

December 19, 2016

Dear President- Elect Trump:

The Child Care and Early Learning Coalition welcomes your recognition of the importance of affordable, high-quality child care. Child care is critical to our nation's children, women, and families, to the professionals who care for and teach our young children, and to our economic growth and prosperity. The Coalition urges your Administration to move forward with substantial investments in high-quality child care, which will help parents work, boost the well-being of children, and make our economy stronger.

The signatories below support strategies that give low- and middle-income families financial help in affording high-quality child care so parents can succeed at work; that reflect families' preferences and needs for child care; that fund salaries needed to attract and retain well-qualified child care professionals; and that give children the early learning experiences they need to succeed in school and in life and to become productive members of the future workforce.

We hope to work with your Administration in its first 100 days to help hard-working families succeed through significant new investments in child care. We encourage you to make an initial investment in child care because it would shore up our nation's infrastructure. Child care is a vital part of our national infrastructure that is central to working families, communities, and the current and future economic success of our country. When we invest in building the best roads and bridges, we need to make sure that the workers building those roads and bridges have the best child care for their children. Simply put, parents cannot work if they do not have child care. As you have noted, today's workforce includes 73.5 million women, which represents 47 percent of the entire U.S. labor force. About 25.5 million of these women in the labor force have children under age 18, including over 10 million who have children under age six. These women need to work to help support their families, but the high cost of child care often makes this impossible.

The most effective, efficient way to invest in child care would be through a substantial increase in funding for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG), our major federal child care program. The program, which provides vouchers directly to working families to help them afford the child care of their choice, is serving just one out of six children eligible for help, and the number of children receiving assistance has been steadily declining over the past several years due to insufficient federal funding. In 2014, Congress reauthorized the program—with broad bipartisan support—to protect the health and safety of children in child care and remove bureaucratic hurdles to families' getting and keeping child care assistance. By investing in this program, you can immediately provide greater opportunity to more low- and middle-income parents and help them get to work building highways, bridges, airports, and other projects.

Increased funding should also be used to expand the supply of child care. Child care employs millions of individuals in small and large businesses. Infrastructure funds should be used to upgrade and expand existing child care centers, build new child care centers, and cover start-up costs for small family child care businesses. The funding should be used to improve the quality of child care jobs as well—these jobs currently pay, on average, less than \$11 an hour. When child care professionals are well-paid and have good working conditions, child care is more

likely to be high-quality and provide a safer and more enriching setting for children so they can thrive.

Investments in child care should be targeted at those families who have been struggling the most in this economy. We need to make sure that these families are no longer overlooked and that they get the affordable, stable, high-quality child care they need to get and keep a job and their children need to encourage their learning and growth.

We look forward to working with you and with Congress to make these investments, that would benefit our children, our families, and our country.

Sincerely,

NATIONAL ORGANZATIONS

African & African American Studies
Community Committee

Afterschool Alliance

Alliance for Strong Families and
Communities

American Academy of Pediatrics

Child Care Aware of America

Child Care Law Center

Child Welfare League of America

Children's Defense Fund

Children's Investment Fund

Children's Advocacy Institute

CLASP

Coalition on Human Needs

Committee for Hispanic Children and
Families, Inc.

Common Sense Kids Action

Division for Early Childhood of the Council
for Exceptional Children

Early Care and Education Consortium

Easterseals

Every Child Matters

Fair Share

First Five Years Fund

First Focus Campaign for Children

Generations United

IDEA Infant Toddler Coordinators
Association

IFF

Jumpstart

Learning Disabilities Association of
America

Leviticus Fund

LISC

Local Initiatives Support Corporation

Low Income Investment Fund

MomsRising

NAACP Education Committee

National Association for Early Childhood
Specialists in State Departments of
Education

