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THE BFD REPORT



from Family Forward Action

Friend,

It's been an incredibly busy month for our movement here in Oregon! As you probably know (from all the emails you've received from us), we're in the thick of Oregon's legislative short session. Because of your generosity, we've been able to fight for [a robust list of priorities](#) for our families, including major investments in child care, equity in paid family & medical leave implementation, justice for immigrant Oregonians, overtime pay for Oregon farmworkers and their families, and policies that will transform our justice system so that is more equitable (just to name a few!).

I'm SO HAPPY to share the good news that we're on track to pass many of these policies. Read on for all the wins (big and small) that you all made possible!

YOUR WINS

- Over 200 moms and caregivers contacted their lawmakers this past month to fight for the policies our families need...and we're on track to win big!
- More than 60 moms and caregivers testified in support of HB 4005, our priority bill on child care that will make Oregon's public child care system more equitable for providers and parents!
- Over a dozen moms and child care providers have shared their personal stories about what living in Oregon's child care crisis has been like...and [their stories](#) are so powerful.
- Family Forward Action Team Member Megan had a 1:1 meeting with Sen. Ron Wyden to discuss what it's been like to be a single mom trying to find child care during the pandemic...and [their conversation was shared during an event with President Biden and Vice President Harris!](#)
- Our team is growing! Thanks to your generosity, we are hiring a [Donor Engagement Coordinator](#) who will help further our mission and grow our movement. More below!
- THE DANCE IS BACK! We look forward to moving and grooving for the movement with you on May 14. Details below!

YOUR IMPACT

When we work together, we win. We've proven it time and time again, from statewide paid sick days, to the strongest reproductive health equity

law in the nation, to the most inclusive paid family and medical leave law ever passed. Mamas and caregivers are getting it done, one phone call, email, and meeting with elected leaders at a time.

While the dust won't be settled until session is over on March 7, we are poised to have some REALLY BIG WINS in Oregon, including the passage of a historic \$100 million investment in child care that will...

- Increase the amount of money providers who accept Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) subsidies receive per child, getting to more equitable rates; this will also increase purchasing power for parents who utilize ERDC.
- Provide \$21 million for direct relief payments of \$500 each to currently-working child care workers, one payment in 2022 and one in 2023
- Provide \$39.3 million to recruit and train new child care providers, and provide direct grants to expand existing facilities of all types
- Provide \$5 million to Child Care Resource & Referral services and \$4.3M for the Department of Early Learning & Care to make our public child care system more equitable and beneficial for parents and providers

That's a BFD.

Until next month,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy H. Boush". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Amy" and last name "Boush" clearly distinguishable.

Amy Hojnowski
Development Director
Family Forward Oregon & Family Forward Action

P.S. Do you want to come work with me? We are looking for a Donor Engagement Coordinator to help support and grow our movement. This new role offers the opportunity to grow fundraising skills in a successful state-based advocacy organization committed to economic, racial and gender justice. Learn more and apply: familyforwardaction.org/careers

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BENEFITTING



**PROOF OF COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIRED
21+ ONLY EVENT**

Dance Like a Mother is back on May 14, 2022!

We're excited to come together and celebrate moms and caregivers with you. Tickets go on sale in early April!



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