



Delaware Association for the Education of Young Children

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## The Federal Funding Freeze and Child Care

The Executive Order Memo and freeze of federal grant money on January 28, 2025 has caused a lot of confusion, worry, fear, and frustration. We are working on your behalf to confirm what impact, if any, this will have immediately and on-going. We know how much information is being shared and we want to be sure the information we share with you is as accurate as current information allows.

Please visit [deaeyc.org/advocacy/2025FF](https://deaeyc.org/advocacy/2025FF) for continued updates.

*The Department of Health and Social Services and the Department of Education have confirmed with the Office of the Governor that the federal funding freeze memo has been rescinded as of January 29, 2025.*

***All payments that are supported by federal funding will continue uninterrupted at this time. This includes Purchase of Care payments, Child and Adult Food Program, and Head Start payments directly to programs from the federal government.***

***State Funded Early Care and Education partners receive state funds only; therefore, they would not be impacted by a freeze of federal funds.***

We are hopeful for continued uninterrupted operations and funding beyond February 2025 to child care in Delaware. We will continue to keep you updated as information is shared with us.

deaeyc is familiar with unprecedented times and situations. We remain committed to supporting Delaware's child care providers. In partnership with child care providers across the state, supporting agencies, and the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), deaeyc continues to advocate for the resources and policies necessary to sustain child care in Delaware.

Governor Meyer has launched: <https://governor.delaware.gov/federal-funding-freeze-form/> and we encourage everyone to share information with the administration. Sharing information will assist our advocacy in showing the urgent need for continued and uninterrupted funding to child care providers in Delaware.

About deaeyc:

*The Delaware Association for the Education of Young Children (deaeyc, pronounced "day-see") is an affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the only advocacy and membership association for those working with and on behalf of children from birth to age eight. Founded in 1969, deaeyc serves and acts on behalf of the needs, rights, and well-being of all young children and their families in Delaware.*