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First Quarter FY25 Business Highlights

1 Entering Idaho

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2 KinderCare for Employer wins

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3 Champions Expansion

Champions expanded into 10 new districts during Q1 and has increased by 88 sites during the past 12 months.

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4 Reiterating 2025 Guidance

Management reiterates annual guidance for Revenue, Adjusted EBITDA, and Adjusted EPS

Core Pillars Strategically Aligned to Deliver Positive Results

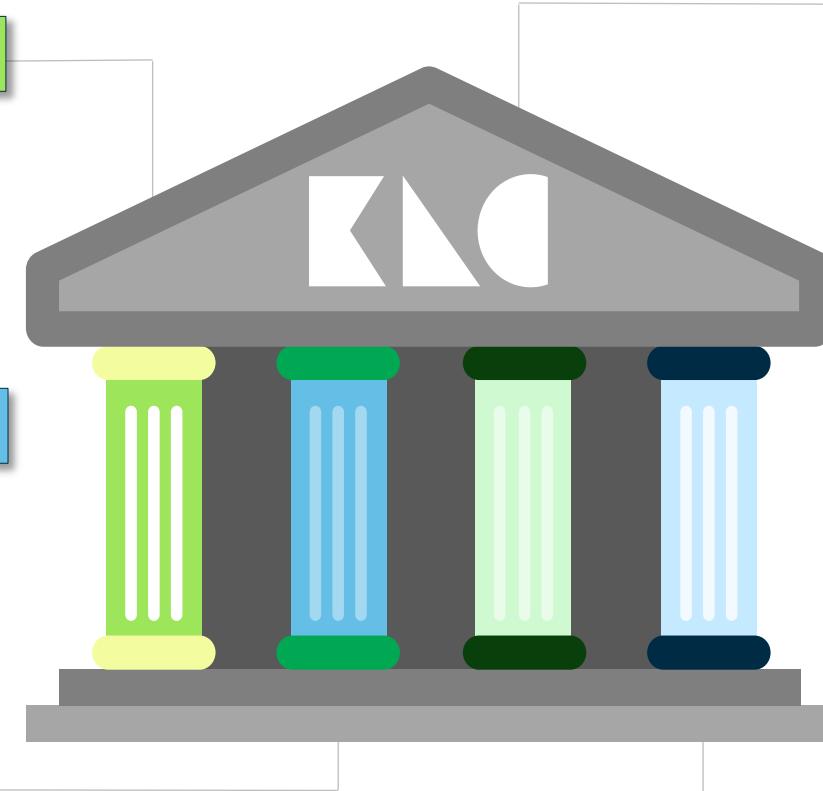
Foundational principles result in superior child development, engaged employees and families, and profitable results

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

- Proprietary curriculum drives better outcomes
- ~90% Nationally Accredited Centers
- KinderCare children outperform their peers in readiness for Kindergarten

PEOPLE

- 9 consecutive Gallup Exceptional Workplace Awards
- Invested in wages, benefits, and career development to further cement KinderCare as a top employer for teachers
- Data-driven talent assessment focusing on individual values and cultural fit
- Background checks completed for **every** employee



HEALTH & SAFETY

- Safety first - **ALWAYS**
- Dedicated Health & Safety team focused exclusively on physical and emotional well-being of children
- Leading-edge protocols developed in partnership with outside experts
- Rigorous and transparent incident reporting and investigation process
- Largest Well Health Seal Certified Operator

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

- Diverse portfolio of brands and go to market channels
- Significant operating leverage
- Consistent reinvestment to sustain growth, profitability, and flexible service offerings
- Strong and steady profitability and growth

Key Performance Metrics

	March 29, 2025	March 30, 2024
Early childhood education centers ⁽¹⁾	1,582	1,563
Before- and after-school sites ⁽²⁾	1,038	950
Total centers and sites	2,620	2,513
Three Months Ended		
	March 29, 2025	March 30, 2024
Average weekly ECE FTEs ⁽³⁾	144,076	145,180
Three Months Ended		
	March 29, 2025	March 30, 2024
ECE same-center occupancy ⁽⁴⁾	69.1%	69.6%
Three Months Ended		
	March 29, 2025	March 30, 2024
(In millions)		
ECE same-center revenue ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 606.4	\$ 597.7