National Association for Family Child Care
National Association for the Education of Young Children
National Association of State Directors of Special Education
National Black Child Development Institute
National Children's Facilities Network
National Children's Facilities Network
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of La Raza
National Indian Child Care Association
National Women's Law Center
Nemours Children's Health System
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
Nurses for Daycare LLC
Office of Child Health Policy & Advocacy
Parents as Teachers
Partnership for America's Children
Peace Educators Allied for Children Everywhere
RESULTS: The Power to End Poverty
Save the Children
Save the Children Action Network
Self-Help
T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood National Center
Teaching Strategies
Teachstone® Training, LLC

United Way Worldwide
Voices for Progress
YWCA USA
ZERO TO THREE

ALABAMA

Alabama Family Child Care Association
Central Alabama Child Care Association
Childcare Educators of Northeast Alabama
Children and Families of Alabama Association
Covington County Home Child Care Association
Cullman County Home Child Care Association
Family Child Care Education Association
Gulf Regional Child Care Awareness Alliance
Jackson County Home Child Care Association
Lauderdale County Home Child Care Association
Lee County Home Providers Association
Madison County Home Child Care Association
Morgan County Home Child Care
Pike County Home Childcare Association
Shelby County Home Child Care Association
South Alabama Family Child Care Organization

Talla Coosa Providers Association
Tuscaloosa County Home Child Care
Association
VOICES for Alabama's Children
Wire Grass Home Providers Association

ALASKA

Alaska Children's Trust
Anchorage Association for the Education of
Young Children
thread, Child Care Resource and Referral
Network

ARIZONA

Arizona Association for the Education of
Young Children
Arizona Fair Share
Southern Arizona Association for the
Education of Young Children

ARKANSAS

Arkansas Advocates for Children and
Families
Arkansas Family Child Care Association

CALIFORNIA

BANANAS, Inc. Child Care Resource &
Referral
Black Child Development Institute,
Sacramento
California Alternative Payment Program
Association

California Alternative Payment Program
Association Children's Foundation
California Association for the Education of
Young Children
California Child Care Resource & Referral
Network
California Child Development
Administrators Association
California Fair Share
CAPPA Children's Foundation
Child Care Law Center
Children Now
Children's Resource & Referral of Santa
Barbara County
Choices for Children
Common Sense Kids Action
Community Action Partnership of San Luis
Obispo County, Inc. (CAPSLO)
Community Child Care Council (4Cs) of
Alameda County
Community Child Care Council (4Cs) of
San Mateo County
Community Child Care Council (4Cs) of
Sonoma County
Crystal Stairs, Inc.
Del Norte Child Care Council
Early Edge California
Family Resource and Referral Center
First 5 Association of California
First 5 California
First 5 LA

Go Kids, Inc.
Los Angeles Universal Preschool
Northern Directors Group
Options for Learning
Parent Voices CA
Sierra Nevada Children's Services
Solano Family & Children's Services
Wu Yee Children's Services

COLORADO

Black Child Development Institute, Denver
Clayton Early Learning
Colorado Association for the Education of
Young Children
Colorado Children's Campaign
Colorado Fair Share
Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition

CONNECTICUT

All Our Kin
Bloomfield Early Learning Center
Child and Family Agency of Southeastern
Connecticut
Coalition for New Britain's Youth
Connecticut Association for Human
Services
Connecticut Association for the Education
of Young Children
Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance

Connecticut Voices for Children
CSEA/SEIU Local 2001
Early Childhood Collaborative of
Southington Connecticut
Jeffrey Daniels Consulting
Naugatuck Partnership for Children
Southington Daycare Providers Association
Connecticut
The Diaper Bank
Town of Enfield Child Development Center

DELAWARE

Delaware Association for the Education for
Young Children
KIDS COUNT in Delaware

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

RESULTS DC: U.S. Poverty Chapter

FLORIDA

Black Child Development Institute, Ft.
Lauderdale
Champions for Children, Inc.
Children's Forum
Cornerstone Family Ministries
Florida Association for the Education of
Young Children
Florida Family Child Care Home
Association, Inc.
Florida Consumer Action Network
Lutheran Services Florida

GEORGIA

Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students

Voices for Georgia's Children

HAWAII

Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children

Hawaii Children's Action Network

IDAHO

Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children

ILLINOIS

Illinois Association for the Education of Young Children

Ounce of Prevention Fund

Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law

United Parent Leaders Action Network

Voices for Illinois Children

INDIANA

Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children

Marion County Commission On Youth, Inc.

