



# Improving Family Child Care Sustainability

Targeted Funding Helps Providers Remain Open—Especially Effective for Spanish-Speaking Providers

*Family Child Care and Beyond: Exploring Targeted Investments in Child Care Program Sustainability and Workforce Development in Rhode Island* is a research project led by a partnership between Education Development Center (EDC) and Rhode Island’s Department of Human Services (DHS). The project examines targeted supports designed to promote program sustainability and workforce development among family child care (FCC) providers, particularly those serving families who participate in the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP).

From October 2021 to February 2022, Rhode Island’s DHS administered the **ReInvigorate Child Care Stabilization Grant** program. This grant opportunity, funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, offered funds to licensed child care providers to help stabilize their business operations and to ensure that they could continue providing safe care during the COVID-19 pandemic. Family child care providers received between \$12,000 and \$18,000 (depending on program size). The majority (90%) of FCC providers received a stabilization grant.



## Urban Core

Three quarters (75%) of stabilization grant recipients were located in the urban core<sup>1</sup> compared to 46% of non-recipients.

**75%**  
Grant Recipients

**46%**  
Non-Recipients



## Accept CCAP

91% of stabilization grant recipients accept CCAP compared to 62% of those who did not receive a grant.

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Grant Recipients

**62%**  
Non-Recipients



## Spanish Speaking

Three quarters (74%) of stabilization grant recipients were Spanish speaking compared to 39% of those who did not receive a grant

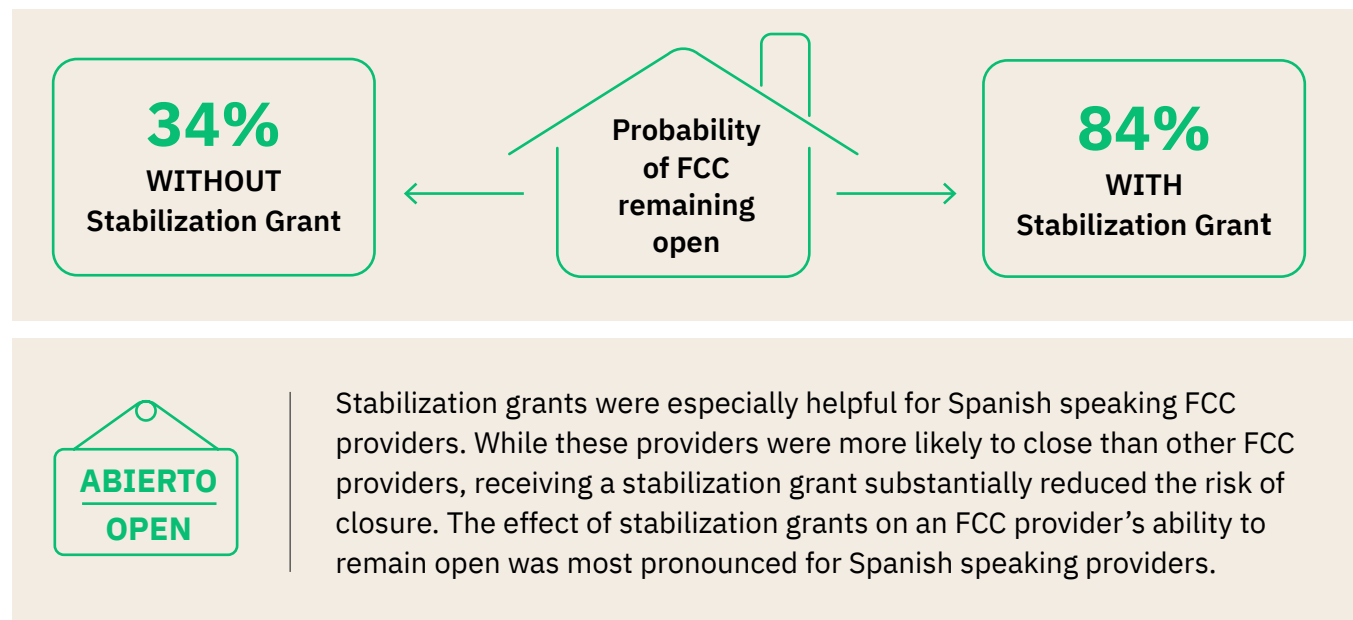
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<sup>1</sup> Urban core consists of Central Falls, Pawtucket, Providence, and Woonsocket.



## FCC Recipients of Stabilization Grants



"If I had not received these funds I would have lost my home. Thanks to these funds I can keep my home and open my daycare again. Without these funds nothing would be right for our families." —Stabilization Grant Recipient

The **ReInvigorate Child Care Stabilization Grants** played an important role in helping FCC providers remain open during a challenging time and were especially critical in helping to support the operations of Spanish speaking FCC providers.