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# Policy Update

## Potential Elimination of Head Start Funding

### Leaked Budget Draft: Proposed Elimination of Head Start

A leaked draft of the Trump administration's fiscal year 2026 budget indicates the potential elimination of all federal funding for Head Start. If enacted, this action could affect more than 500,000 low-income children and families nationwide, including those served by family child care educators.

### Ongoing Challenges and Program Disruptions

This leaked proposal comes amid a year already marked by funding delays that have led to temporary closures in some Head Start and Early Head Start programs. The draft reflects a broader effort to reduce funding for the Department of Health and Human Services and shift educational control to states and parents.

### Why Your Voice Matters

NAFCC is urging family child care educators to speak out. Sharing your story can help policymakers understand how these potential changes would impact your program, staff, and the families you serve.

[Click here to share your story.](#)



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## Register for the NAFCC Policy Webinar

Join us for a national conversation about what this leaked proposal could mean for family child care, and how we can collectively respond.

- Date: May 7, 2025
- Time: 7:00 PM EST
- Topic: Family Child Care at the Forefront: Discover How to Take Action and Elevate Your Voice on the National Stage
- [Register here](#)

## Take Immediate Action

Our partners at the National Head Start Association (NHSA) have issued an action alert urging educators and advocates to contact Congress. Make your voice heard:

[Act Now: Sign This Letter to Save Head Start](#)

For more context, read the full article from the Associated Press:

[White House Proposes Eliminating Head Start Funding as Part of Sweeping Budget Cuts](#)