

THE BFD REPORT



from Family Forward Action

Dear Friend,

It's spring! Things are starting to feel a little brighter lately. COVID relief is on the way! The days are getting longer. There is so much to be grateful for.

As donors and volunteer leaders, you've been with us through one of the toughest years.

That's why we started this email series...to bring some joy to our lives and to give you a quick

look at the progress we have collectively managed to make despite everything.

Here's what YOU accomplished in March (and spoiler alert, it's a BFD):

THE BFD READING LIST

Can you hit reply and let us know what books you've read lately that have inspired you or brought you some joy as we enter year two of this pandemic?

We'll share them (anonymously) in the April edition of the BFD Report!

YOUR WINS

- The American Rescue Plan Act has passed and includes some serious wins for mothers and caregivers! You can check out our guide and find out what resources are now available to you here: familyforwardoregon.org/resources or familyforwardoregon.org/recursos (Español).
- Our priority bills for child care in Oregon (HB 3073 & HB 2503) are scheduled for a work session, one step closer to passing! This was absolutely fueled by the 100s of emails sent to lawmakers last month and the 17 Action Team Leaders who lobbied our target lawmakers during our Child Care Lobby Day on March 3. Learn more about what's next for these important bills and how you can help here: childcarefororegon.org/action.
- Our Family Forward team is growing! Your donations have helped us expand our reach and be at the tables we need to be with two new policy staffers and a new communications director! Learn more about them below.

YOUR IMPACT

Your advocacy and donations here in Oregon have positioned Family Forward as a national leader in the fight for economic justice for mothers and caregivers! In March, we were hard at work with our national partners and friends at Family Values @ Work, Caregiving Across Generations, and others to fight for the policies mothers and caregivers needed in the American Rescue Plan Act. Because of your support, we were able to help our national partners secure millions of dollars for child care, stimulus payment, financial support for parents and caregivers, and so much more! You can see our breakdown of new and expanded resources passed under the American Rescue Plan Act here:

familyforwardoregon.org/resources or familyforwardoregon.org/recursos (Español).

Here at home in Oregon, our two priority child care bills (HB 3073 & HB 2503) passed their first Legislative hurdle: being scheduled for a work session! After receiving nearly 100 pieces of written testimony from parents, providers, and community leaders, Oregon's House Committee on Early Childhood moved to schedule the bill for its work session on April 5th. Many parents and providers also took the time to testify in person, which made a HUGE difference.

We're so glad we can count on your support! Together, we're building a child care system in Oregon that will work for all of us.

That's a BFD.

It will take all of us to keep these bills moving through the Legislature and passed into law.

Until next month,

Amy Hojnowski
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P.S. Forward this email to a friend you think is a BFD! And don't forget to send us what books you're reading!

MEET OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS!



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