IOWA

Child and Family Policy Center

First Children's Finance

Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children

Iowa Family Child Care Association

KANSAS

Child Care Providers Coalition of Kansas

Kansas Association for the Education of Young Children

KENTUCKY

Community Coordinated Child Care, 4-C

Eastern Kentucky Child Care Coalition

Hazard Perry County Community Ministries

Kentucky Youth Advocates

Kentucky's Voice for Early Childhood

LOUISIANA

Bear-Y Cherry Tree of Jefferson

Childcare Association of Louisiana

Committee of 100 for Economic Development, Inc.

League of Women Voters of Louisiana

Louisiana Association of United Ways

Louisiana Early Childhood Association

Louisiana Partnership for Children & Families

Louisiana Policy Institute for Children

National Council of Jewish Women, Greater New Orleans Section

United Way of Acadiana

United Way of Southeast Louisiana

MAINE

Every Child Matters in Maine
Family Child Care Association of Maine
Maine Association for the Education of
Young Children
Maine Children's Alliance
Maine Community Action Association
Maine Equal Justice Project
Maine Head Start Director's Association
Maine Resilience Building Network
Maine Women's Lobby
The Bingham Program
The Greater Portland Early Childhood
Directors Group

MARYLAND

Advocates for Children and Youth
Anne Arundel County Family Child
Association
Baltimore County Family Child Care
Association
Charles County Family Day Care
Association
Family Child Care Association of
Montgomery County, Inc.
Family Day Care Association of Harford
County
Howard County Family Child Care
Association
Maryland Association for the Education of
Young Children

Maryland Family Network
Maryland State Family Child Care
Association, Inc.
Prince George's Child Resource Center, Inc.
Queen Anne's County Child Care
Association

MASSACHUSETTS

Cape Cod Child Development Inc.
Early Education for All
ELLIS Memorial
Family Services of Central Massachusetts
Horizons for Homeless Children
Institute for Early Education Leadership and
Innovation
Massachusetts Association for the Education
of Young Children
Massachusetts Fair Share
Nurtury
Open Center for Children
Sommerville Public Schools
Square One
United Way of Massachusetts Bay &
Merrimack Valley

MICHIGAN

Michigan Association for the Education of
Young Children
Michigan League for Public Policy
Michigan's Children
United Way of the Lakeshore

MINNESOTA

Families First of Minnesota

Minnesota Association for the Education of Young Children

Minnesota Child Care Association

Minnesota Licensed Family Child Care Association

Minnesota School-Age Alliance

New Horizon Academy

Ramsey County Family Child Care Association

Stearns Benton Child Care Association

Think Small

MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi Low Income Child Care Initiative

MISSOURI

Missouri Association for the Education of Young Children

MONTANA

Butte 4-C's – Community Coordinated Child Care

Child Care Connections

Child Care Resources, Inc.

Montana Child Care Resource and Referral Network

NEBRASKA

Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children

Voices for Children in Nebraska

NEVADA

Children's Advocacy Alliance

Family to Family Connection

Foundation for Positively Kids

Immunize Nevada

Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children

Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy

Prevent Child Abuse Nevada

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Chapel School Preschool

Concord Family YMCA

Early Learning NH

Easter Seals New Hampshire, Inc.

Every Child Matters in New Hampshire

Great Bay Kids' Company

Lakes Region Child Care Services

New Futures

New Hampshire Afterschool Network

New Hampshire Association for the Education of Young Children

New Hampshire Child Care Advisory Council

New Hampshire Community Loan Fund,
Inc.

