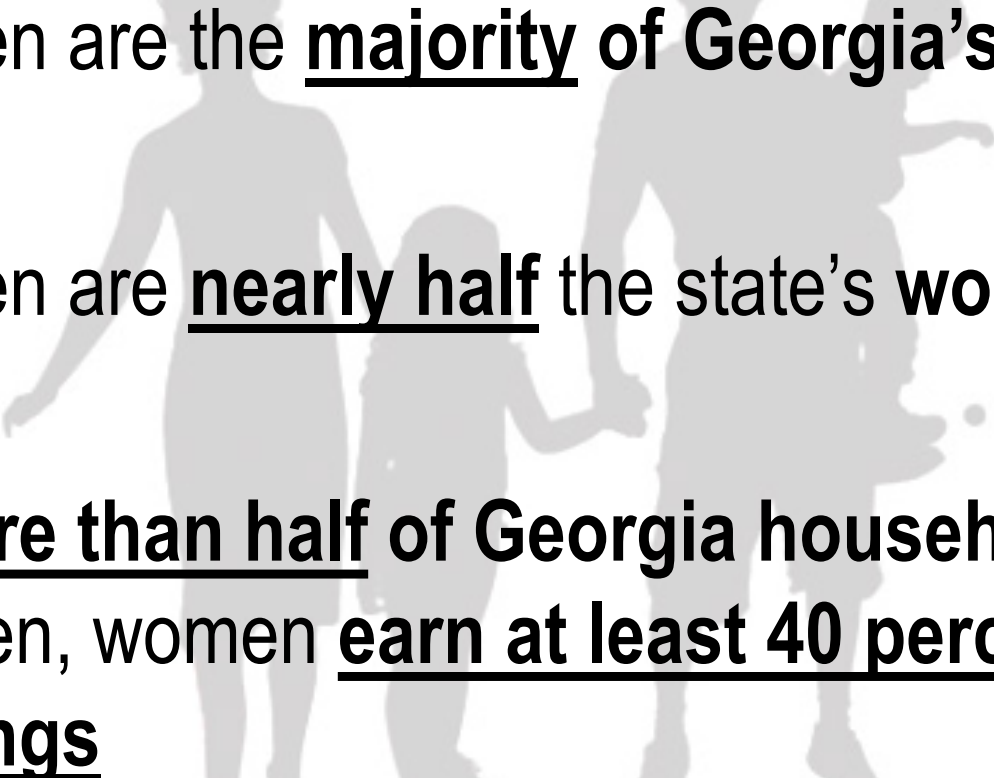




Women Working Ahead: An Economic Opportunity Agenda for Georgia Women

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Women are Key to Georgia's Economy

- Women are the **majority** of Georgia's adults
 - Women are **nearly half** the state's workforce
 - In **more than half** of Georgia households with children, women **earn at least 40 percent of family earnings**
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- A faint, light gray silhouette of a family walking. It shows a woman on the left, a child in the middle, and a man on the right carrying a baby. They are all walking towards the right.

To maximize the economic potential of Georgia we must maximize the economic potential of women



