

Project 2025 plan calls for shifting funding for childcare to in-home care ^[1]

Trump recently gave garbled answer to question on childcare, while Vance said extended family should help out

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Project 2025, the Heritage Foundation's wish-list of policies for a second Trump presidency if he wins November's election, was written by a number of supporters as well as officials who previously served under the former president. And it calls to defund childcare.

"Prioritize funding for home-based childcare, not universal day care," the Project 2025 text states. Without evidence, it adds:

"Concurrently, children who spend significant time in day care experience higher rates of anxiety, depression, and neglect as well as poor educational and developmental outcomes. Instead of providing universal day care, funding should go to parents either to offset the cost of staying home with a child or to pay for familial, in-home childcare."

Project 2025 also claims that overtime pay requirements discourage employers from offering benefits such as childcare in a push to scale back overtime pay protections for workers.

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In a 2021 thread on X, Vance called universal childcare a "a massive subsidy to the lifestyle preferences of the affluent over the preferences of the middle and working class". Vance characterized universal day care as "class warfare against normal people".

He also claimed in a 2021 podcast interview that professional women "choose a path to misery" by prioritizing their careers over having children. And Vance agreed with a podcast host in 2020 that "post-menopausal females" exist to help parents raise children.

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