



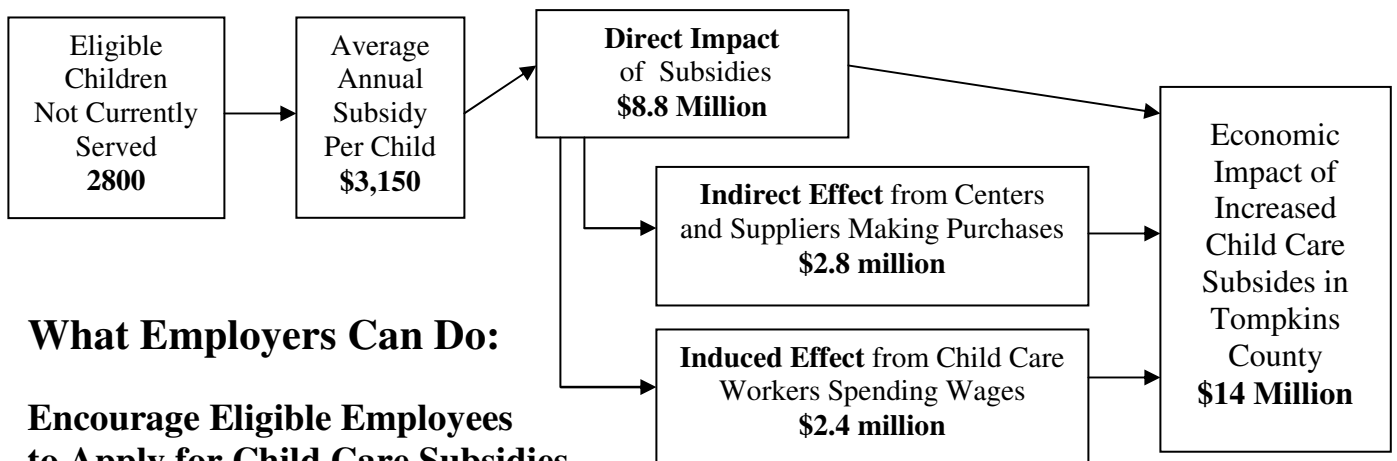
Fill the Gap **Child Care Supports Workers and Employers**

There is government support to help local businesses meet employees' demand for child care.

- Working parents with eligible children are concentrated in retail and service industries.
- High quality affordable child care reduces worker absenteeism and employee turn over.

On average only 400 of 3200 eligible children in Tompkins County receive government child care support.

- This support is for working parents. For example, a family of four earning less than \$36,000/yr is eligible for subsidies.
- The average child care subsidy is \$3150 per child.



What Employers Can Do:

Encourage Eligible Employees to Apply for Child Care Subsidies.

The Early Education Partnership of the Tompkins Co. Chamber of Commerce has flyers available for you to use with your employees.

Encourage Government to Meet This Gap. The business community can encourage state lawmakers to ensure Tompkins County receives adequate funds to support child care for working parents.

If government funded all eligible children it would return almost \$9 million in federal and state taxes to the local economy and stimulate an additional \$5 million in local economic impact.

Data sources: Tompkins County Department of Social Services, 2000. Input-output analysis uses IMPLAN multipliers for Tompkins County 1998: direct effect 1.0, indirect effect 0.32, induced effect 0.28. **Cited studies:** "Parents Receiving Child care Subsidies: Where Do They Work?" by Kumiko Okuyama and Roberta B. Weber. October 2001. *Oregon Child Care Research Partnership*: Linn-Benton Community College.

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