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The Future We Shape Today is the Future We Share Tomorrow



OUR PURPOSE

Building confidence, for kids and families and the future we share

OUR BELIEFS

1. Families come first
2. Our work is our passion
3. Integrity is everything
4. Inclusion creates belonging
5. We're never done

OUR COMMITMENT

Leverage our position as the largest private provider of high-quality early childhood education to meet each family where they are

KinderCare is a Leading Provider of Early Childhood Education (ECE) in the U.S.



Market Leader with Scale and Fleet Advantages

#1
Private Provider by
Center Capacity in ECE ⁽¹⁾

Nationwide Platform Meets Families Where They Are

40 States & D.C.
U.S. Presence

Proven, Multi-Pronged Growth Strategy

~8%
2018-2024 Same-Center
Revenue CAGR ⁽²⁾

~2,600

Centers & Sites Supported
(as of December 28, 2024)

~210K

Student Capacity ⁽³⁾
(as of December 28, 2024)

\$2,663M

Revenue
(2024)

\$298M

Adj. EBITDA ⁽⁴⁾
(2024)

Notes:

1. Largest U.S. private child care provider; ranked by capacity and center data as of December 28, 2024 (Source: Management Estimates).

2. Same-center revenue is defined as revenues earned from centers that have been operated by the company for at least 12 months as of the period end date and is a measure used by management to attribute a portion of the company's revenue to mature centers as compared to new or acquired centers.

3. Student capacity of ECE centers does not include additional capacity across Champions before- and after-school programs.

4. See appendix for reconciliation of non-GAAP measures.

Industry Trends Provide KinderCare Tailwinds

Key Proof Points	
1 Large, Highly Fragmented Addressable Market	~\$62B Addressable Market ⁽¹⁾
2 Persistent Center Supply Shortages	Meaningful Opportunity to Serve More Families Due to Many Care Programs at Risk of Going Offline by 2025 ⁽²⁾
3 Growing and Stable Subsidy Funding	Subsidies Support of \$942M (35% of Revenue) in 2024
4 Families Struggle to Balance Child Care Responsibilities in Today's Environment	Flexible Go-to-Market Strategies
5 Increasing Demand for Child Care Employer Benefits Driving B2B Growth	20% Employer / Tuition Benefit Contributions ⁽³⁾

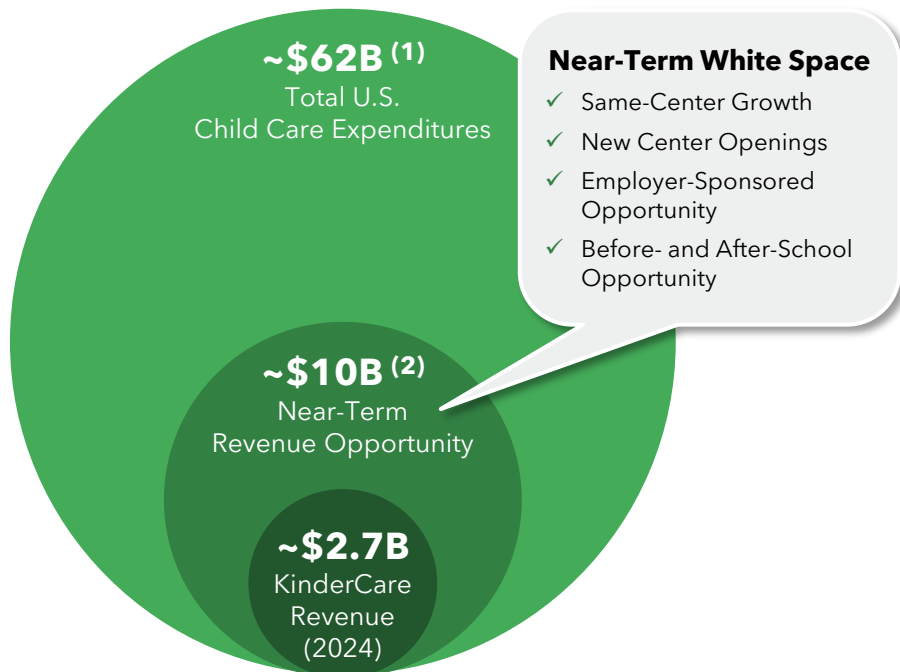
Notes:

1. As reported by EY-Parthenon for 2023, and includes the estimated total addressable market across KinderCare's portfolio, including employer sponsored care and Champions.
2. Harris Williams and EY-Parthenon; Early Childhood & Education and Youth Enrichment Opportunity Report H1 2024.
3. ~20% Employer / Tuition Benefit Contributions as a % of 2024 Revenue; employer-sponsored tuition benefit program revenue was ~\$535M in 2024.