Notes:

1. Inclusive of KinderCare Learning Centers and Crème School brands.

2. Inclusive of Champions brand.

3. FTE: Full Time Enrollment.

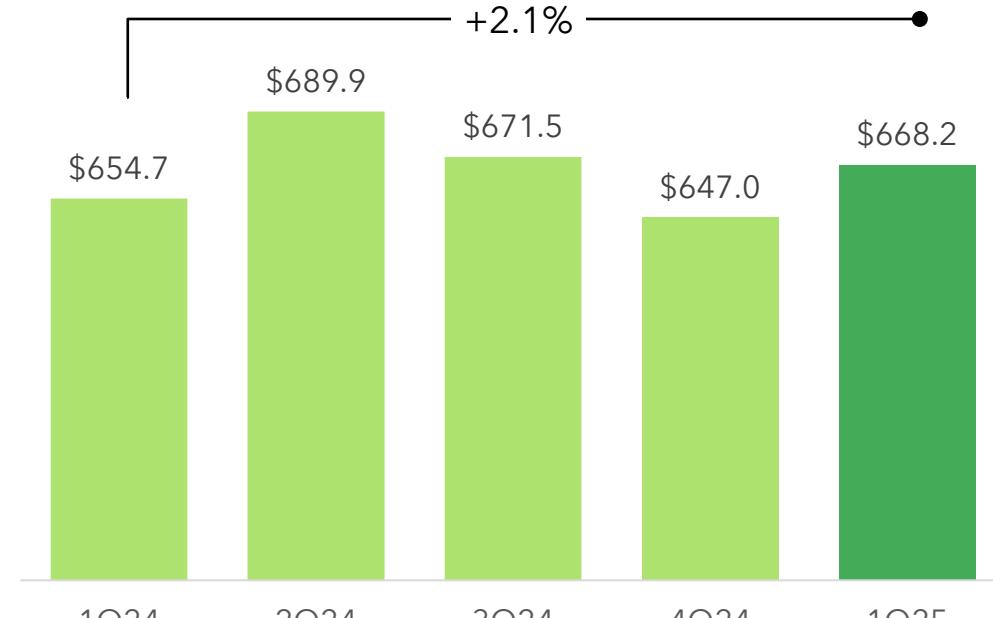
4. We define same-center to be centers that have been operated by us for at least 12 months as of the period end date, or in other words, centers that are starting their second year of operation.

Total Centers and Sites Count

Early childhood education centers ⁽¹⁾	Total
December 28, 2024	1,574
Acquired	5
Opened	5
Closed	(2)
March 29, 2025	1,582

Before- and after-school sites ⁽²⁾	Total
December 28, 2024	1,025
New	19
Closed	(6)
March 29, 2025	1,038

Revenue and Profitability Continue Growing Over Prior Year

Revenue (\$M)⁽¹⁾

Adjusted EBITDA (\$M)⁽⁴⁾


ECE⁽²⁾	\$605.3	\$641.1	\$626.4	\$593.3	\$615.0
Before & After⁽³⁾	\$49.4	\$48.8	\$45.0	\$53.7	\$53.2

TTM	\$276.8	\$280.7	\$295.1	\$298.1	\$307.3
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Notes:

Some figures may not sum due to rounding.

1. Total revenue figures include revenue attributable to COVID-19 Related Stimulus. During the quarters ended March 30, 2024, June 29, 2024, September 28, 2024, December 28, 2024, and March 29, 2025, the Company recognized \$0.0 million, \$0.1 million, \$0.2 million, \$0.1 million, and \$0.0 million, respectively, in revenue from COVID-19 Related Stimulus.

