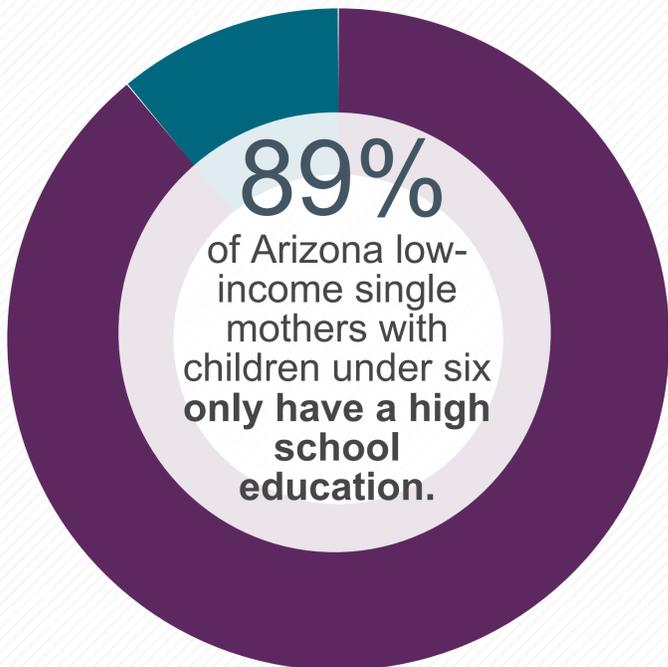


Relationship of Economic Independence and Access to Childcare for Single Moms

Arizona faces a skills gap. Simultaneously, a vast majority of single mothers with young children lack any kind of post-secondary degree, which substantially limits their job prospects and earning potential - leaving them to rely on assistance benefits. But in order for these parents to pursue training and education for higher-earning skilled jobs, affordable childcare is crucial. With the right support, this population can fill Arizona jobs.

Single working mothers are poised for Career Technical Education.



At least **33,000 mothers** in the AZ labor force could benefit right now from education or training coupled with childcare.



But, the cost of center-based care for a toddler is

\$836/mo

which is more than the average apartment in Arizona.

Childcare support is a key component of their access to training.



We all win: long-term benefits for Arizona!

What is the benefit for AZ? Employers will likely have an increased pool of talent. What's more, by investing in childcare as a part of workforce training, the state can save nearly **\$20,000 per year per family** from parents who no longer need public assistance. This investment can also **increase tax revenue** due to higher earnings.

State savings of \$20,000 per year per family!

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