

# THE BFD REPORT

 from Family Forward Action

*¡Bienvenidos a nuestro resumen del mes! Como ayudante del movimiento, usted recibirá este resumen cada mes detallando como su apoyo hizo estas victorias posibles.*

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Friend,

As moms, we know that no matter how much we plan and prepare, sometimes we just have to go with the flow — and that's exactly how we are approaching the final sprint of the legislative session!

First, the good news is that the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis predicted an additional \$1.9 billion in revenue! This is unexpected money that the legislature can use for state budget priorities. As decisions are being made, our team is right there, advocating for funding for our Care Agenda to help working parents, child care providers, and our kids.

The frustrating news is that thirteen minority party Senators have walked off the job, halting [legislative business](#). They have chosen a political stunt over their constituents. Oregonians have been clear, we are overwhelmingly tired of these antics that keep any progress at bay. Just last year, more than  $\frac{2}{3}$  of voters in Oregon, across all party lines, and all corners of the state passed a ballot measure to disqualify legislators from re-election if they have 10 unexcused absences. The Senators' choice means that many of them won't be eligible to run for reelection—and it also means that many of our priorities will not get across the finish line.

You can count on us to continue to hold our elected leaders accountable! Through our work at Family Forward Action and The Mother PAC, we make it clear from the state house to the ballot box that our leaders need to listen up. Not only is child care a core function of a [thriving economy](#) but child care is also a [winning issue](#) at the ballot. We won't stop fighting for what's right until Oregon is a place where the work of caregiving is seen and valued!

**YOUR WINS**



- Right before Mother's Day, our very own board member Eleanor Chin [wrote this fierce call to action](#) for our caregivers, childcare providers, and moms. ♀
- Our team participated in the national "Day Without Child Care" and elevated Oregon's True Cost of Care. With 4 kids in tow, 5 of our Action Team leaders delivered [over 100 invoices](#) to the Co-Chairs of the joint Ways and Means committee, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President, demanding they fund child care. 😊
- Our 9th Annual Dance Like a Mother is back this October 21 at Holocene. [Save the Date and RSVP](#) to be the first to know when tickets are available!! 🍷 🧑‍🎓
- Congresswoman Bonamici and Senator Wyden continue to be great allies to parents and children with the [announcement of a bill](#) to connect child care with affordable housing. Oregon is lucky to have their leadership! 🏠
- [Welcome Luz, Jan, and Bree!!](#) We are thrilled to announce that 2 of our longtime volunteer Action Team leaders, Luz Quevedo and Jan Montes, have joined our Organizing Team, and Bree Thompson has joined as our Development Manager. 👧 👧
- The public investments we passed together in 2020 are having a significant impact!! This [GREAT study](#) came out demonstrating how we are increasing child care availability in Oregon! 🚶 🏠
- Executive Director for Clackamas Workforce Partnership, Bridget Dazey, joined us in [urging Legislators to fund](#) the infrastructure we need to build a stronger economy in Oregon—investments in our child care system. 👍
- Our Child Care for Oregon [coalition priority bill, SB 599A](#), which provides protections for child care providers who rent their homes passed the House 36-20 and is headed to Governor Kotek's desk 😊 🙌 🎉

- Ever since we passed the country's most inclusive [paid family & medical leave law in 2019](#), we have fought to apply our new broader definition of family to all of Oregon's leave laws and further strengthen worker protections! We are proud to announce that [SB 999B](#) is headed to the Governor's desk! 🎉👏
- The [final revenue forecast](#) of the legislative session came out, showing that revenue is up from the March forecast by a whopping \$1.96 billion - meaning lawmakers have all the resources they need to fully support our [Care Agenda](#) and [The People's Budget](#). 🙌💰

## YOUR IMPACT

More evidence came to light this month that amplifies the "why" of everything we do here at Family Forward. A report from [The Century Foundation](#) speaks to the "Motherhood Penalty" – a phenomenon we know all too well. It refers to the staggering savings gap that is built up over a lifetime of low-paid or unpaid caregiving work that is uniquely experienced by mothers, compared to fathers and nonparents.

This motherhood penalty robs moms of our economic security during our working years and places moms at [much higher risk of poverty](#) in our retirement years. An astonishing 50% of mothers in the US have no retirement savings at all!

- Mothers are more likely to leave work to care for children and elders, reducing their social security and 401K savings, and get tracked into jobs that do not provide retirement accounts or pay a living wage.
- Single mothers are especially vulnerable because they rely only on their own ability to save.
- Mothers from communities of color are hardest hit because of historic and ongoing systemic discrimination.

You can feel proud to know that the policy solutions all of the research recommends are the same policies [Family Forward has championed](#) for the last 14 years, including paid family and medical leave, pay equity, and [universal childcare](#). We are fighting together for an Oregon where moms and all caregivers are valued for the work we do, have access to the resources we need to thrive, the dignity of a living wage, and the ability to retire in comfort. That's our north star here at FF HQ and we are so grateful for all your support to keep us moving forward.

That's a BFD.



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