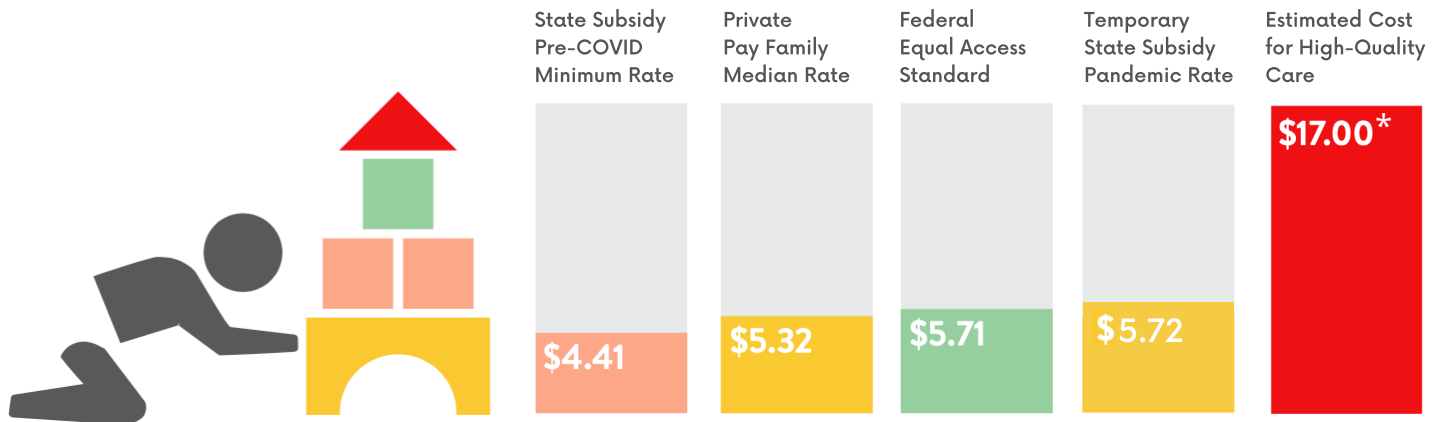


# Rhode Island Child Care in the **TIME OF COVID**

**Before...** Access to quality child care was **already out of reach for parents** who needed it.



**More funding is needed to improve early educator compensation and to cover new COVID-related costs.**

**\$12** /hour  
\$20+ /hour + health insurance + paid sick time

**Basic foundation of quality:**  
Improve wages and benefits to attract and retain qualified early educators

**Qualified professionals**  
or consultants to conduct daily health screenings of children and staff

**Full-time payments**  
for both full-time and part-time children regardless of attendance, in order to have stable groups

**Professional cleaning staff**  
or contractors so early educators can focus on the children.

**Now...** **Safe, healthy, high-quality child care is essential for all working parents,** including frontline and essential workers.



Contact your legislators today because **#ChildCareIsEssential** to Rhode Island's working families and our economy.



\*National Academy of Science, Engineering, and Medicine consensus estimate for center-based infant care. Note: hourly funding required is comparable to K-12 funding in Rhode Island.