

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

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.

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.

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 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

Maryland Association for the Education of  
Young Children

Maryland Family Network

Prince George's Child Resource Center, Inc.

## **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

Jumpstart

Massachusetts Association for the Education  
of Young Children

Massachusetts Fair Share

Nurtury

Open Center for Children

Somerville 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 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