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CC: Miriam Calderon, Alyssa Chatterjee, Lyndsy Capps, Dan Haun, Rosa Klein, state legislators

As child care providers, we are writing to implore you to prioritize robust and immediate investment in our industry. Child care is essential to Oregon's economy; we are doing the work that makes it possible for parents to work and for Oregon's children to thrive. Our work is essential to this crisis and to Oregon's recovery.

Even before COVID-19, the child care sector has been a very low-margin industry. We experience high costs, due to essential health and safety requirements, and cannot truly charge parents what it costs for us to operate. Unlike our public education system, child care is largely a private-tuition system, meaning parents pay the vast majority of the cost for the care and education their children receive. Unfortunately, as providers we are also subsidizing the lack of robust public investment in child care with our low wages. This has to change. We need Oregon to invest in our industry in a way that acknowledges that it is essential to our economy, to our education system, to our health care system, and to Oregon's families.

Our industry has been hit hard during the COVID-19 crisis and we have not been provided with adequate support. Most child care facilities have closed, and we do not have sufficient resources to cover our costs during these closures. Other providers have remained open to serve Oregon's essential employees, though our costs for virus safety precautions have increased and we are serving fewer children than we would normally serve to comply with social distancing.

**Providers who remain open** need to be compensated for increased operating costs and every staff person needs to be compensated with Hazard Pay. We are serving fewer children now; and due to tight margins in child care we are losing money every day. We need to be compensated for the lost tuition for children no longer attending child care by continuing ERDC tuition payments and by creating a Program Sustainability Fund for non-subsidy tuition.

**Providers who closed** need help covering costs throughout this closure, including payroll, rent, utilities and other operating expenses, so we are ready to re-open when it is time to do so. This could be provided through continued ERDC tuition payments and by creating a Program Sustainability Fund for non-subsidy tuition. It can take years to site new facilities, and every county in Oregon was already deemed a child care desert before this crisis. If Oregon does not invest in us now, many of us will be unable to re-open after this crisis, putting our broader economic recovery in jeopardy.

The \$38 million allocated to Oregon through the CARES Act is meant to support the child care industry now, so those resources need to be spent in the field immediately. This is not the time to budget ahead for months. These resources should be spent by May 30th to support our current child care providers and protect Oregon's already scarce child care supply. All spending in existing and new programs should attempt to reverse traditional inequities that exist in this industry that is 95% women and disproportionately women of color and immigrants.

This is the first federal investment. More federal money will be allocated for child care. The speed in which Oregon spends this first wave of federal funds will determine how many child care providers survive this economic challenge. Waiting to spend all \$38 million or withholding ERDC payments will ensure massive closures in this industry and make child care unavailable for too many Oregon workers.

Please stand with Oregon child care providers and invest in sustaining child care supply today.

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Alyssa Chatterjee, Deputy Education Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor  
Miriam Calderon, Early Learning System Director, Early Learning Division  
Dan Haun, Self-Sufficiency Programs Director, Department of Human Services  
Oregon State Legislators

Alisha Cox  
**A Bee C Family Child Care**  
Lebanon, OR  
14 Children Served Pre-COVID

Amy Dustin  
**A Little Dreamer's Childcare**  
Mount Angel, OR  
99 Children Served Pre-COVID

Kathryn Summers  
**A Summers' Day Preschool & Childcare**  
Gresham, OR  
9 Children Served Pre-COVID

Penny Haakinson  
**Airport Learning Tree**  
Portland, OR  
97 Children Served Pre-COVID

Julie Horner  
**Alameda Beaumont Childcare**  
Portland, OR  
20 Children Served Pre-COVID

Allison Hesselman  
**Alli-Gators Childcare**  
Beaverton, OR  
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Sabi Velasco  
**Amazing Minds Child Development Center & Preschool**  
Beaverton, OR  
32 Children Served Pre-COVID

Ana Estrada  
**Anais Daycare**  
Independence, OR  
11 Children Served Pre-COVID

Angel Green  
**Angels Daycare Corp**  
Eugene, OR  
6 Children Served Pre-COVID

Anneliese Sheahan  
**Anneliese C Sheahan dba A to Zen**  
Gladstone, OR  
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Stacey Dunbar  
**Aprende con Amigos**  
Portland, OR  
100 Children Served Pre-COVID

