

April 10, 2024

Dear members of the Kentucky General Assembly,

As child care providers, we care for and educate well over 150,000 of Kentucky's youngest children, employ thousands of teachers and aides, and empower hundreds of thousands of parents to go to work every day. We are a critical sector in the economy and a vital benefit to society.

However, even before the pandemic, we were in a crisis. Despite strong demand for our service, we cannot charge parents what it costs to care for their children safely, while paying our staff enough to keep them on the job. Recent federal funds have enabled us to just get by, but those funds have already expired in the case of stabilization payments, and will expire soon in the case of enhanced Child Care and Development Block Grant funding.

We appreciate the efforts of the General Assembly to include more funding for child care in the recently-passed budget. However, it is not enough. If the legislature does not do more to sustain the policies that the expiring federal funds have supported, then our industry will face dire choices: we will have to dramatically increase already high tuition rates, cut staff wages and risk losing them to other industries, or close our doors. In other words, Kentucky's child care sector is at risk of collapse.

Therefore, we are asking our representatives and senators to pass a supplemental lifeline funding bill in the final days of the 2024 session in addition to what is in the budget (HB 6), that can provide a bridge for child care providers until the 2026 budget session.

At a minimum, that bridge funding should include:

- **Routine, direct sustainability payments to child care providers**, to help keep our doors open, stem tuition hikes, and prevent wage cuts.
- **Maintaining CCAP eligibility at 85% of State Median Income**, to prevent thousands of parents from losing access to this aid, which could result in many dropping out of the workforce and withdrawing kids from child care.
- **Enrollment-based CCAP reimbursements to providers**, to comply with new federal rules and reduce financial volatility.

Without these crucial supports, there is no chance of survival for many of our child care centers and home-based care providers. Families will be left with even fewer options that are more expensive, quality will suffer, and many will decide it is better to leave the workforce.

An investment in child care is an investment in the commonwealth's present and future. The Kentucky General Assembly should step up and make that investment now, before you gavel out on April 15. We cannot hold on until the next budget.

Signed:

Little Lambs Learning Center

Adair, Green, Hart, Taylor

Southside Christian Child Care and Preschool #2

Adair, Jefferson

Little Sprouts Learning Center

Allen

Pam Fredericks

Anderson

Gentle Shepherd Daycare	Ballard
Mt Zion Preschool Center	Ballard, Carlisle, McCracken
Lets Go Play Academys (4 Centers in West KY.	Barren, Christian, Hart, Trigg
Growing Together Preschool, Inc.	Bath, Clark, Fayette, Jessamine, Madison, Mercer, Scott, Woodford
Noah's Ark Daycare Center	Bell
Tiny Treasures Daycare Inc	Bell, Knox, Laurel, Whitley
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Angel's Playhouse	Boone
Bengal Tots 24-7 Learning Center LLC	Boone
Little Miracles	Boone
Penguin Playschool, LLP	Boone
The Goddard School	Boone
The Magnificent Childcare Center	Boone
Building Block Early Learning Center	Boone, Campbell, Kenton
Imaginations Abound Early Learning Center	Boone, Campbell, Kenton
Kids & Cribs CEC	Boone, Campbell, Kenton, Ohio
Creative Beginnings Early Learning Center	Boone, Crittenden, Grant, Pendelton
Bright Future Child Enrichment Center	Boone, Kenton
Tender, Love & Care Learning Center	Boone, Kenton
Loves Angels early childhood development	Bourbon
Paris-Bourbon County YMCA	Bourbon
Room To Grow Learning Center	Bourbon, Harrison
Ashland Independent Child Care	Boyd
Creative Kids Daycare	Boyd
Kiddie Junction Daycare	Boyle
Brooksville Learning center	Bracken
ABC daycare llc	Breckenridge
Rising Star Kids Learning Center	Breckenridge, Hardin, Harrison, Meade
Little Village Learning Center	Bullitt
BLUEGRASS ACADEMY	Bullitt, Jefferson
Southside Christian childcare	Bullitt, Jefferson
Southside Christian Childcare & Preschool #3	Bullitt, Jefferson
Young @ Heart, Inc.	Bullitt, Jefferson
Southside Christian Child Care	Bullitt, Jefferson, Oldham

Southside Christian Child Care Centers 1-19	Bullitt, Jefferson, Oldham
Caterpillar Lane Childcare	Butler
Creative Beginnings of Murray	Calloway
Milestones Learning Center	Calloway
iKids Childhood Enrichment Center	Calloway, Graves, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken
Aunt Kathy's Child Care & Preschool	Campbell
Country Hills Montessori- FtThomas	Campbell
Kiddie castle	Campbell
Kids at the Creek	Campbell
Kinder Academy CDC	Campbell
Kinder Academy Kid's Club	Campbell
KIng's Kids Child Development Center	Campbell
Main Street Christian Education Center	Campbell
Ms. Gina's SDK- Kinder Academy	Campbell
Mrs Angelia 's Daycare	Carlisle
1st Infant Toddler Kinder Ready Center	Carroll
Carter Childcare	Carter
Dunnville Childcare and Early Learning Center	Casey
Phillips Child Development Center INC	Casey
Clark County Child Development Center	Clark
Daniel Boone Child Care	Clay
Wendy's wonderland 1	Clinton, Pulaski, Wayne
Heritage Park Preschool and Nursery llc	Daviess
Owensboro Family YMCA	Daviess
Play Smart Preschool	Daviess
Roots and Wings Childcare and Preschool	Daviess
LBC preschool	Daviess, Hancock
KB's Kid Zone	Daviess, Henderson, Muhlenberg, Ohio
Little Treasures Learning Academy LLC	Edmonson
St. Mark Catholic School	Estill, Garrard, Jackson, Madison, Rockcastle
All About Kids Childcare and Learning Center, Play With Clay, LLC	Fayette
All About Kids Childcare and Learning Center, Sarondipity, LLC	Fayette
Campus Kids	Fayette

