



# Provider Retention/Incentive Payments

## What is the Provider Retention/Incentive Payment?

Governor Gianforte and the Health Advisory Commission approved \$7 million in one-time-only funds for child care workforce retention and incentive payments through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Providers who received \$600 for Round 1 and are still employed in an eligible position will receive a second payment of \$1,000 in February 2023. New child care professionals are eligible to submit December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 through January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for a one-time payment of \$600.

## How can I submit for this award?

- If you received a first-round payment and are still employed in an eligible position, you do not need to resubmit for the second-round payment as it will be automatic.
- If you received a first-round payment and have changed your home address, you will need to submit an updated W9 only.
- If you did NOT receive a first-round payment or were not eligible for the first round and you are now eligible, you will need to submit your form online through the ECP Workforce Registry and submit a W9.

Ready to submit? Have questions on which category you fall under? Forms and more information are available at:  
<https://www.mtecp.org/incentive-program/>

## Do I qualify for this payment?

Eligible providers must be on the ECP Workforce Registry, currently employed in a licensed or registered Family, Group, or Center child care program, and an approved caregiver by Montana Child Care Licensing in one of the following positions:

- Early Childhood Teacher (Full and Part Time)
- Early Childhood Assistant Teacher (Full and Part Time)
- School Age Teacher (Full and Part Time)
- Director

## When is funding available?

- Round 2 forms will be available online through your personal registry account (under the Incentives and Awards tab) starting December 1, 2022
- The deadline to submit your forms and W9 is January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Round 2 payments are anticipated to be sent out in February 2023.

Additional information on submitting and W9's available at:

<https://www.mtecp.org/incentive-program/>

For more information, contact Montana Early Childhood Project at 406-404-1624, [ecp@montana.edu](mailto:ecp@montana.edu), or visit [www.mtecp.org](http://www.mtecp.org).



*The American Rescue Plan Act Child Care Provider Retention/Incentive Payments are one-time-only and limited. These funds will be monitored.*