Steven Wolbaum  
**Back 2 Nature Daycare**  
Gresham, OR  
16 Children Served Pre-COVID

Lisa Wardle  
**Beaumont Children's Center, Inc.**  
Portland, OR  
22 Children Served Pre-COVID

Hollie Kissler  
**Belmont Academy**  
Portland, OR  
100 Children Served Pre-COVID

Remy Murfitt  
**Blooming Rose Preschool, LLC**  
Portland, OR  
34 Children Served Pre-COVID

Brandy Parkison  
**Brandy's Buddies**  
Salem, OR  
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Janice Mayer  
**Business Services Optimized Oregon  
Montessori Association Board Member**  
Tigard, OR

Samantha Morelli  
Jonathan Myers  
Joshua Todd  
**Camp Fire Columbia**  
Portland, OR  
900 Children Served Pre-COVID

Holly Wilder  
**Caterpillar Clubhouse**  
Woodburn, OR  
58 Children Served Pre-COVID

Amber Gobet  
**Caterpillar Clubhouse on Abiqua**  
Molalla, OR  
60 Children Served Pre-COVID

Kara Geraty  
**Children's Song Brooklyn**  
Portland, OR  
22 Children Served Pre-COVID

Jodie Throckmorton  
**Children's Song Childcare**  
Portland, OR  
50 Children Served Pre-COVID

Christina Hurtado  
**Christinas ChildCare**  
Portland, OR  
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Cindy Brown  
**Cindy's Day Care**  
Troutdale, OR  
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Cara Farr  
**Concordia Montessori**  
Portland, OR  
22 Children Served Pre-COVID

Tamara Basham  
**Corvallis Montessori School**  
Corvallis, OR  
90 Children Served Pre-COVID

Valerie Seago  
**Creative Kids Preschool and Childcare**  
Beaverton, OR  
18 Children Served Pre-COVID

Scott Birkhofer  
**David Douglas Daycare**  
Portland, OR  
70 Children Served Pre-COVID

Deanna Pulford  
**Deanna's Daycare**  
Oregon City, OR  
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Dina Lopez Bautista  
**Dina's Child Care**  
Woodburn, OR  
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Zakkiyya Ibrahim  
**Education Explorers**  
Beaverton, OR  
16 Children Served Pre-COVID

Tessa Stephenson  
**Endeavor Schools**  
Portland, OR  
450 Children Served Pre-COVID

Angie Garcia  
**Escuela viva**  
Portland, OR  
100 Children Served Pre-COVID

Jacqueline Bracho  
**Escuelita Armonía!**  
Beaverton, OR  
7 Children Served Pre-COVID

Elaine Warkel  
**Eugene Child Development Center**  
Eugene, OR  
82 Children Served Pre-COVID

Anita Bates  
**Family Cares daycare**  
Gresham, OR  
22 Children Served Pre-COVID

Cory Willson  
**Foundation School**  
Wilsonville, OR  
90 Children Served Pre-COVID

John Nettleton  
**Friendly House Inc. Preschool**  
Portland, OR  
35 Children Served Pre-COVID

Gaea Campe  
**Giving Tree Preschool**  
Portland, OR  
20 Children Served Pre-COVID

Lynn Gutierrez  
**Good Shepherd Child Care**  
Hermiston, OR  
66 Children Served Pre-COVID

Becky Goodman  
**Amazing Minds**  
Gresham, OR  
32 Children Served Pre-COVID

Katheryne Immediato  
**Growing Seeds Irvington**  
Portland, OR  
89 Children Served Pre-COVID

Allison Delorey  
**Growing Seeds Learning Community North**  
Portland, OR  
165 Children Served Pre-COVID

Tammy Rundle  
**Growing Tree Children's Center**  
Bend, OR  
92 Children Served Pre-COVID

Nicole Handel  
**Handel with Care Family Childcare**  
Roseburg, OR  
11 Children Served Pre-COVID

Amy Hanna  
**Hanna's Helping Hands Daycare**  
Eugene, OR  
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Jamie Edwards  
**Happy Valley Montessori School**  
Portland, OR  
20 Children Served Pre-COVID

