

## **300,000 Children Could Lose Child Care and Head Start If You Don't Call on Monday, Nov. 15!**

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Congress is back in Washington on Monday, November 15 and has limited time to do some important work: ensure that funding is not cut for child care and Head Start before the end of the year.

As many as to 300,000 children shouldn't be dropped from child care and Head Start, and we need to create the Early Learning Challenge Fund to encourage states to do even better for young children and families.

Congress is considering appropriations bills that could go backwards in spending for child care and Head Start, and would lose the Early Learning Challenge Fund.

Tell Congress to move forward and fund the Child Care and Development Block Grant, Head Start, and the Early Learning Challenge Fund.

### Quick Tips for November 15 - Call Congress!

Call 1-888-460-0813

1. The first person to answer the phone will be an operator who will ask how you want to be connected. Tell the operator the name of your Member of Congress. (Not sure? Look it up here: ([orgs, insert your online look-up page or use [http://action.nwlc.org/find\\_your\\_elected\\_officials](http://action.nwlc.org/find_your_elected_officials)])
2. Once you are connected to the office of your Member of Congress, a staff person will answer the phone. Tell the staff person:
  - My name is (name) and I am calling from (city, state) and I am (your role).
  - Don't drop 300,000 children from child care and Head Start. Make sure that continued funding for the Child Care and Development Block Grant and Head Start is NOT REDUCED in the appropriations bill and that the Early Learning Challenge Fund is included.
  - We are counting on you here in (state). Thank you.
3. Then, hang up and ask five friends or coworkers to make a call as well.