New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute

NH Hunger Solutions

NEW JERSEY

Advocates for Children of New Jersey

New Jersey Association for the Education of
Young Children

New Jersey Community Capital

New Jersey Family Child Care Providers
Association

RESULTS Bernardsville

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico Association for the Education
of Young Children

New Mexico Early Childhood Development
Partnership

New Mexico Voices for Children

United Way of Santa Fe County

NEW YORK

A Better Balance: The Work & Family
Legal Center

Advocates for Children of New York

Alliance for Early Childhood Finance

Center for Children's Initiatives

Child Care Council of Rockland, Inc.

Child Care Solutions, Inc.

Citizens' Committee for Children of New
York

Day Care Council of New York, Inc.

Early Care & Learning Council

Family Enrichment Network

Harlem Children's Zone

Jawonio Inc.

National Council of Jewish Women,
Peninsula Section

New York State Association for the
Education of Young Children

Teacher Mommy Daycare, Inc.

The Children's Agenda

The Early Childhood Alliance Onondaga in
Syracuse, New York

The Empire Justice Center

The Women's Zionist Organization of
America, Inc.

Women's Housing and Economic
Development Corporation

NORTH CAROLINA

Child Care Services Association

NC Child

NC Institute for Child Development
Professionals

North Carolina Association for the
Education of Young Children

North Carolina Child Care Coalition

North Carolina Early Childhood Association

North Carolina Early Childhood Foundation

NORTH DAKOTA

North Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children

OHIO

Action for Children

Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development

Groundwork Ohio

HAPPY Homes Ohio Association

Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children

Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association

The Ohio Association of Child Care Providers

United Way of Greater Cincinnati

Voices for Ohio's Children

OKLAHOMA

Center for Community School Strategies

Child Care Resource Center of Tulsa

Early Childhood Association of Oklahoma

Family Health Coalition of Tulsa

JumpStart Tulsa

Sprouts Child Development Initiative

OREGON

Children First for Oregon

Children's Institute

Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children

PENNSYLVANIA

A Child's World

Aa To Zz Child Care and Learning Center

Aardvark Preschool

ABC Academy

ABC Kiddie Kampus

Adelaide Educational Center

And Still I Rise Youth Development Program

Arsenal Family & Children's Center

BASD Child Care

Begin With Us Child Care and Preschool, Inc.

Bethany Daycare

Bloom Early Education Centers Inc.

Bright Start Academy

Building Blocks Child Development Center

Building Bridges Daycare, LLC

Capital Area Children's Center

Capital Area Head Start

CCIS of Berks County

CCIS of Lehigh County

Central Susquehanna Association for the Education of Young Children

Child Care Information Services Columbia, Montour Northumberland

Child Care Information Services of Centre
& Clinton County/Child Development &
Family Council

Children of Destiny Early Learning Center

Children's Village

Childspace Too Day Care Center

Christ Cornerstone Academy

Colorful Future Childcare Center

Creative Kids Daycare

Crosspoint Christian Child Care

Cuddle Zone Learning Center

Danville Child Development Center

Day Nursery Association

Delaware Valley Association for the
Education of Young Children

Dianne Irwin Family Child Care Home

Dignity Housing

Discovery Kids Childcare

Diversified Foods

Eileen Thompson Family Day Care

Elizabethtown Child Care Center

Family Matters Childcare Care

Fricchione Center, Marywood University

Frock Childcare

G & T Daycare

Grove City Area United Way

Health and Science Center

Healthy Bodies Project

Jack and Jill Preschool

Judith Holler Family DayCare

Just Equal Productions Broadcast, Inc.

Kiddie Academy

Kiddie Academy of Phoenixville

Kids & US Day Care Center

KidsPark - Willow Grove

Kidsville Learning Center After School
Program

Kidz Biz - Washington Park

KinderCare Learning Center #301091

Lancaster Early Education Center

Lancaster Recreation

Latrobe Kinder-Schull

Lehigh and Northampton Association for the
Education of Young Children

Lehigh Valley Children's Centers, Inc.

