

To: Congressman Walden, Senator Wyden, Senator Merkley, Congressman Blumenauer, Congresswoman Bonamici, Congressman DeFazio, and Congressman Schrader

As child care providers, we are writing to implore you to prioritize robust and immediate investment in our industry. As you consider expansions to the CARES Act or future federal infrastructure spending packages, we believe it is essential that child care be fully funded throughout this crisis and as we work to recover from it.

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-pay system, meaning parents pay the vast majority of the cost through tuition 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 very low wages.

This crisis has exposed critical gaps in our country's public infrastructure, including gaps in our child care system at large. We need our country to invest in our industry in a way that acknowledges that it is essential to the larger economy, to our education system, to our health care system, and to 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 caring for fewer children than we would normally serve to comply with social distancing.

**Please include at least \$50B of CCDBG in the fourth stimulus package.** Although we are thankful for \$3.5B of CCDBG in the CARES Act, the \$38M coming to Oregon funds less than one month of the need from child care providers in the state. Oregon estimates that providing hazard pay & increased operating costs for emergency child care, continuing tuition payments for subsidy & private pay dependent providers, and providing child care assistance for essential employees is closer to \$60M per month. Most child care providers will not be able to access small business loans and the paycheck protection program. Traditional inequities are more dramatically visible in this industry that is 95% women and disproportionately women of colors and immigrants. In-home child care providers are self employed and many child care businesses do not have existing relationships with the financial institutions providing these federal options. Additionally, due to our high costs and low margins related to staffing and facilities, the parameters around these loans were not the right fit for protecting our industry.

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 less children now. With tight margins in child care, we are losing money every day. We need to be compensated for the lost tuition of children no longer attending by continuing ERDC tuition payments and 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, in

addition to continued ERDC tuition payments and 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 Congress does not provide funding now, many of us will be unable to re-open after this crisis, putting our broader economic recovery in jeopardy.**

Every week that passes without a significant bailout of the child care industry puts our recovery as an industry and a nation at risk. It takes years to site new facilities or to train and certify new providers. Every Oregon county was already a child care desert before this crisis, and if we continue to lose people and facilities during this crisis we will make this problem exponentially worse.

Child care is essential to our economy. It is as necessary an infrastructure to our economy as roads and bridges. We are doing the work that makes it possible for others to work and for our country's children to thrive. Our work is essential always, it is essential in this crisis, and it will be essential to our country's economic recovery and long-term stability.

**Signed,**

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  
**Anaís 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 Sibilial-Young  
**Heartis 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  
**Heatheris 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

Korrall 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

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

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

Nilmini Hoyt  
**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 Gruszic  
**Nic Nacs Quality Childcare**  
Klamath Falls, OR  
15 Children Served Pre-COVID

Kelley Lawson  
Portland, OR  
1900 Children Served Pre-COVID

Norma Cardenas  
**Norma's 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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