



## The Budget Conference Committee

The Budget Resolution is like a blueprint for the budget – an indication of how much room the other Congressional committees have to do their detail work. The House and the Senate passed very different models in early 2013 and to-date have not resolved their differences.

The deal that re-opened the federal government in October after the shutdown included directions for the House and Senate to come together in a Conference Committee and report out by December 13. This is where Congress will map out how much funding will – or won't - be available for early care and education, and they will debate different spending and revenue options.

The decisions of the Conference Committee members present a critical opportunity for what is possible for the Child Care and Development Block Grant, Head Start, and new ideas like Preschool for All.

The Conference Committee includes seven Representatives and 22 Senators:

<b>From the House of Representatives:</b>	<b>From the Senate:</b>	
Paul D. Ryan (R-WI) Chairman, House Budget Committee	Patty Murray (D-WA) Chairwoman, Senate Budget Committee	Tim Kaine (D-VA)
Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) Ranking member, Budget Committee	Jeff Sessions (R-AL) Ranking member, Budget Committee	Angus King (I-ME)
Diane Black (R-TN)	Ron Wyden (D-OR)	Charles E. Grassley (R-IA)
Tom Cole (R-OK)	Bill Nelson (D-FL)	Michael B. Enzi (R-WY)
Tom Price (R-GA)	Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)	Michael D. Crapo (R-ID)
James Clyburn (D-SC)	Bernard Sanders (I-VT)	Lindsey Graham, (R-SC)
Nita M. Lowey (D-NY)	Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)	Rob Portman (R-OH)
	Mark Warner (D-VA)	Patrick J. Toomey (R-PA)
	Jeff Merkley (D-OR)	Ron Johnson (R-WI)
	Chris Coons (D-DE)	Kelly Ayotte (R-NH)
	Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)	Roger Wicker (R-MS)

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