

# JOINT STATEMENT

## National Organizations on Federal Child Care Program

January 13, 2025

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) is a federal state partnership that makes it possible for hundreds of thousands of families with young children to afford safe, quality child care. CCDF is largely funded by the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) and administered by states. It supports working families in every state and congressional district and plays a critical role in healthy child development and a strong local workforce. The following joint statement is issued by 42 national organizations to emphasize the urgent need to ensure that federal child care resources continue to reach eligible families with young children, while maintaining active oversight and accountability.

“For decades, CCDF has made it possible for hard-working families to afford safe, quality care for their children while parents work or go to school. It supports working families, strengthens local economies, and promotes the healthy development of young children. Without this program these families would not be able to afford child care, leading to strained finances, stress, and increased instability for their children. The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) is a trusted bipartisan program with a long history of support.

Fraud at any level is unacceptable and takes valuable child care away from eligible families. Every dollar of CCDF funding must be used wisely and as intended, to support programs and hard-working educators in providing critical child care for eligible families and children. Simultaneously, it is essential that the strong oversight and internal controls already in place to govern these resources are ensuring the funding is being used properly, and that it continues to reach hard-working, eligible families.

We urge leaders to act with urgency to ensure that the Administration for Children and Families disburses CCDF funding without further disruption, while working in partnership with states as they deliver CCDF funding efficiently and responsibly. We also urge Congress to protect and prioritize child care investments during the Appropriations process, continue the strong, bipartisan support for the Child Care and Development Block Grant program, and build upon efforts to increase access to affordable, quality child care.”

Signed,

Advance Illinois  
American Federation of Teachers  
All Nations Rise  
All Our Kin  
Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors  
Arizona Early Childhood Alliance  
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs

BridgeCare  
Child Care Aware of America  
Children First Action Fund  
Children's Institute  
Common Good Iowa  
Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children  
Early Childhood Education Consortium  
Fight Crime: Invest in Kids  
First Children's Finance  
First Five Years Fund  
First Focus on Children  
GEEARS: Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students  
Groundwork Ohio  
Illinois Action for Children  
Illinois Developmental Therapy Association  
Licensed Child Care Association of Oklahoma  
Maine Children's Alliance  
Mission: Readiness  
Moms First  
National Association for the Education of Young Children  
National Association for Family Child Care  
National Child Care Association  
Prevent Child Abuse Illinois  
Raising Illinois  
ReadyNation  
Rhode Island KIDS COUNT  
RI Association for the Education of Young Children  
Save the Children  
Start Early  
Texas Licensed Child Care Association  
Third Way  
TOOTRIS  
Western New York Child Care Action Team & Child Care Next NY  
YMCA of the USA