Sarah Curtis  
**Happy Valley Preschool**  
Oregon City, OR  
104 Children Served Pre-COVID

Renee Moore Moore  
**Happy:) Faces Day Care**  
Portland, OR  
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Rachel Turner  
**Hazelwood Kindergarten**  
Eugene, OR  
20 Children Served Pre-COVID

Dennis Sibilias-Young  
**Heart's Content Child Care**  
Eugene, OR  
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Amy Sullivan  
**Heartwood Preschool**  
Portland, OR  
19 Children Served Pre-COVID

Heather Younk  
**Heather's Child Care**  
Aumsville, OR  
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Anne Geck Bryson  
**Heatherís Childcar**  
Aumsville, OR  
5 Children Served Pre-COVID

Jennifer Artman  
Erin Burns  
Angela Lyle  
Mary Schumacher-Hoerner  
Mariola Staines  
Christine Bizzell  
Laure Patrick  
Sean Quiqley  
Alissa Stull  
Laura Vanderpool  
Alica Villa

Brooke Welch  
**Helen Gordon CDC**  
Portland, OR  
500 Children Served Pre-COVID

Nick Apa  
**In a Childs Path, Inc.**  
Portland, OR  
75 Children Served Pre-COVID

Autumn David  
**Island Adventures Preschool & Child Care**  
Salem, OR  
16 Children Served Pre-COVID

Shelley Hartling  
Caitlin Curtis  
Ashley Lawrence  
**Joyful Noise**  
Portland, OR  
320 Children Served Pre-COVID

Kelly Heichel  
**Kelly's Kid Care LLC**  
Roseburg, OR  
30 Children Served Pre-COVID

Erin Banuelos  
Nona Gray  
**Kid Central**  
Independence, OR  
30 Children Served Pre-COVID

Jennifer Borges  
**Kids Zone Country Club**  
Gresham, OR  
3 Children Served Pre-COVID

Alisha Advani  
**Kidz Academy**  
Portland, OR  
64 Children Served Pre-COVID

Virginia Hoskins  
**KinderPrep Private Preschool**  
Newberg, OR  
25 Children Served Pre-COVID

Kristi Morris  
**KRISTI MORRIS**  
Klamath Falls, OR  
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Cynthia Grimm  
**La Petite Academy**  
Boring, OR  
160 Children Served Pre-COVID

Rachael Lamet  
**Lamet's Treasures**  
Salem, OR  
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Laurie Todd  
**Laurieís House**  
Portland, OR  
5 Children Served Pre-COVID

Jennifer McIlhenny  
**Lavender Farm Preschool, LLC**  
Portland, OR  
20 Children Served Pre-COVID

Elena Leyva  
**Lichen & Moss House**  
Portland, OR  
12 Children Served Pre-COVID

Kim Hess  
**Lil Hands Daycare**  
Klamath Falls, OR  
18 Children Served Pre-COVID

Kristen Gray  
**Lil Roos Playhouse**  
Portland, OR  
30 Children Served Pre-COVID

Korrale Slater  
Michele Stroh  
**Lil Sprouts Certified childcare**  
Salem, OR  
9 Children Served Pre-COVID

Manda Fenley  
**Little Billies**  
Dexter, OR  
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Nilmini Hoyt  
**Little Explorer Preschool & Daycare**  
Beaverton, OR  
32 Children Served Pre-COVID

Michelle Naglis  
**Little Hands Garden School**  
Portland, OR  
20 Children Served Pre-COVID

Rachael Lamet  
**Lamet's Treasures**  
Salem, OR  
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

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Portland, OR

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Portland, OR  
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**Little Explorer Preschool & Daycare**  
Beaverton, OR  
32 Children Served Pre-COVID

Sandra Belinn  
**Littlefollowers**  
Tigard, OR  
4 Children Served Pre-COVID

Josie Emmrich  
**Loving Beginnings**  
Salem, OR  
12 Children Served Pre-COVID

Brooke LeClair  
**Maimonides Jewish Day School**  
Portland, OR  
63 Children Served Pre-COVID

Maryam Darabi  
**Maryams preschool**  
Lake Oswego, OR  
7 Children Served Pre-COVID