Leading Provider in a Large, Highly Fragmented Market

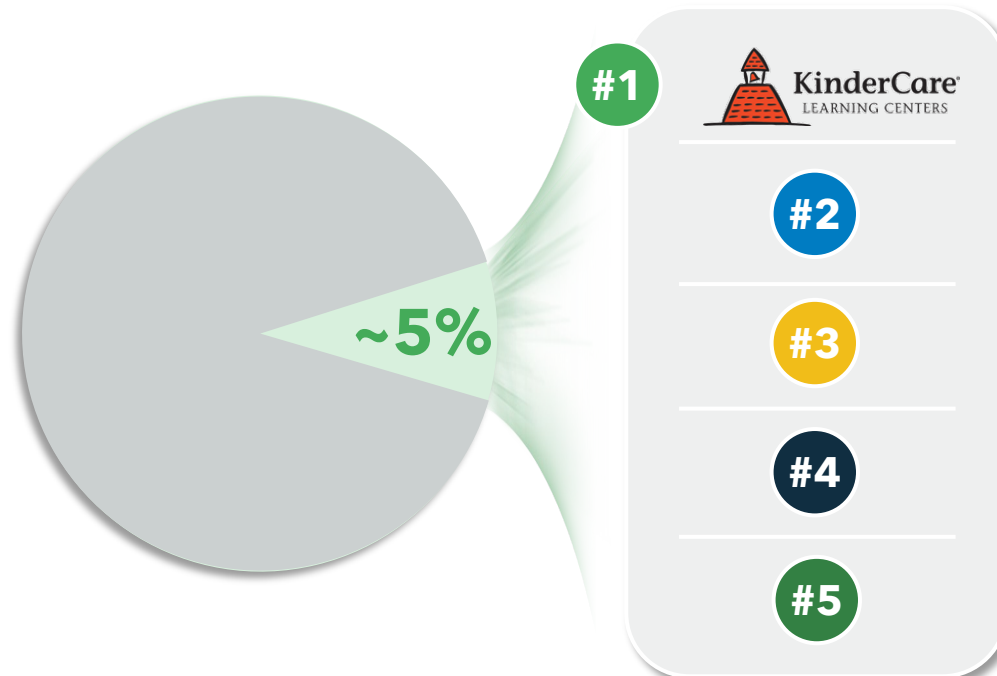
Significant Runway for Growth in a Large Market

U.S. Child Care Expenditures, \$B



~\$942M of 2024 Revenue was Supported by Subsidies,
 Adding Stability and Predictability to our Revenue Base

Leading Market Share Across a Fragmented Landscape



Top 5 Players Comprise **Only ~5% Market Share** ⁽³⁾

Notes:

1. As reported by EY-Parthenon for 2023

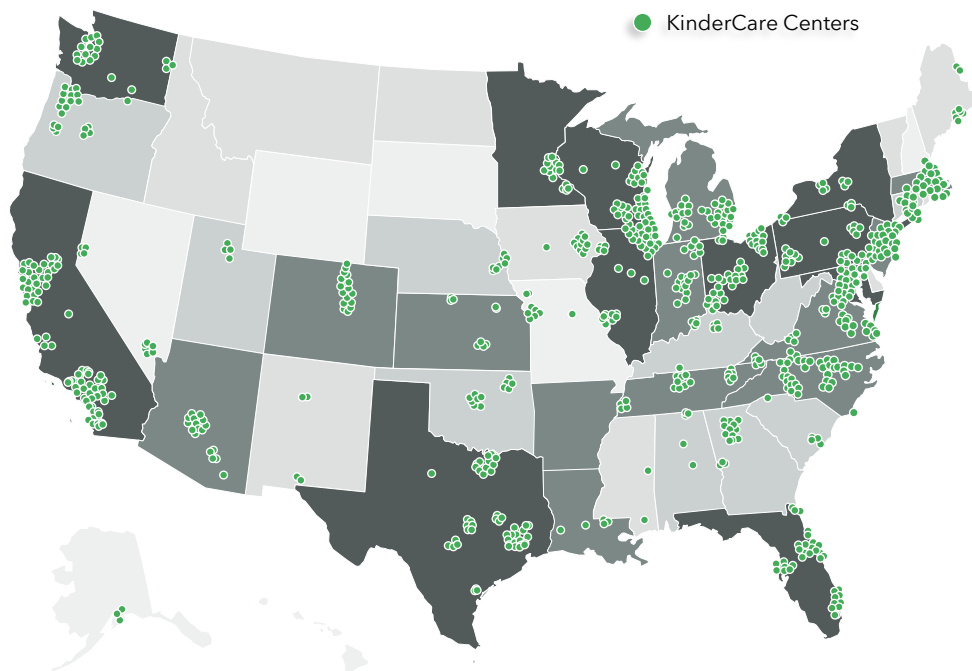
2. Management estimate; represents total organic revenue opportunity across KinderCare's portfolio, including employer-sponsored care and Champions.

3. Management estimate.

Well-Positioned to Provide ECE Where It is Needed Most

Meaningful Number of Child Care Programs are Expected to Close

Number of child care programs expected to close as federal stimulus funding expires, by state⁽¹⁾
 with KinderCare's center locations overlaid



Est. center closures ▶ < 250 250-500 500-1K 1K-2K 2K+

Note:
 1. The Century Foundation, June 2023, Child Care Cliff: 3.2 Million Children Likely to Lose Spots with End of Federal Funds.

