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Child Care Aware® of America on Potential Child Care Funding Freeze and Reports of Fraud

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WASHINGTON, DC, January 5, 2026—The following is a response to the Trump Administration’s announcement last week that it would freeze child care funds to all states after allegations of fraud were surfaced.

“All fraud is unacceptable, and credible allegations of fraud should be investigated thoroughly and quickly so that every dollar intended for child care is used wisely. At the same time, it is critical that we do not destabilize child care for the nearly million working families who rely on it to go to their jobs every day,” said Susan Gale Perry, CEO of Child Care Aware® of America. “The vast majority of child care programs that receive federal child care funds are good actors providing a vital service to families and communities. These providers already operate on very thin margins and cannot afford delayed or lost revenue. The Administration must act quickly to clarify any additional reporting requirements and establish an orderly process so that there are not delays in payments.”

Long-standing federal and state oversight, auditing, and program integrity requirements are already in place. If additional safeguards are required, they must be thoughtful, targeted, and proportionate



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