Flor Silva  
**Matatena Montessori**  
Hillsboro, OR  
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Michele White  
**Michele's Daycare**  
Baker City, OR  
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Brittany Smith  
**Mighty Oaks**  
Portland, OR  
8 Children Served Pre-COVID

Kathryn Ash  
**Mom and More**  
Portland, OR  
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Nick Stocco  
**Montessori for Public Service**  
Portland, OR  
69 Children Served Pre-COVID

Lori Bond  
**Moss street childrenís center**  
Eugene, OR  
115 Children Served Pre-COVID

Amy Shaw  
**Mrs Amy's Rugrats**  
Roseburg, OR  
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Juliane Pfeifer  
Sharon Hincks  
**Mt Carmel Preschool and Daycare**  
Portland, OR  
83 Children Served Pre-COVID

Glenda Suchi  
Maria Sanchez  
Sandra Bonnie  
Corinna Delashmit  
**Mt Hood Community College/ Head Start**  
Portland, OR  
5000 Children Served Pre-COVID

Emily Wells  
**Natureís Way Playschool**  
Corvallis, OR  
3 Children Served Pre-COVID

Leah Conley  
**Neveh Shalom Foundation School**  
Portland, OR  
110 Children Served Pre-COVID

Archana Pugaonkar  
**New Day School**  
Portland, OR  
64 Children Served Pre-COVID

Jessica Boyd  
**New Dream**  
Eugene, OR  
120 Children Served Pre-COVID

Nichole Gruszie  
**Nic Nacs Quality Childcare**  
Klamath Falls, OR  
15 Children Served Pre-COVID

Kelley Lawson  
Portland, OR  
1900 Children Served Pre-COVID

Norma Cardenas  
**Normaís child care**  
Redmond, OR  
32 Children Served Pre-COVID

Susan Acosta  
Portland, OR

Katherine Price  
**Oak & Rose School LLC**  
Portland, OR  
32 Children Served Pre-COVID

Caroline Wolfe  
Tara Papandrew  
**Opal Beginning School**  
Portland, OR  
37 Children Served Pre-COVID

Laura Poore  
**Oregon City Community Ed Early Childhood Program**  
Portland, OR  
85 Children Served Pre-COVID

Rian Hood  
**Oregon City School District**  
Oregon City, OR  
100 Children Served Pre-COVID

Lizbeth Trujillo  
**Owl's Nest Academy**  
Beaverton, OR  
900 Children Served Pre-COVID

Michelle Newman  
**P.L.A.Y. Daycare LLC**  
Eugene, OR  
18 Children Served Pre-COVID

Miranda Lloyd  
**Paper Moon Playschool LLC.**  
Portland, OR  
8 Children Served Pre-COVID

Christine Mitchell  
**Peace 'n Play childcare**  
Portland, OR  
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Karen Messner  
**Pequenitos Day Care LLC**  
Portland, OR  
18 Children Served Pre-COVID

Julie Beardall  
**Portland Community college**  
Beaverton, OR  
45 Children Served Pre-COVID

Erika Saiers  
**Portland Jewish Academy**  
Portland, OR  
278 Children Served Pre-COVID

Heather Kalowsky  
**Portland Kinderschule**  
Portland, OR  
25 Children Served Pre-COVID  
Meg Neal  
**Portland Play Project**  
Portland, OR  
20 Children Served Pre-COVID

Kassandra Krauciunas  
**Portland Preschool**  
Portland, OR  
18 Children Served Pre-COVID

Michelle Domingues  
**Portland state university**  
Portland, OR  
150 Children Served Pre-COVID

Heather Schones  
**Precious Cargo Preschool and Childcare**  
Salem, OR  
16 Children Served Pre-COVID

Shanna Aldis  
**Precious Little Lambs Preschool & Child Care**  
Salem, OR  
16 Children Served Pre-COVID

Angela Sperry  
**Roots School & Makery**  
Hood River, OR  
65 Children Served Pre-COVID

Angela Molloy Murphy  
**Rowanberry School**  
Portland, OR  
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Martha Ahl  
Beaverton, OR  
4 Children Served Pre-COVID