KinderCare's Scale Provides Tangible Advantages Compared to Smaller Providers



Brand Recognition and Wide Footprint



Efficiency from Centralized Operations



Investment in Facilities, Curriculum and Tech



Better Talent Attraction and Retention



Safety and Compliance Best Practices



Tech-Enabled Commercial Strategy



Operating Leverage

Our Go-To-Market Channels

Serving Families Where They Are



In Your Neighborhood

One of the largest footprints of community centers supporting families where they live ⁽¹⁾



Where You Work

Employee discounts leveraging our network of community centers

A leading provider of on-site employer-sponsored childcare



At Your School

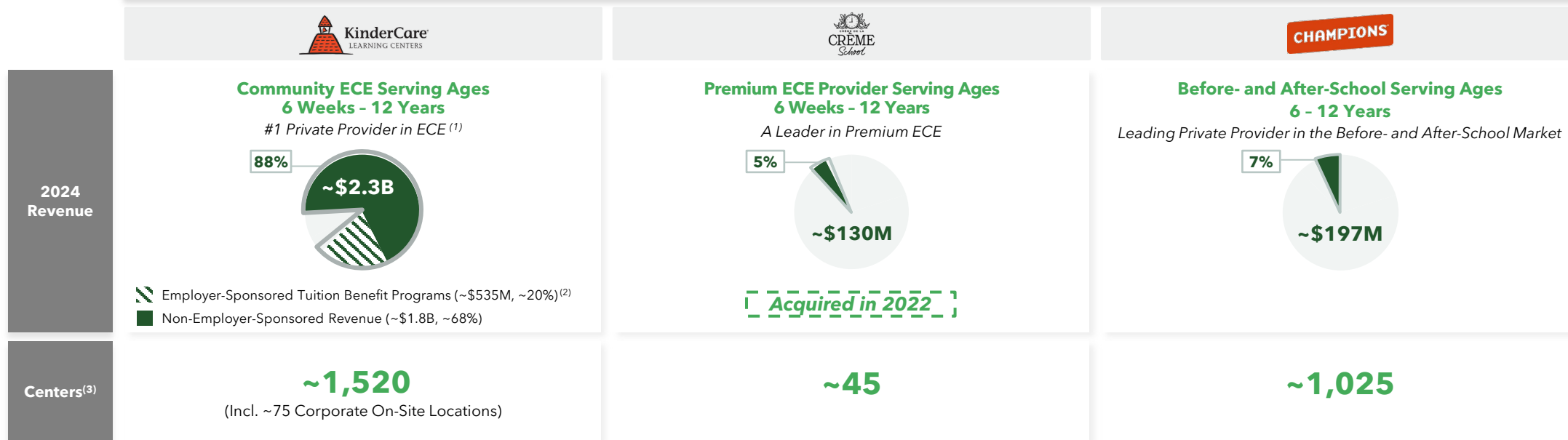
A leading provider of high-quality before- and after-school care on-site at schools



Note:
1. Largest U.S. private child care provider; ranked by capacity and center data as of December 28, 2024 (Source: Management Estimates).

Our Platform Enables Us to Meet Families Where They Are

Our Brands Align to Key Market Segments



We Believe We are Well-Positioned to Serve Families Across All Demographics Through Both Our B2C and B2B Offerings

Notes:

1. By center capacity.

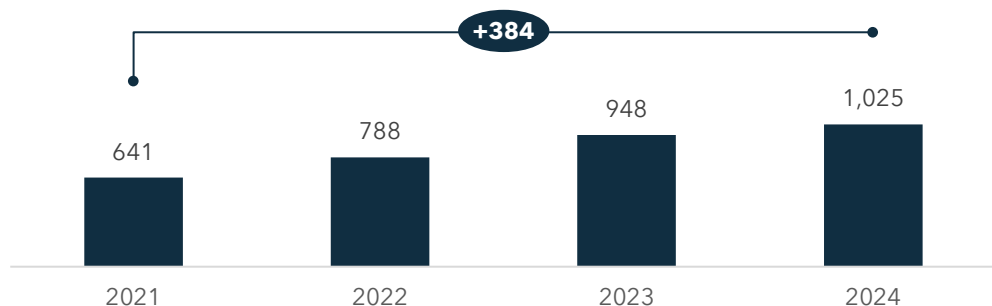
2. Tuition Benefit refers to employer-sponsored tuition benefit programs which can offer up to 100% savings on full-time, part-time, or drop-in tuition.

3. As of December 28, 2024

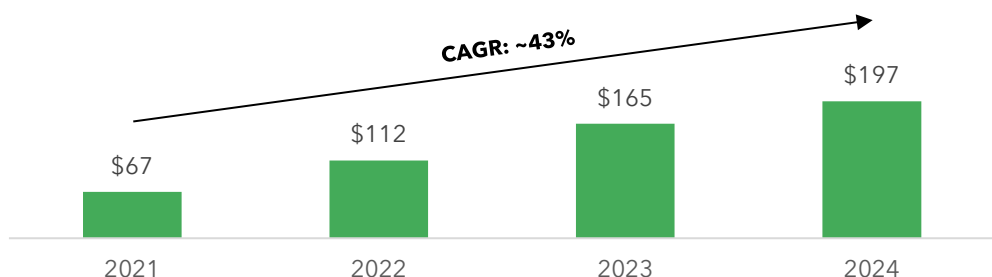
Champions: Expanding to Serve More School-Aged Children

Champions is a Leading Private Provider of Before- and After-School Programs in the U.S.