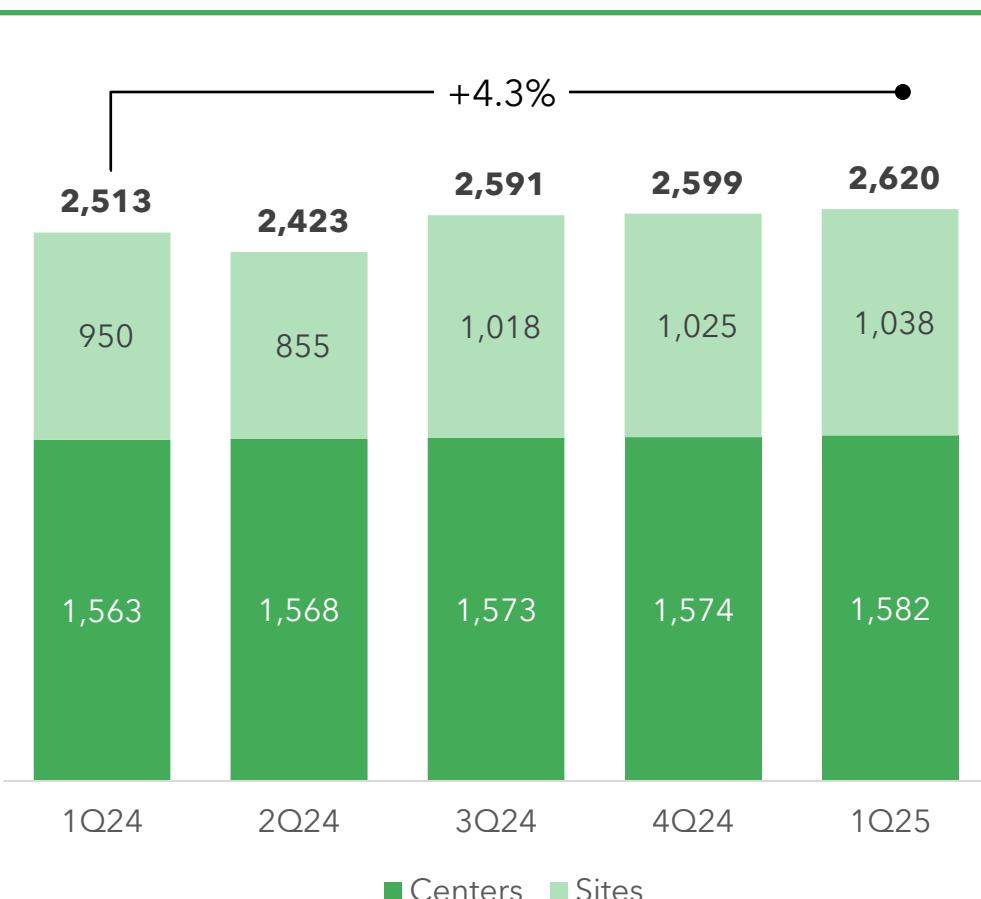
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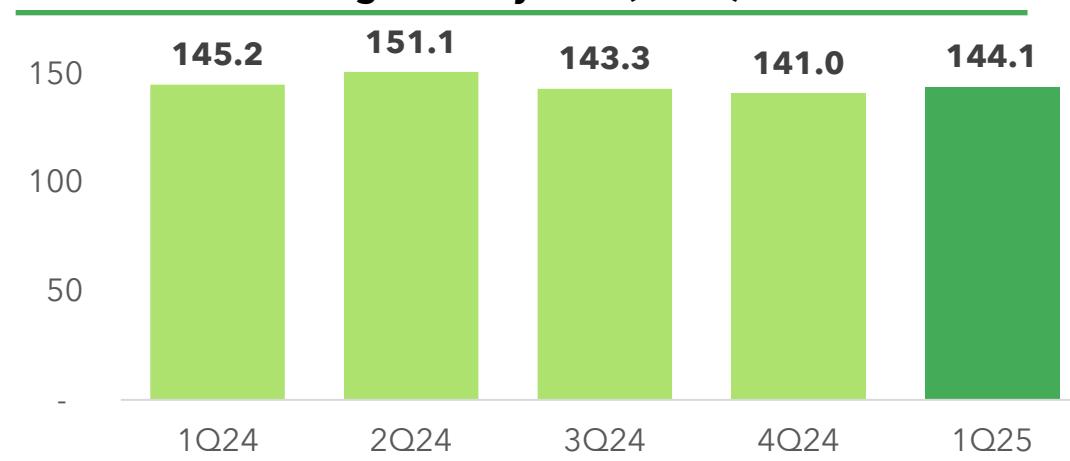
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Executing Multi-Faceted Portfolio Growth Strategy