Leslee Barnes  
Portland, OR  
49 Children Served Pre-COVID

Dawn Mitchell  
Medford, OR  
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Brianna Peaslee  
Portland, OR  
130 Children Served Pre-COVID

Rachel Miller  
**Serenity Valley Daycare**  
Tillamook, OR  
9 Children Served Pre-COVID

Mandy Johnson  
**Silly Billies Child Care**  
Pleasant Hill, OR  
68 Children Served Pre-COVID

Adrienne Hunter  
**Simply Kids Preschool**  
Astoria, OR  
8 Children Served Pre-COVID

Teresa Fiuren  
**Small Steps Child Care Center and Preschool**  
Ashland, OR  
49 Children Served Pre-COVID

Cherish Oliver  
**Small Wonders Preschool**  
Corvallis, OR  
20 Children Served Pre-COVID

Ian Little  
**Soccer shots**  
Portland, OR  
5000 Children Served Pre-COVID

Donna Copeland  
Samantha Manfrass  
Laura Powell  
**Springfield Learning Tree**  
Springfield, OR  
116 Children Served Pre-COVID

Patrick Earnest  
**St James Child Development Center**  
Portland, OR  
140 Children Served Pre-COVID

Stephanie Rinehart  
**Stephanie's Fun Care**  
Albany, OR  
12 Children Served Pre-COVID

Amanda Crowell  
**Stepping Stones Childcare**  
Coos Bay, OR  
27 Children Served Pre-COVID

Sahra Alizadeh  
**Sweet River Bamboo Preschool & Nursery**  
Portland, OR  
30 Children Served Pre-COVID

Gina Spanu  
**The Children's Hour Academy**  
Beaverton, OR  
200 Children Served Pre-COVID

Breanne Wilson  
**The Crib**  
Canby, OR  
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Jesi Payne  
**The Good Life Preschool**  
Newberg, OR  
63 Children Served Pre-COVID

Cami Knudsen  
**The Playschool**  
Wilsonville, OR  
73 Children Served Pre-COVID

Andrew Letourneau  
Braden Pemberton  
Jessica Thompson  
Curt Gottfried  
Maria Caballero  
**The Portland Montessori School**  
Portland, OR  
151 Children Served Pre-COVID

Jeanine Vansise  
**The Strawberry Patch Preschool**  
Portland, OR  
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Desirae Ritz  
**The Treehouse Nursery and Preschool**  
Gladstone, OR  
22 Children Served Pre-COVID

Megan Patterson  
**TIC Child Development Center**  
Aurora, OR  
32 Children Served Pre-COVID

Danielle Cunningham  
**Tiny Peeps Child Care LLC**  
Eugene, OR  
15 Children Served Pre-COVID

Erica Kirch  
**Trinity Early Learning Center**  
Portland, OR  
150 Children Served Pre-COVID

Sarah Baker  
**Tulip Tree Preschool**  
Portland, OR  
34 Children Served Pre-COVID

Maria Sanchez  
Eugene, OR  
100 Children Served Pre-COVID

Brenda Dengo  
**Vermont Hills Family Life Center**  
Beaverton, OR  
450 Children Served Pre-COVID

Laura Spargur  
**Wellington Preschool**  
Portland, OR  
22 Children Served Pre-COVID  
Wendi McNitt  
**wendis childcare**  
Aumsville, OR  
16 Children Served Pre-COVID

Heidi Lawler  
**Whimsy and Wonder Preschool LLC**  
Portland, OR  
20 Children Served Pre-COVID

Stephen Karmol  
**Wild Lilac Child Development Community**  
Portland, OR  
110 Children Served Pre-COVID

Rionna Ruley  
**Wildflower Child Care**  
Myrtle Creek, OR  
17 Children Served Pre-COVID

Nicole Fravel  
**Wildwood Nature School**  
Portland, OR  
16 Children Served Pre-COVID

Shana Attarzadeh  
**Woodlawn Montessori**  
Portland, OR  
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Deanna Cohen  
**Wow and Flutterville Playgardens**  
Portland, OR  
49 Children Served Pre-COVID

Helen Li  
**Xstream Learning Center**  
Portland, OR  
35 Children Served Pre-COVID

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