

THE BFD REPORT



from Family Forward Action

Our BFD Reading List is here, just in time for Mother's Day! Thank you so much to everyone who sent in the books that have been giving them hope during the hard moments. It's a great list.

April has been a VERY BUSY month for us at Family Forward, and a big month in our movement to fight for economic justice for mothers and caregivers.

Here are just a few things that happened this month that filled us with hope:

THE BFD READING LIST

Like Brothers by Mark and Jay Duplass

Dreaming in Cuban by Cristina García

The Vanishing Half by Britt Bennett

The Three Mothers: How the Mothers of MLK, Malcolm X, and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation by Anna Malaika Tubbs

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

All You Can Ever Know by Nicole Chung

YOUR WINS

- Our Executive Director, Andrea Paluso, was asked to be Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici's guest of honor to President Biden's first address to the Joint Session of Congress. This is a really BFD. More below!
- Andrea was also tapped to temporarily help lead child care efforts for Family Values @ Work, our national partners in the fight for racial, gender, and economic justice. This will mean some exciting shifts for our team, which we've outlined below.

- We joined our partners at Fair Shot for All in releasing [The People's Budget](#), a list of priorities that centers racial, gender, and economic justice for state lawmakers to consider as they decide how to spend federal funding from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA).
- Our priority bills for child care, HB 3073 & HB 2503, were merged into one mega-bill and received bipartisan, unanimous support from Oregon's House Committee on Early Childhood! This is an incredible victory fueled by your advocacy and commitment to a child care system that works for families, providers, and our kids.

YOUR IMPACT

Your support means that Family Forward can collaborate with statewide and national partners to build an unstoppable, intersectional movement. And our movement is gaining so much momentum this month!

Our Executive Director, Andrea Paluso, was invited to attend President Biden's first address to the Joint Session of Congress (sort of like a State of the Union!). **This is all thanks to YOU.** Your loud advocacy at all levels of government—from school boards to city hall to the State Legislature—has made it clear to lawmakers that they **MUST** prioritize mothers and caregivers.

It's an honor to have our organization's mission amplified and to have a Congresswoman who is focused on fighting for mothers and caregivers and the relief we need. You can read Congresswoman Bonamici's press release about why she chose Andrea [here](#).

Your continued and passionate advocacy has given our movement national recognition. So much so, that our national partners at [Family Values @ Work](#) recently asked Andrea to help spearhead their efforts around child care on the federal level through the end of the year as they search for their next amazing Executive Director. This is a huge honor! Because Andrea will be spending a little less time with us, **we've asked the board chair of our nonprofit sister organization, Family Forward Oregon, to join our team as Interim Co-Deputy Director.**

[Katrina Gonzalez Yuen](#) is the Director of HR and Operations at FMYI, Inc., a Portland based software company and the mother of two. At FMYI, she has implemented family- friendly policies she believes everybody deserves: unlimited paid time off, remote work settings, and a culture of trust and family. Katrina has been a leader with Family Forward going back over a decade ago when we were known as Parents for Paid Leave and she has served on our board for the last 6 years. **We're so excited to have Katrina extend her leadership and join our staff as we move full-steam ahead on passing the policies we need.**

And wow, are we making progress this month here in Oregon! We are a little more than halfway through our state Legislative session, and your advocacy efforts have ensured that [our child care bill, HB 3073](#), has made it through its first two Legislative hurdles and will soon head to the Ways & Means Subcommittee! **Your emails and phone calls to lawmakers are working.**

Our Path to Victory
Child Care for Oregon (HB 3073)

- House Committee on Early Childhood
- House Committee on Rules
- Ways & Means Subcommittee
- Full Ways & Means Committee
- House Floor
- Senate Floor
- Governor's Desk

 Child Care for Oregon

HB 3073 is one step closer to becoming law and making our state's public child care system more equitable for all.

That's a BFD.

Until next month,



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P.S. Forward this email to a friend you think is a BFD. **And stay tuned for a special announcement about some big things we have planned this May!**
