Poverty trends 2024: Finding our place in systemic change

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Increase the availability, affordability, and accessibility of childcare

While cash transfers can help parents and caregivers afford costs of living like childcare, they don't address the infrastructure or labour force needs of creating more childcare spaces and accessible, high-quality care. Campaign 2000 notes that "significant progress has been made in developing a national system of early learning and child care since 2021, which is a crucial component in the solution to eradicate child and family poverty. The creation of child care spaces, however, is not keeping up with demand, and the cost of \$10 a day remains out of reach for low income households." CPJ joins partners at Campaign 2000: End Child and Family Poverty in calling on the federal government to:

- standardize a \$0-\$10/day child care model;
- invest into fair compensation for the workforce;
- and to increase investments into publicly owned infrastructure.

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