Champions' Site Count



Champions' Revenue (\$M)



We serve ~1K out of 64K+ elementary schools across the United States ⁽¹⁾, providing a meaningful whitespace opportunity

Note:
1. National center for Educational Statistics.

A Leader for On-Site Organized Care



Champions runs programming on school property: little to no upfront investment



Ability to manage at scale, staffing at district level



Offering at all times of the year, including summer programs through Champ Camp



Allows students to extend academic experience, which can range from homework help to specific electives, like coding



B2B Employer Relationships Driving Growth

Tuition Benefit Program Contributes Meaningfully to Growth

The Program: Offers employees discounted tuition

Delivery Method: Childcare services delivered through our own national portfolio of brands

Model: Clients partner directly or via a 3rd party to access discount on enrollment at ECE centers; Tuition Benefit+ clients supplement families with additional corporate subsidized discount

On-Site / Near-Site Centers Growing

The Program: ECE centers located on / near site to employers

Delivery Method: Childcare center operated by a KCLC brand with flexible model to fit client needs

Model: Centers can be contracted as either P&L or cost-plus; often bundled with Tuition Benefit or Tuition Benefit +



Our Sites Are Conveniently Located Close to Where Families Live, Making Our Tuition Benefit Program Particularly Attractive for Employers and Employees

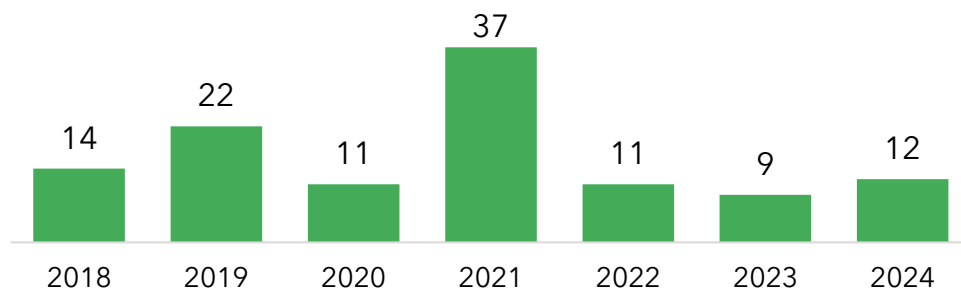
Established and Disciplined Approach to NCOs and M&A

Robust Greenfield Engine



- Dedicated team of 50+ leveraging proprietary tools and a data-driven approach to expedite the identification and opening process
- Rigorous underwriting process
- Opportunity for greenfield in the premium segment under the Crème School brand