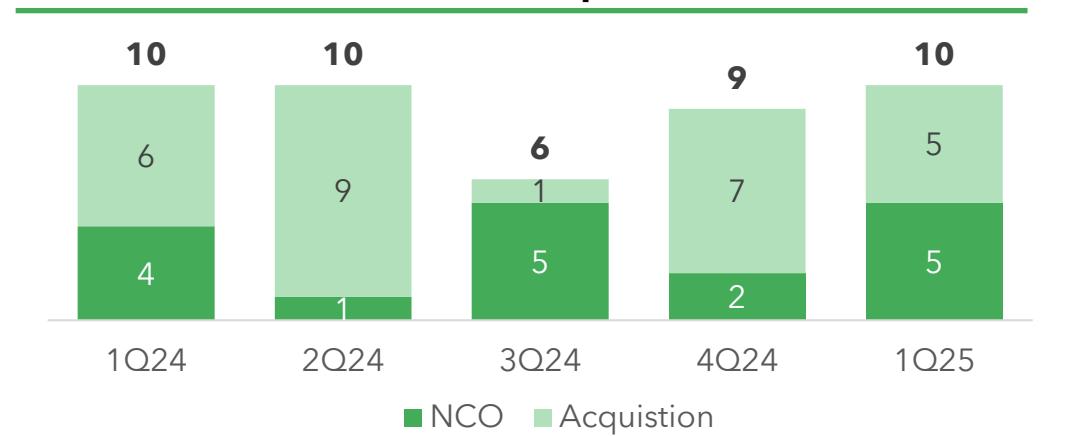
Total Centers and Sites



Average Weekly FTEs (000's)⁽¹⁾



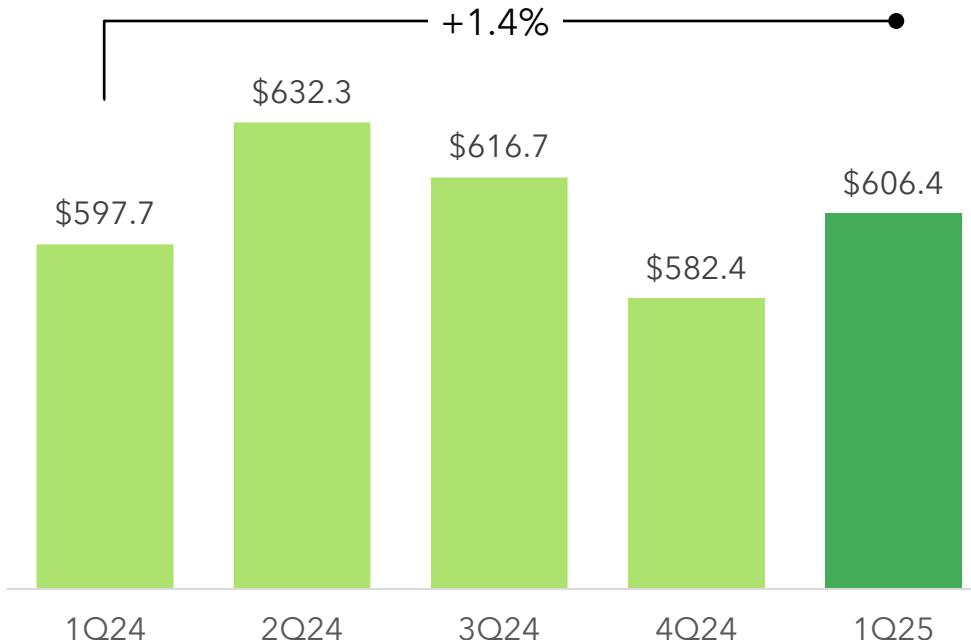
NCOs⁽²⁾ and Acquisitions



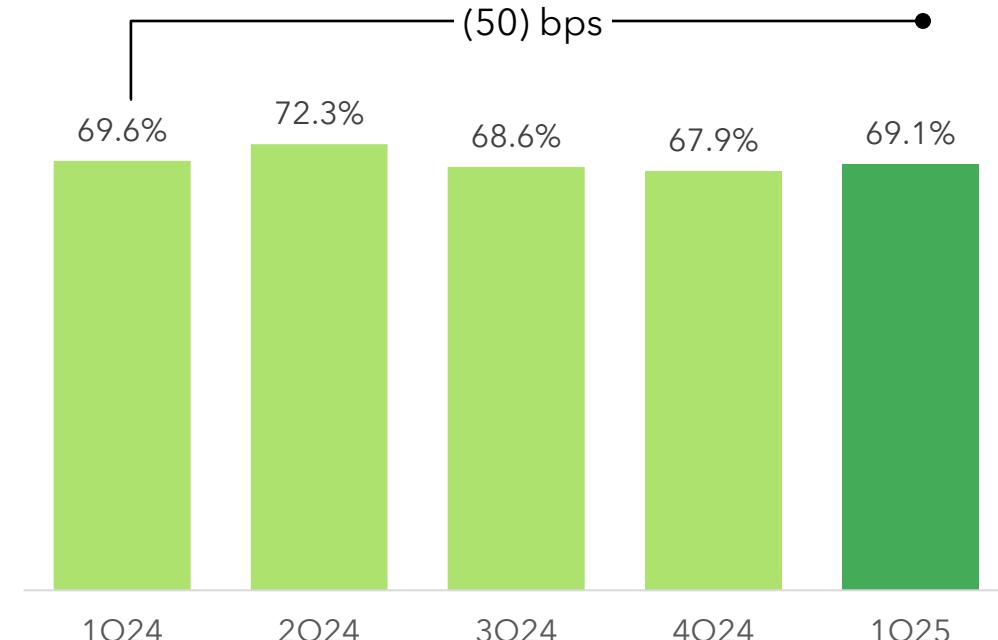
Notes:
 1. FTE: Full Time Enrollment.
 2. NCO: New Center Opening.

Same-Center Revenue and Occupancy In-Line with Guidance

Same-Center Revenue (\$M)⁽¹⁾



Same-Center Occupancy⁽¹⁾



Softer Occupancy in the 1st Quarter Contributed to Slower Year over Year Same-Center Revenue Growth

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Strong Balance Sheet is Rightsized for Growth and Liquidity

- Ample liquidity to execute strategic plan
- No material near-term debt maturities
- Corporate/Issuer ratings: B2/B+
- ~118 million shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of March 29, 2025

Leverage Profile (\$M)⁽¹⁾

First Lien Term Loan	\$927.4
Less unrestricted cash	(131.3)
Net debt	\$796.1
TTM Adjusted EBITDA⁽²⁾	\$307.3
Leverage Ratio	2.6x

Notes:

1. Balances and figures as of March 29, 2025.

2. See appendix for reconciliation of non-GAAP measures.

Liquidity Profile (\$M)⁽¹⁾

Revolver availability	\$262.5
Less outstanding letters of credit	(55.1)
Plus unrestricted cash	131.3
Liquidity	\$338.7

Scheduled Debt Principal Payments (\$M)⁽¹⁾

Remainder 2025	\$9.7
2026	\$9.7
2027	\$9.7
2028	\$9.7
2029	\$7.3
Long Term	\$920.9

Reiterating FY 2025 Guidance

Revenue

\$2.75 - \$2.85 Billion

Adjusted EBITDA

\$310 - \$325 Million

Adjusted EPS

\$0.75 - \$0.85

Growth Algorithm Assumptions

(% Year over Year Growth Contributions)

Occupancy

Relatively Flat

New Center Openings (NCOs)

~1%

Pricing

Low end of 3% - 5%

Acquisitions

1 - 2%

B2B/Champions

1 - 2%

Consolidation

(1%)

3rd Party Observations on CCDF Outlook ⁽¹⁾

“The federal child care subsidy program remains highly stable with bipartisan support” - Capstone

ACCORDING TO CAPSTONE:

“...political support and the overall funding environment for the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) is highly stable. We expect flat-to-increasing funding for CCDF and do not expect broader reform initiatives across government to impact the program.”