Lil World Of Angels Daycare Center

Little People Day Care School of Columbia

Mama's Luv Childcare Center

McKean County Infant/Toddler Early
Intervention

Millennium DayCare

Mini Montessori Academy

Mission Committee of Wayne Presbyterian
Church

Montco Court Care

Montgomery Early Learning Centers

Myrtis' Pre-School and Creative Learning Center
NCCS
Noahs Ark Daycare
Northwest Institute of Research - Northwest Regional Key
O.T. Leaders & Legacies
Oliver Family Day Care
Olympus Child Care
Once Upon A Time Early Learning Center
Our Kids Academy Exton PA
Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children
Pennsylvania Child Care Association
Pennsylvania Fair Share
Pennsylvania Head Start Association
Pennsylvania Intermediate Unit 13
Pennsylvania Partnership for Children
People's Emergency Center
Philadelphia HUNE
Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children
Playball
Playhouse Children's Center
Porter's Day Care
Pratt Street Learning Center
Precious Angels Community Center
Priscilla Layer
PSECU Child Care Center

Public Citizens for Children and Youth
Riverview Children's Center
Rocky Run YMCA
Rodale Child Care Center
Saint Benedict Center
Sharis Mu'Min's Family Childcare
Shirley Hollaack Family Child Care Home
Smartkids Child Care & Learning Center, Inc.
Snyder Union Mifflin Child Development, Inc.
Southeastern Pennsylvania Early Childhood Coalition
Special People In Northeast, Inc.
St. John's Daycare
Stay and Play
Stepping Stones Preschool
Stevens Child Care Co,
Sunrise Kids Daycare Center
Teddy Bear Village Inc.
Temple University
Tender Care Learning Center
The Children's Garden
The Goddard School At Spring Ridge
The Growing Tree Child Care Center Inc.
The Learning Lamp Center for Children
The Learning Tree School
The Little Nest, Inc.

The Parent-Child Home Program

The Vineyard Center

Tiny Tots Childcare & Learning Center,
LLC

Trinity Childcare

Trinity Cooperative Day Nursery

TYL II Inc

Volunteers of America Children's Center

What About Me Childcare Services

YWCA Adams Commerce Center

YWCA Lancaster

RHODE ISLAND

Ready to Learn Providence

Rhode Island Association for the Education
of Young Children

Rhode Island KIDS COUNT

SOUTH CAROLINA

Family Footprint, Inc.

South Carolina Association for the
Education of Young Children

South Carolina Children's Trust Fund

South Carolina Citizen Review Panel

South Carolina Early Childhood Association

South Carolina Program for Infant/Toddler
Care

United Way Association of South Carolina

SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota Association for the Education
of Young Children

TENNESSEE

Black Children's Institute of Tennessee

Nashville Association for the Education of
Young Children

Tennessee Association for the Education of
Young Children

TEXAS

Black Child Development Institute, Houston

RESULTS Houston, U.S. Poverty

Texans Care for Children

Texas Association for the Education of
Young Children

Voices for Children of San Antonio

UTAH

Professional Family Child Care Association
of Utah

Utah Association for the Education of
Young Children

Voices for Utah Children

VERMONT

Vermont Association for the Education of
Young Children

Vermont Child Care Providers Association

Vermont Community Loan Fund

Voices for Vermont's Children

VIRGINIA

Burke Child Care Connection

Cornerstones, Inc.

Creative Play School

Falls Church McLean Children's Center

Infant Toddler Family Day Care

Northern Virginia Association for the
Education of Young Children

Northern Virginia Family Service

Peek A Boo Child Care Inc.

SCAN of Northern Virginia

The Child and Family Network Centers

Virginia Alliance of Family Child Care
Associations

Virginia Association for Early Childhood
Education

Voices for Virginia's Children

WASHINGTON

Children's Alliance

Partners for Our Children

Thrive Washington

WEST VIRGINIA

WV Healthy Kids and Families Coalition

WISCONSIN

Black Child Development Institute,
Milwaukee

Wisconsin Association for the Education of
Young Children

Wisconsin Council on Children and
Families

Wisconsin Early Childhood Association

WYOMING

Wyoming Community Foundation