



EARLY LEARNING COUNCIL

Resolution in Support of Expanded Federal Child Care Investment in Response to the Pandemic

April 30, 2020

SUE MILLER
*Early Learning Council
Chair*

Whereas the Early Learning Council is authorized under Oregon law to coordinate a unified and aligned system of early learning throughout Oregon to ensure that all children, no matter what their zip code, race and family income, enter school ready to learn and that all families are healthy, stable and attached;

PATRICK ALLEN
*Director, Oregon Health
Authority*

Whereas the Early Learning Council recognizes that both essential and additional workers will require child care during recovery, and that child care must protect the health and safety of participating children and child care teachers, as well as promote children's learning and development;

ANGELA BLACKWELL

PETER BUCKLEY

KATY BROOKS

Whereas the Early Learning Council recognizes that of Oregon's 3,380 licensed child care facilities, 34% have closed. Licensed child care capacity has dropped 85% from 129,000 to 20,000.

COLT GILL
*Deputy Superintendent,
Oregon Department of
Education*

Whereas the Early Learning Council recognizes that it is imperative to sustain the child care infrastructure so that child care services which address health, safety and quality can be provided and are available to families and children during recovery;

ANNE KUBISCH

GEORGE MENDOZA

Whereas the Early Learning Council recognizes that new funding of \$50 billion is needed to sustain the child care provider infrastructure above and beyond current baseline costs according to economists at the University of Minnesota together with policy analysts from the Center for Law and Social Policy and the National Women's Law Project.

MARGARET MILLER

EVA RIPPETEAU

MARGARET SALAZAR
*Executive Director,
Oregon Housing and
Community Services*

Now, therefore, the Early Learning Council:

KALI THORNE LADD

1. Commends the United States Congress for its inclusion of \$3.5 billion in the CARES Act for the Child Care and Development Block Grant.

LIESL WENDT
*Deputy Director, Oregon
Department of Human
Services*

2. Commends the United States Congress for its "Phase 3.5" legislation and the provision of \$310 billion in additional funding to the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).

MIRIAM CALDERON
*Early Learning System
Director*

3. Requests additional relief and stimulus in order to ensure the availability of sustainable child care for essential workers and the returning workforce. Additional investment is necessary to ensure sustainable quality child care that protects the health and safety of participating children and child care teachers and promotes children's learning and development.