01 CCDF Overview

“The CCDF is the primary federal subsidy for private child care. The program has existed for decades and is administered as a block grant to states, giving state lead agencies considerable flexibility in determining local program parameters.”

02 Appropriations Outlook

“...the appropriations outlook for CCDF is positive through FY 2026. We expect Congress to flat-fund or marginally increase CCDBG appropriations. We do not anticipate any funding cuts to the program.”

03 Government Efficiency Cuts

“Staff changes and reductions at HHS do not impact distribution of CCDF funds. Downsizing at the US Department of Education has virtually no impact on federal child care policy, and possible cuts to Head Start appear less likely after they were excluded from the President’s budget.”

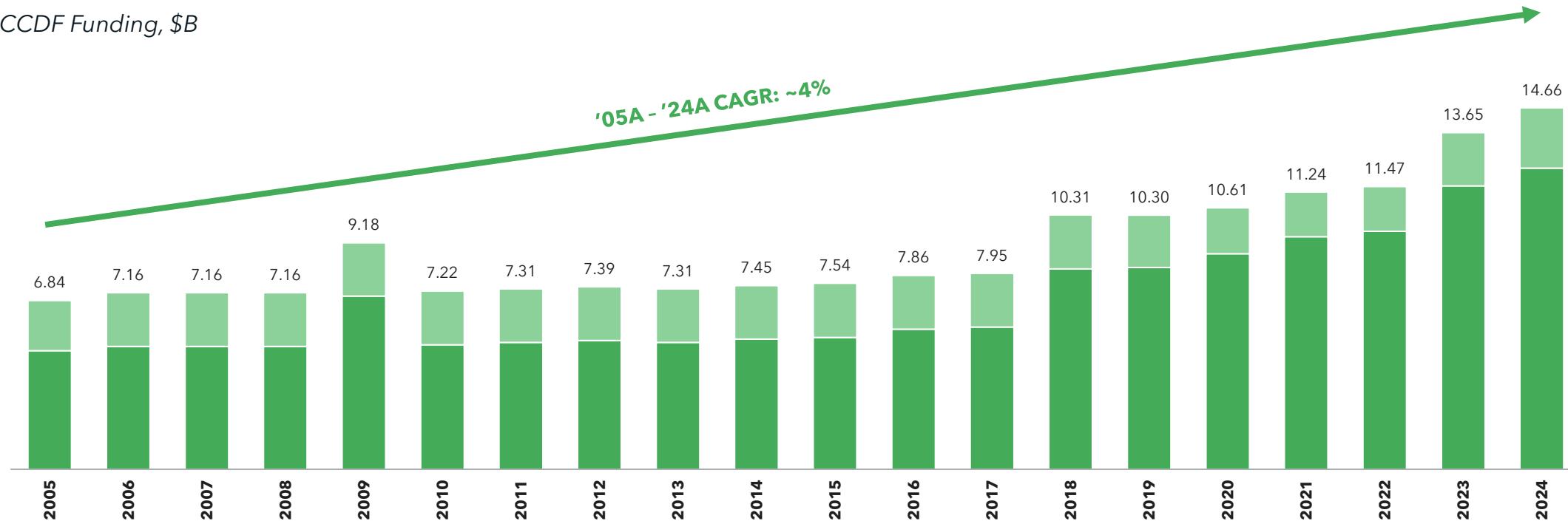
Notes:

1. <https://capstonedc.com/early-childhood-education-funding-landscape-current-outlook-and-funding-mechanisms>

Resilient Subsidy Funding with Consistent Growth and Strong Bipartisan Support⁽¹⁾



CCDF Funding, \$B



Years	'05-'06	'07-'08	'09-'10	'11-'12	'13-'14	'15-'16	'17-'18	'19-'20	'21-'22	'23-'24
WH										
House										
Senate										

■ CCDF (Federal)

■ CCDF (State)

■ Republican Control

■ Democrat Control

Complexity of Accessing Funds Remains a Challenge for Subscale Players and Families

Notes:

1. Funding for federal subsidies is primarily provided through the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), authorized under the Child Care & Development Block Grant (CCDBG); excludes Head Start, TANF transfers, and other pre-K spend.



