Tell Congress: We Need $50 Billion in Child Care Funding

Congress has failed to provide enough funding to help the child care industry survive the COVID-19 crisis. Without support, providers will have to close permanently, leaving women without care options when they can finally return to work or school. That's why we need to tell Congress to pass the Child Care Is Essential Act and include at least $50 billion in child care funding in the next COVID-19 relief legislation.

On July 29th, the House will be voting on two critically important child care bills, the Child Care Is Essential Act, which will increase child care funding by $50 billion so that the child care system can survive the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Child Care for Economic Recovery Act, which will provide tax relief (including making the child and dependent care tax credit refundable), state child care funding, and funding for child care facilities and infrastructure.

Together, the Child Care is Essential Act and the Child Care for Economic Recovery Act will ensure that child care centers have the resources to safely operate - including to reopen, when appropriate -- and mothers have support so they can find and afford high-quality child care.

To learn more about the proposed bills, click here.

What You Can Do:

We need your help to get this message to Congress. Please use the link below to contact your state's House members and tell them to vote YES on the Child Care Is Essential Act and the Child Care for Economic Recovery Act. To take action, click here.

Learn More about the ECE Sector
WOMEN'S WAY recently had the opportunity to sit down with Carol Austin, the Executive Director of First Up. To learn more about the ECE sector and how her organization is providing aid during this crisis, Carol dives into the financial precariousness of child care centers, the lack of accessibility to working mothers, and offers insight to the necessary solutions that are needed to improve these conditions.

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