of New Center Openings (NCOs) Over Time

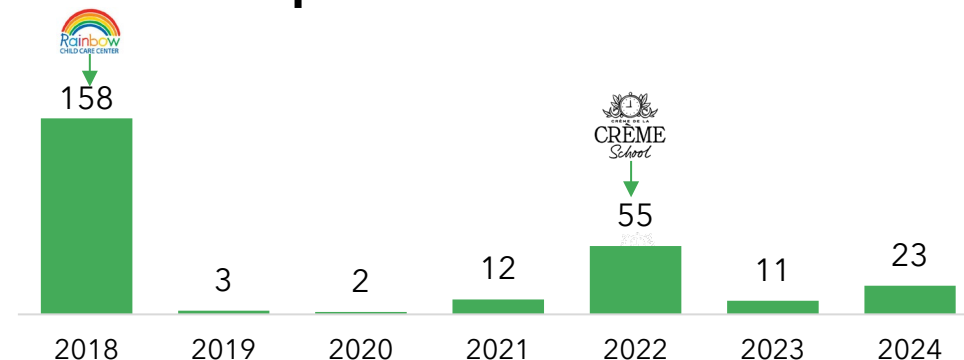


Proven M&A Playbook

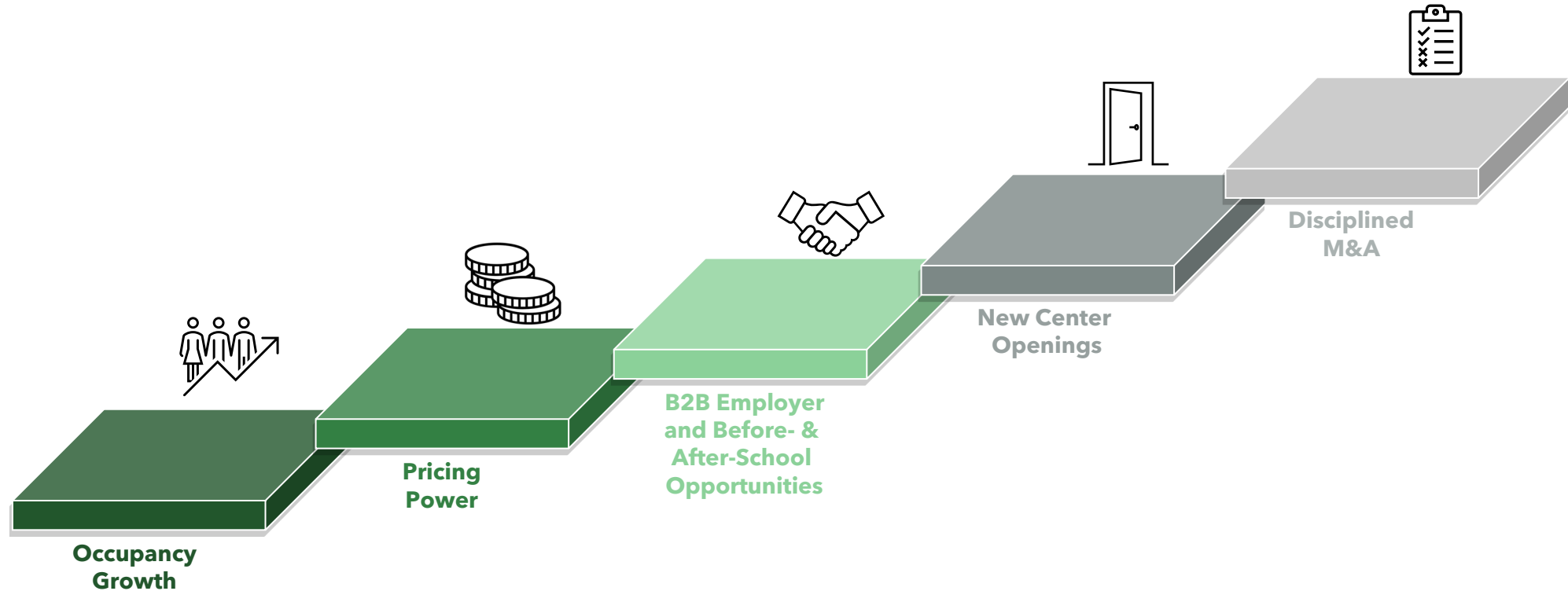


- Highly fragmented market
- M&A playbook indexed to quality
- Able to build density and expand footprint
- Attractive entry tuck-in multiples
- Over 250 centers acquired from 2018 to 2024

of Center Acquisitions Over Time



Multiple Levers to Drive Long-Term High Single Digit Growth



Built-In Growth Drivers with Existing Service Offerings

Expand Service Offerings Organically

Inorganic Growth

Shareholder Value Proposition



Track record of strong same-center revenue growth



Predictable enrollments and pricing increases drive revenue visibility



Platform approach creates operating leverage



Embedded growth and margin expansion in existing fleet

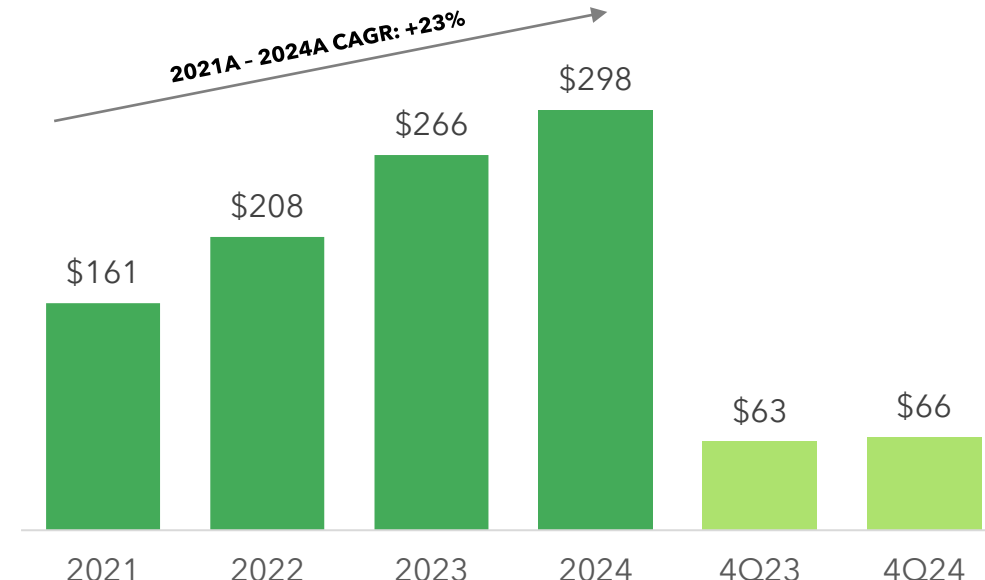
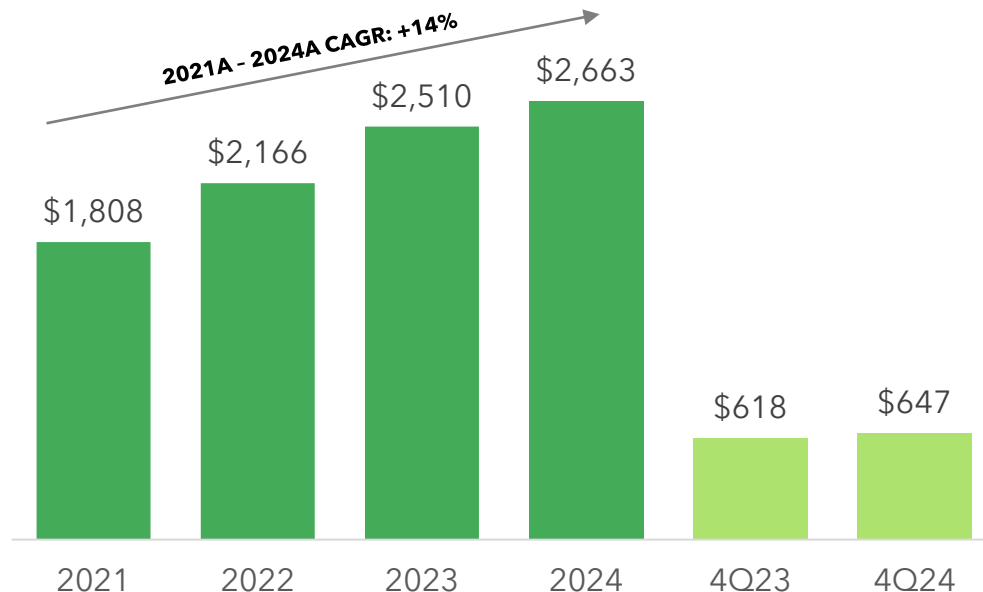


