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Federal Judge Extends Temporary Protection for Child Care and Children's Basic Needs, but Long-Term Solutions Still Urgently Needed.

Colorado Children's Campaign experts are available for comment.

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DENVER: While a federal judge has extended a temporary restraining order requiring the federal government to continue funding for Colorado's subsidized child care program and other public benefits supporting families' basic needs, the Colorado Children's Campaign emphasizes that this is just a temporary reprieve. Critical funding remains at risk, and children across the state need permanent solutions.

The Colorado Children's Campaign continues to urge federal and state leaders to press the White House to permanently restore these essential funds. Without these funds, Colorado families will be unable to work, put food on the table, or meet their children's basic needs. Colorado children should not be used as pawns for political gains.

It is clearer than ever that Colorado must build a resilient, flexible system to protect kids no matter what happens in Washington. Our 2026 Policy Priorities lay out a path forward, focused on ensuring all Colorado children have access to vaccines, health coverage, a strong safety net, quality child care, and fully-funded schools.

Expert available for comment: Mathangi Subramanian, Director of Early Childhood Policy, is available to discuss the freezes and their implications for Colorado.

Email to arrange an interview: Jackie@ColoradoKids.org, 215.208.4693

Resources: [Read a letter from the Colorado Children's Campaign and more than 300 individuals and organizations calling for the release of these funds.](#)

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About the Colorado Children's Campaign

At the Colorado Children's Campaign, we use data and research to identify what kids across our state need most, then advocate for policies that strengthen their well-being and help them thrive. Our focus is the whole child, working across Early Childhood, K-12 Education, Health, and Economic Security for the greatest long-term impact.