Appendix / Reconciliations



Income Statement

(In thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 29, 2025	March 30, 2024
	\$ 668,244	\$ 654,670
Revenue		
Costs and expenses:		
Cost of services (excluding depreciation and impairment)	516,188	497,694
Depreciation and amortization	29,977	28,540
Selling, general, and administrative expenses	71,727	90,455
Impairment losses	1,510	4,362
Total costs and expenses	619,402	621,051
Income from operations	48,842	33,619
Interest expense	20,108	36,420
Interest income	(659)	(2,108)
Other expense (income), net	398	(3,284)
Income before income taxes	28,995	2,591
Income tax expense	7,838	4,342
Net income (loss)	\$ 21,157	\$ (1,751)
Net income (loss) per common share:		
Basic	\$ 0.18	\$ (0.02)
Diluted	\$ 0.18	\$ (0.02)
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:		
Basic	118,239	90,366
Diluted	118,321	90,366

Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation

(In thousands)

	Three Months Ended					FY Ended December 30, 2023
	March 29, 2025	December 28, 2024	September 28, 2024	June 29, 2024	March 30, 2024	
	\$ 21,157	\$ (133,583)	\$ 13,959	\$ 28,535	\$ (1,751)	
Net income (loss)	\$ 21,157	\$ (133,583)	\$ 13,959	\$ 28,535	\$ (1,751)	\$ 102,558
Add back:						
Interest expense	20,108	50,733	39,459	43,927	36,420	152,893
Interest income	(659)	(2,249)	(1,260)	(1,752)	(2,108)	(6,139)
Income tax expense	7,838	(4,264)	4,154	10,376	4,342	27,367
EBIT	\$ 48,444	\$ (89,363)	\$ 56,312	\$ 81,086	\$ 36,903	\$ 276,679
Add back:						
Depreciation and amortization	29,977	30,213	29,641	29,212	28,540	109,045
EBITDA	\$ 78,421	\$ (59,150)	\$ 85,953	\$ 110,298	\$ 65,443	\$ 385,724
Add back:						
Impairment losses	1,510	3,395	1,257	1,521	4,362	13,560
Stock-based compensation	4,073	123,066	(1,402)	1,413	(105)	1,821
Management and advisory fee expenses	–	119	1,216	1,216	1,216	4,865
Acquisition related costs	–	–	–	–	16	1,182
Non-recurring distribution and bonus expense	–	–	–	–	19,287	–
COVID-19 Related Stimulus, net	(663)	(4,049)	(14,908)	(31,281)	(19,494)	(150,642)
Other costs	210	2,595	(760)	3,184	3,715	9,872
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 83,551	\$ 65,976	\$ 71,356	\$ 86,351	\$ 74,440	\$ 266,382

Notes:

See Consolidated Non-GAAP Measures table from May 13, 2025 earnings press release for add-back explanations.

Balance Sheet and Leverage

\$M	As of March 29, 2025	As of December 28, 2024	As of December 30, 2023
Total Debt ⁽¹⁾	\$927	\$926	\$1,250
Revolver ⁽²⁾	-	-	-
Less: Cash ⁽³⁾	\$131	\$62	\$156
Net Debt	\$796	\$864	\$1,094
Adjusted TTM EBITDA ⁽⁴⁾	\$307	\$298	\$266
Net Debt / TTM Adjusted EBITDA ⁽⁴⁾	2.6x	2.9x	4.1x

Notes:

1. Debt figures exclude capital leases.
2. As of March 29, 2025, total borrowing capacity under the Revolver was \$262.5 million. Revolver borrowing capacity of \$240 million and \$160 million in 2024 and 2023, respectively.
3. Cash balances represent cash and cash equivalents and exclude restricted cash.
4. A reconciliation of non-GAAP measures to the most comparable GAAP metric is included elsewhere in this appendix.