Strong cash flow generation

Historical Revenue & Adjusted EBITDA

Revenue (\$M) ⁽¹⁾

Adjusted EBITDA (\$M) ⁽⁴⁾



ECE ⁽²⁾	\$1,740	\$2,054	\$2,345	\$2,466	\$570	\$593
Before & After ⁽³⁾	\$67	\$112	\$165	\$197	\$48	\$54

Notes:

Some figures may not sum due to rounding.

1. Total revenue figures include revenue attributable to COVID-19 Related Stimulus. During the fiscal years ended December 28, 2024, December 30, 2023, December 31, 2022, and January 1, 2022, the Company recognized \$0.4 million, \$3.0 million, \$2.0 million, and \$6.2 million, respectively, in revenue from COVID-19 Related Stimulus.

2. Inclusive of KinderCare Learning Centers and Crème School brands.

3. Inclusive of Champions brand.

4. See appendix for reconciliation of non-GAAP measures

Capitalization Summary

- Ample liquidity to execute strategic plan
- No material near-term debt maturities
- Corporate/Issuer ratings: B2/B+
- ~118 million shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of year-end December 28, 2024

Leverage Profile ⁽¹⁾

First Lien Term Loan	\$926.0
Less unrestricted cash	(62.3)
Net debt	\$863.6
TTM Adjusted EBITDA⁽²⁾	\$298.1
Leverage Ratio	2.9x

Notes:
 Some figures may not sum due to rounding.
 1. Balance as of December 28, 2024.
 2. See appendix for reconciliation of non-GAAP measures
 3. Cash and outstanding letters of credit as of December 28, 2024.

Liquidity Profile (\$M) ⁽³⁾

Revolver availability	\$240.0
Less outstanding letters of credit	(55.8)
Plus unrestricted cash	62.3
Liquidity	\$246.5

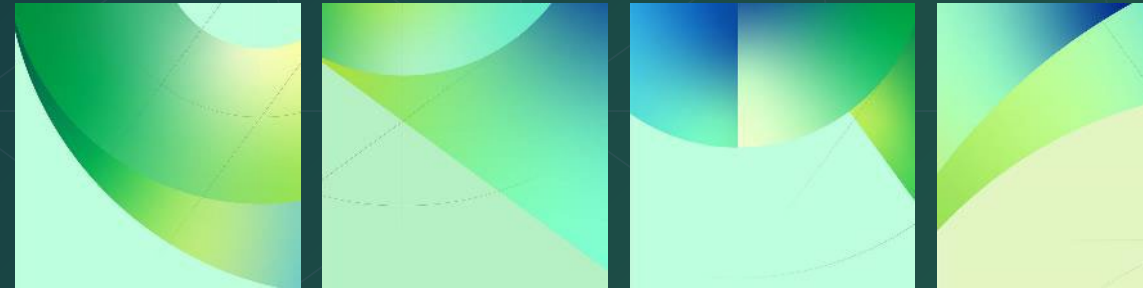
Scheduled Debt Principal Payments (\$M)

