childhood Project at 406-404-1624, ecp@montana.edu, or visit www.mtecp.org.



The American Rescue Plan Act Child Care Provider Retention/Incentive Payments are one-time-only and limited. These funds will be monitored.