**Georgia
could add**

\$14.4 Billion

**to its economy if working
women earned the same as
comparable men**

**Poverty for
working women
could fall by nearly
HALF
if women earned
pay equal to
comparable men**

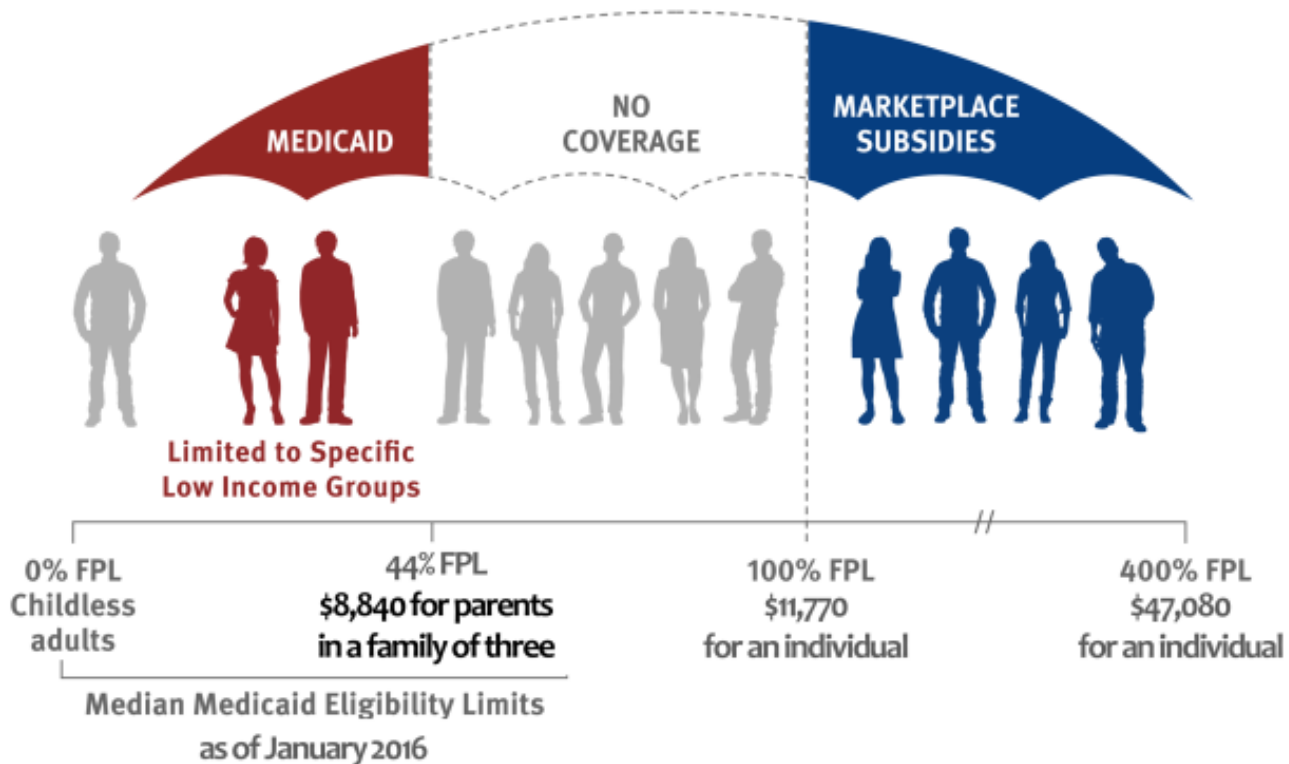


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 - **Close Georgia's coverage gap by expanding Medicaid**
- Mothers have access to **QUALITY CHILD CARE** so they can work
 - **Expand Child Care Assistance**
- **WORK PAYS** for Women
 - **Enact the Georgia Work Credit**
 - **Raise the state minimum wage**