2025	\$9.7
2026	\$9.7
2027	\$9.7
2028	\$9.7
2029	\$7.3
Long Term	\$920.9

Long-Term Model Framework

Metric	Long-Term Targets	Drivers
Revenue growth	High Single Digits	Occupancy rates and FTE growth; consistent pricing growth; modest market share gain and expansion in premium market; continued center and site expansion from NCOs, B2B and M&A
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	Mid-teens %	Occupancy improvement and robust operating leverage supported by a scaling business
Leverage Target	<3.0x	Deleveraged post-IPO

Appendix / Reconciliations



Key Performance Metrics

	December 28, 2024	December 30, 2023
Early childhood education centers	1,574	1,557
Before- and after-school sites	1,025	948
Total centers and sites	2,599	2,505

	Three Months Ended		Fiscal Years Ended	
	December 28, 2024	December 30, 2023	December 28, 2024	December 30, 2023
Average weekly ECE FTEs	141,002	139,654	145,149	144,707

	Three Months Ended		Fiscal Years Ended	
	December 28, 2024	December 30, 2023	December 28, 2024	December 30, 2023
ECE same-center occupancy	67.9%	66.9%	69.8%	68.9%

	Three Months Ended		Fiscal Years Ended	
	December 28, 2024	December 30, 2023	December 28, 2024	December 30, 2023
(In thousands)				
ECE same-center revenue	\$ 582,371	\$ 565,011	\$ 2,427,673	\$ 2,322,479

Total Centers and Sites Count

Early childhood education centers	Total
December 30, 2023	1,557
Acquired	+23
Opened	+12
Closed	(18)
December 28, 2024	1,574

Before- and after-school sites	Total
December 30, 2023	948
Acquired	-
Opened	+164
Closed	(87)
December 28, 2024	1,025

Income Statement

(In thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended		Fiscal Years Ended	
	December 28, 2024	December 30, 2023	December 28, 2024	December 30, 2023
Revenue	\$ 646,956	\$ 617,996	\$ 2,663,035	\$ 2,510,182
Costs and expenses:				
Cost of services (excluding depreciation and impairment)	513,695	467,025	2,032,513	1,824,324
Depreciation and amortization	30,213	28,463	117,606	109,045
Selling, general, and administrative expenses	188,915	67,370	423,063	287,967
Impairment losses	3,395	6,479	10,535	13,560
Total costs and expenses	736,218	569,337	2,583,717	2,234,896
(Loss) income from operations	(89,262)	48,659	79,318	275,286
Interest expense	50,733	38,528	170,539	152,893
Interest income	(2,249)	(2,020)	(7,369)	(6,139)
Other expense (income), net	101	332	(5,620)	(1,393)
(Loss) income before income taxes	(137,847)	11,819	(78,232)	129,925
Income tax (benefit) expense	(4,264)	(3,008)	14,608	27,367
Net (loss) income	\$ (133,583)	\$ 14,827	\$ (92,840)	\$ 102,558
Net (loss) income per common share⁽¹⁾:				
Basic	\$ (1.17)	\$ 0.16	\$ (0.96)	\$ 1.13
Diluted	\$ (1.17)	\$ 0.16	\$ (0.96)	\$ 1.13
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding⁽¹⁾:				
Basic	114,136	90,366	96,309	90,366
Diluted	114,136	90,366	96,309	90,389

Notes:

1. On October 8, 2024, the Company effected a common stock conversion, in which Class A and Class B common stock were converted to common stock at a ratio of 8.375 to one. The outstanding shares and per share amounts have been adjusted to retrospectively reflect the conversion.

Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation

(In thousands)

	Three Months Ended		Fiscal Years Ended	
	December 28, 2024	December 30, 2023	December 28, 2024	December 30, 2023
Net (loss) income	\$ (133,583)	\$ 14,827	\$ (92,840)	\$ 102,558
Add back:				
Interest expense	50,733	38,528	170,539	152,893
Interest income	(2,249)	(2,020)	(7,369)	(6,139)
Income tax (benefit) expense	(4,264)	(3,008)	14,608	27,367
EBIT	\$ (89,363)	\$ 48,327	\$ 84,938	\$ 276,679
Add back:				
Depreciation and amortization	30,213	28,463	117,606	109,045
EBITDA	\$ (59,150)	\$ 76,790	\$ 202,544	\$ 385,724
Add back:				
Impairment losses	3,395	6,479	10,535	13,560
Equity-based compensation	123,066	986	122,972	1,821
Management and advisory fee expenses	119	1,217	3,767	4,865
Acquisition related costs	–	3	16	1,182
Non-recurring distribution and bonus expense	–	–	19,287	–
COVID-19 Related Stimulus, net	(4,049)	(23,785)	(69,732)	(150,642)
Other costs	2,595	1,213	8,734	9,872
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 65,976	\$ 62,903	\$ 298,123	\$ 266,382

Notes:
See Consolidated Non-GAAP Measures table from March 20, 2025 earnings press release for add-back explanations.

