

THE BFD REPORT



from Family Forward Action

Dear Friend,

Welcome to the first edition of our new monthly update where we will give you an inside look into our work and take a moment together to share some hope and inspiration. As we process the grief and heartache of 2020 (and navigate the rest of this pandemic), it's important to celebrate whenever we can. Expect short updates that showcase one part of our work each month and highlight the progress we are making with your support.

We're calling it The BFD Report. These updates represent our Big Family Dreams that we're making a reality together. And that's a BFD. 😊

Here's what gave us hope this month...

YOUR WINS

- A new coalition focused on child care that works, [for every Oregon family](#)
- [A new administration](#) that looks more like America
- [An ambitious agenda](#) for Oregon's 2021 Legislative Session
- Oregon's own, Sen. Ron Wyden, is named [Ranking Member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance](#)

YOUR IMPACT

Your investments are paying off. We are seeing a huge national shift in focus and attention on child care, caregivers, and working parents. Voters elected a President that [knows the value of our caregiving](#) and [speaks our language!](#) And

with a narrow majority for Democrats in the Senate, Oregon's own Sen. Ron Wyden is now the Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance, a committee that will have a role in deciding how federal resources are spent...on things like support for caregiving and caregivers. The movement on the issues we work on at the national level is a BFD and it's not a coincidence; this is because of decades of your hard work. As a member of the Family Forward community you have spent hours lobbying lawmakers, sending emails, writing letters, sharing your personal stories, and giving financially to make sure these issues are at the forefront of state and national work.

Here at home, we launched a new coalition called [Child Care for Oregon](#) that is focused on building a child care system that *actually* works—for every family. It's time for us to reimagine a system that values child care and the diverse professionals who provide it. This new system must be developed by and for Black and Indigenous people, people of color, and providers and parents, [who collectively know the most about child care](#).

Oregon's 2021 Legislative Session started this month, too! Together with our coalition we are fighting to pass [two bills](#) focused on the immediate child care needs of parents and providers in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis. We know there are a lot of challenges ahead and there's no time to waste but we believe this community can accomplish anything when we work together.

That's a BFD.

Until next month,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Amy Hojnowski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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