



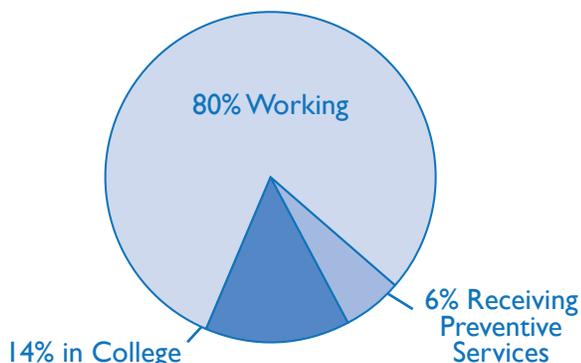
The cost of child care is a significant part of a family's budget. One out of three families with young children earns less than \$25,000 a year, but today, full-day child care can cost anywhere from \$4,000 to \$10,000 and up per year (NAEYC, 2016). Subsidies through the Idaho Child Care Program (ICCP) make child care more affordable, support the healthy development of children, and help families go to work or school so they can fully support their families, move up the economic ladder, and become financially secure.

WHAT IS THE IDAHO CHILD CARE PROGRAM?

The Idaho Child Care Program (ICCP) provides critical work supports to low-income families by paying a portion of child care expenses so parents can maintain employment or complete their higher education. Child care assistance is available to parents in Idaho who are income eligible and are working or going to college. Participants pay co-pays based on the size of the family and amount of income.

During Fiscal Year 2016, ICCP services were provided to an average of **7,400** participants per month. Of the recipients, **80%** were working and **14%** were attending college.

Qualifying Status of Families Receiving ICCP in FY2016



Source: Idaho Dept. of Health & Welfare's Facts, Figures & Trends: 2015-2016

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ICCP Helps Build Financial Security

The ICCP gives parents the support and peace of mind to be productive at work, and by strengthening the current and future workforce, it helps our state's economy. Employers consistently report that the availability of quality child care improves productivity and reduces absenteeism and turnover.

When of High-Quality, Child Care Supports Healthy Development and Improves Educational Outcomes, Especially for Low-Income Children

High-quality child care and early education can build a strong foundation for young children's healthy development and ensure that children have all they need to thrive. Children in higher quality early learning programs have better cognitive outcomes, including measurably better reading, math skills, vocabulary, and applied problem solving. Studies show that children in higher quality child care programs are more likely to attend college, are more likely to earn higher wages and pay more in taxes, and are less likely to be involved in the criminal justice system. These outcomes are particularly strong for low-income children.

Providers are Supported in Improving Quality of Care Through the ICCP

The ICCP advances the quality of care by improving health and safety standards and providing annual training for providers to continue with professional development. Provider participation in ICCP is voluntary.