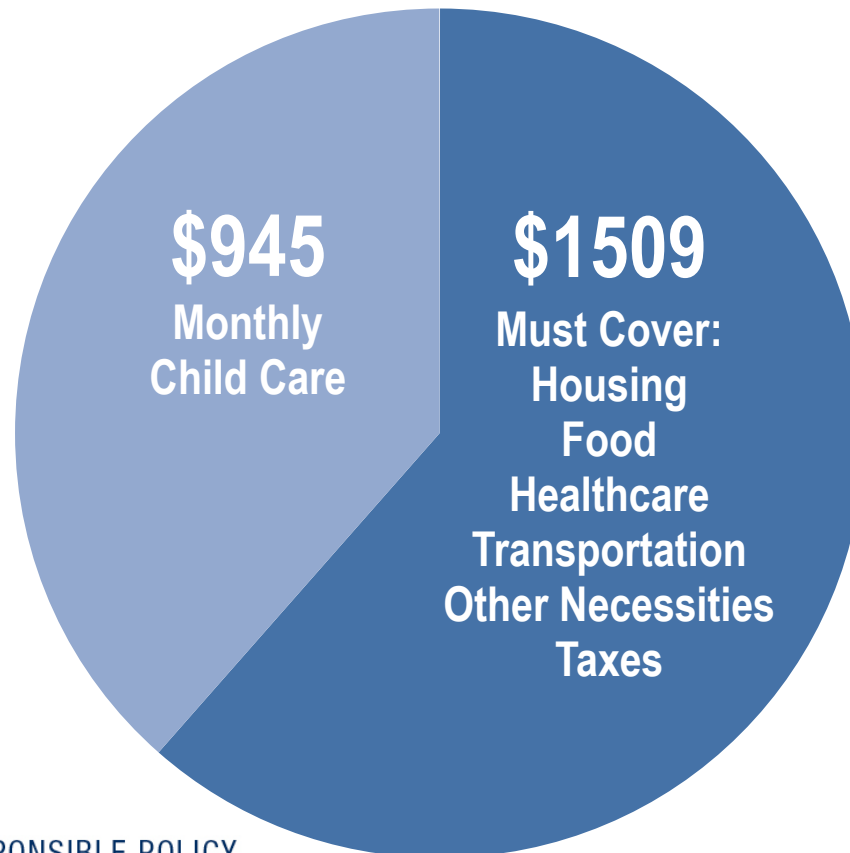
155,000 Women Fall in Coverage Gap

Gap in Coverage for Adults in States that Do Not Expand Medicaid under the ACA



Child Care Costs Burden Georgia Families

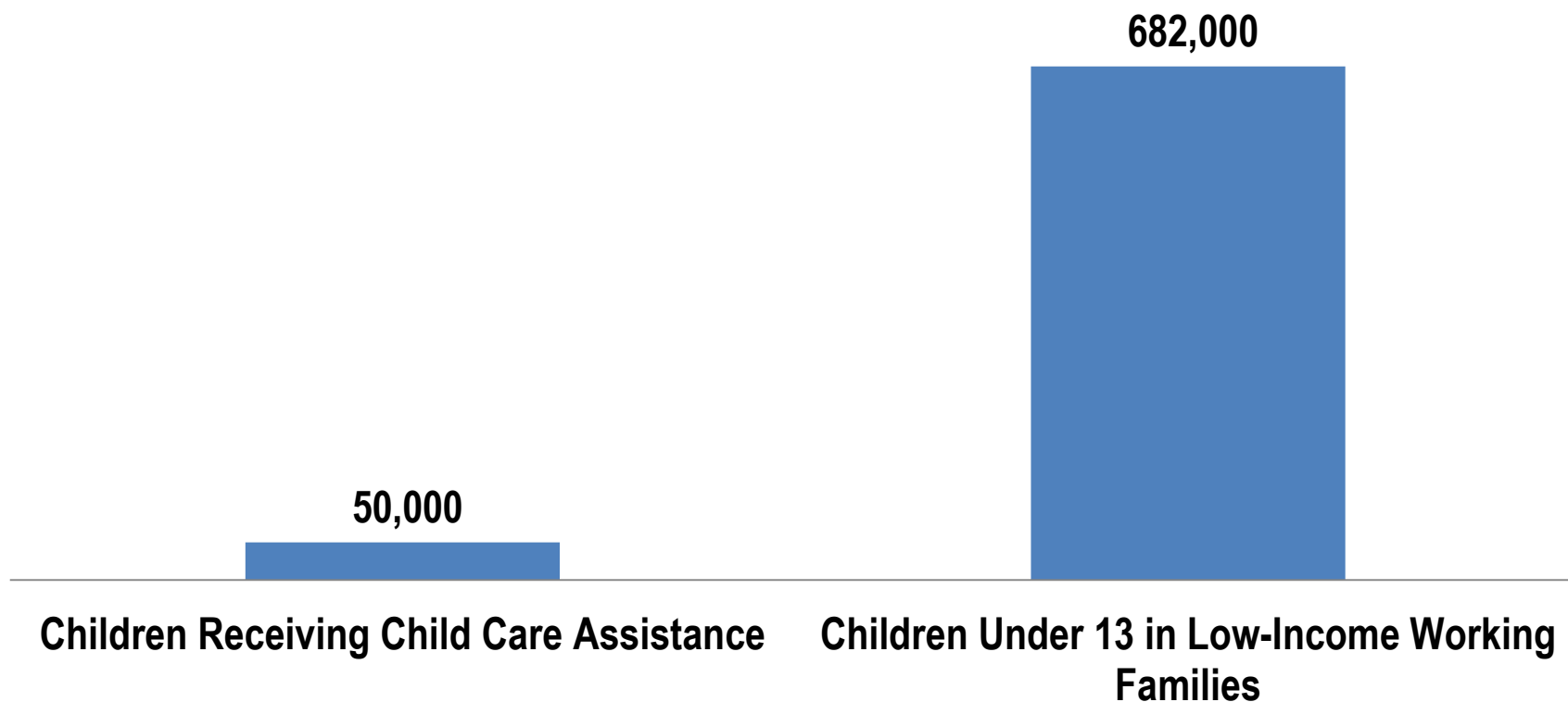
Child Care Can Equal Nearly 40% of a Low-Income Family Budget





Child Care Assistance Falls Short

Georgia Child Care Assistance Helps Only a Fraction of Those In Need



A Georgia Work Credit Benefits Women



- **40% of Georgia's working women stand to gain from a state Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)**
- **The EITC boosts work hours, especially among single mothers**



Women Have Most to Gain From \$10.10 Minimum Wage



- **Nearly one in four Georgia women would benefit from a \$10.10 minimum wage**
- **Women affected by minimum wage increase would see cumulative wages rise by \$342 million**

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