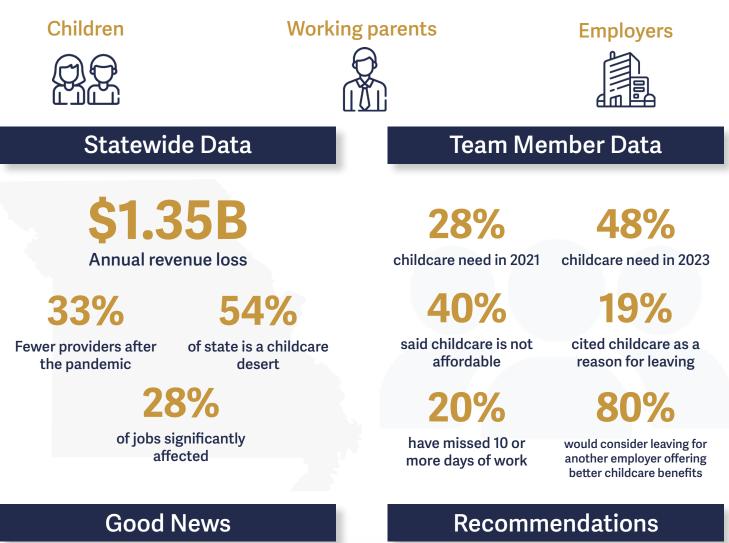
FOR STATE TEAM MEMBERS

The Issue

Missourians face a childcare crisis of *affordability* and *accessibility* - including state team members.

Expensive and inaccessible childcare causes a *negative economic impact* by affecting:



Missouri is in a position to **avert this crisis**, already implementing solutions to **build on in the future**.

- Office of Childhood created in 2021
- \$78M to support childcare in FY 2024 budget recommendation
- Millions available in grant funding and a new RFP for overnight childcare



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To immediately help team members and

Implement a financial benefit program Develop a team of experts to conduct a

childcare statewide

build momentum to solve this complex issue:

review that identifies targeted solutions for