Balance Sheet and Leverage

\$M	As of December 31, 2022	As of December 30, 2023	As of December 28, 2024
Cash ⁽¹⁾	\$105	\$156	\$62
Revolver ⁽²⁾	-	-	-
Total Debt ⁽³⁾	1,359	1,250	926
Net Debt	\$1,254	\$1,094	\$864
<i>Adjusted LTM EBITDA ⁽⁴⁾</i>	<i>\$208</i>	<i>\$266</i>	<i>\$298</i>
Net Debt / LTM Adjusted EBITDA	6.0x	4.1x	2.9x

Notes:

1. Cash balances represent cash and cash equivalents and exclude restricted cash.
2. Revolver size of \$140 million and \$160 million in 2022 and 2023, respectively. As of December 28, 2024, total borrowing capacity under the Revolver was \$240 million.
3. Debt figures exclude capital leases and debt issuance costs. Total debt balance as of December 28, 2024.
4. See appendix for reconciliation of non-GAAP measures.

Significant Potential for Occupancy Growth Across Fleet

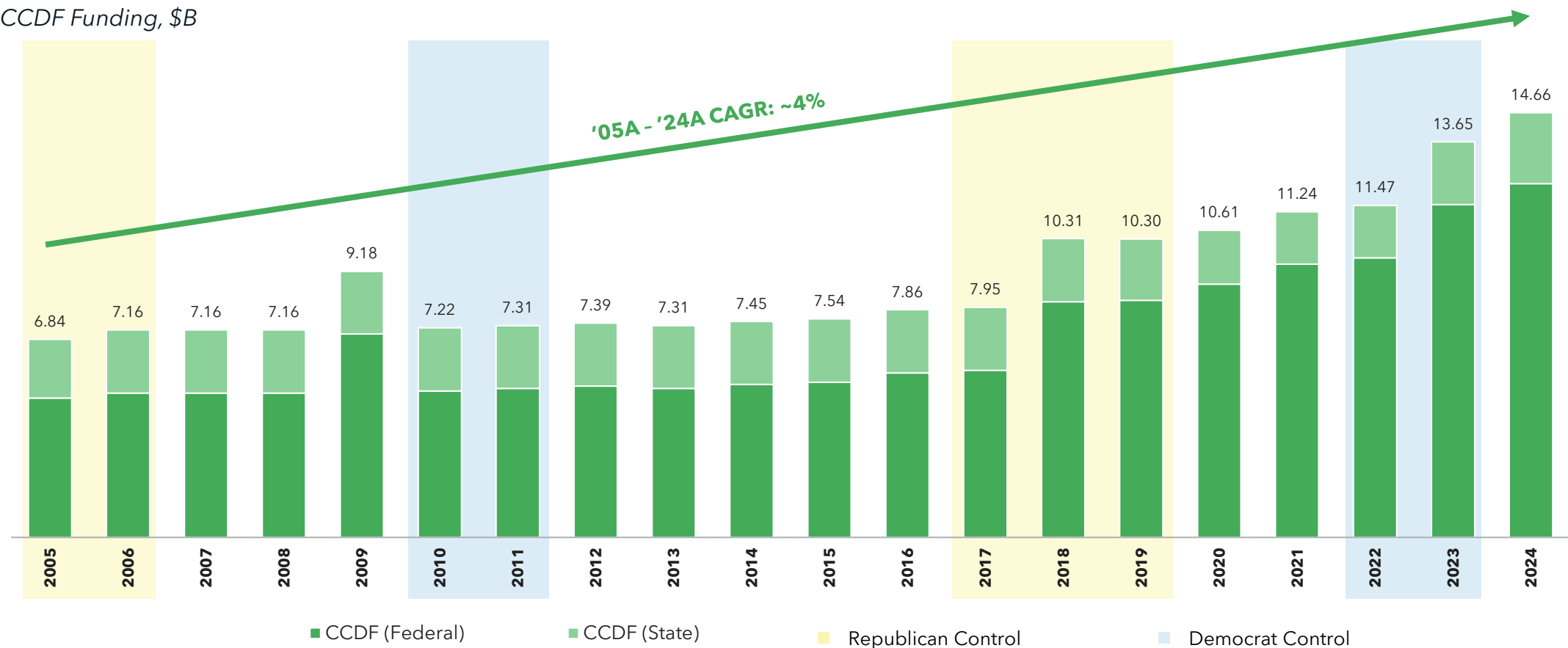
Occupancy Rates of Quintiles Ranked by Center Profitability ⁽¹⁾

Quintile	2019	2023	2024	2024 vs 2019
1 st	74.8%	87.2%	86.1%	↑ 11.3%
2 nd	72.5%	80.7%	81.3%	↑ 8.8%
3 rd	69.8%	75.4%	76.3%	↑ 6.5%
4 th	63.8%	66.0%	67.4%	↑ 3.6%
5 th	50.9%	49.4%	54.3%	↑ 3.3%

Notes:

1. Quintile analysis ranks our centers by EBITDA levels and excludes Crème School and new ramping centers.

Resilient Subsidy Funding with Consistent Growth and Strong Bipartisan Support ⁽¹⁾



Complexity of Accessing Funds Remains a Challenge for Subscale Players and Families

Notes:
1. Funding for federal subsidies is primarily provided through the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), authorized under the Child Care & Development Block Grant (CCDBG); excludes Head Start and other pre-K spend.