Campus Kids early learning center	Fayette
Center for Children, YMCA of Central KY	Fayette
Child Development Centers of the Bluegrass	Fayette
Creative kids daycare	Fayette
Good Shepherd Day School	Fayette
Lexington Hearing and Speech Center	Fayette
New Beginnings Early Learning Ctr	Fayette
Our Magic Years Childcare,Center	Fayette
Smart Beez Learning Center	Fayette
Tiny Treasures Daycare	Fayette
LaFontaine Early Learning Center and The Nature Schools	Fayette, Madison
KIDDIE-LAND Daycare	Floyd
The Capital Academy	Franklin
TLC Childcare	Franklin
YMCA Crayon Club	Franklin
Little Angels Child Care	Graves
Stepping Stones Learning Center	Graves
The Kidstruction Zone	Graves
Tammy Embrys PlaySchool	Grayson
Teachable Moments Childcare Center	Green, Marion, Taylor
Crocus Academy Heartland	Hardin
God's Little Angels	Hardin
Little Lambs Daycare Learning Center	Hardin
Little Treasures Learning Academy II	Hardin
Lovingcare	Hardin
Tiny Town Daycare	Harlan
Busy Bees Educare	Henderson
Kidz. World	Henderson
Pidder Padder Preschool & daycare Inc	Henderson
First Kids Early Childhood & School Age Care	Henry, Jefferson, Oldham
Caring Hands Home Daycare	Hopkins
Christ the king preschool	Hopkins
First Christian Church Preschool	Hopkins
First Years Home Daycare	Hopkins

Hopkins County Family YMCA	Hopkins
Waumba Land	Hopkins
The Least Of These	Hopkins, Logan, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Todd
The Least Of These Christian Academy	Hopkins, Logan, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Todd
Pats Daycare	Jackson
Tiny Blessings Daycare	Jackson
A Step Ahead Child Care and Learning Center	Jefferson
Active Imaginations Child Development Center	Jefferson
Alphabet Kids	Jefferson
Amie Higgs Certified Family Child Provider	Jefferson
Angel House CDC	Jefferson
Angel House CDC 2	Jefferson
Angel House CDC Outerloop	Jefferson
Angel House Child Care Center Blue Lick	Jefferson
Angel House Child Development Center	Jefferson
Beautiful Faces Childcare Development Center 1 & 2	Jefferson
Best Friends Learning Academy	Jefferson
Bishop Learning Center	Jefferson
Carriage House Preschool	Jefferson
Cornerstone Child Development Center	Jefferson
Discovering imaginations Childcare	Jefferson
Excellence learning academy	Jefferson
Friends School of Louisville	Jefferson
Gail's Angels Childcare	Jefferson
Gifted Minds Academy Learning Center 1&2	Jefferson
Good Spirit Development Center	Jefferson
Hwang's martial arts childcare	Jefferson
Jace's Childcare Center	Jefferson
Jeffersontown United Methodist Child Development Center	Jefferson
Jewish Community of Louisville ELC	Jefferson
JTown Academy, Inc.	Jefferson
Kayfield Academy I, II, III	Jefferson
Kiddie Collage of Louisville	Jefferson

Kids first academy	Jefferson
Kidz Korner Learning Academy	Jefferson
Laughter and Lullabies Childcare	Jefferson
Leap Frog Academy	Jefferson
Leaps and Bounds Child Developed Center	Jefferson
Les petites academies	Jefferson
Lil' Genius Child Care	Jefferson
Little Foot Academy	Jefferson
Little Genius Academy	Jefferson
Logan's Treehouse Childcare	Jefferson
Love and Devotion Childcare	Jefferson
MaryAnita Nursery & Preschool	Jefferson
Meriday Preschool	Jefferson
MooMoo's Child Enrichment Center	Jefferson
MOSAIC CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	Jefferson
Next Generation Child Development Center,LLC	Jefferson
Parkland Kids Academy	Jefferson
Patches' Playmates	Jefferson
Peanut Butter & Jelly Kinder College	Jefferson
Poohs Angels Childcare	Jefferson
Providence Child Care and Preschool	Jefferson
Robbin's Preschool Playhouse	Jefferson
Southside Christian Child Care & Preschool #12	Jefferson
Southside Christian Child Care and Preschool #10	Jefferson
Southside Christian child care and preschool 4	Jefferson
Southside Christian Childcare #17	Jefferson
Southside Christian Childcare #9	Jefferson
Southside Christian Childcare and Preschool	Jefferson
Southside Christian Childcare and Preschool #5	Jefferson
St. Matthews child development center	Jefferson
Stony Brook Child Care	Jefferson
Story Time Learning Academy	Jefferson
Strathmoor Preschool	Jefferson
Temple Academy Learning Center	Jefferson

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The Learning Tree Chikd Care Center LLC	Jefferson
The Wright Place Daycare	Jefferson
Valley Child Care	Jefferson
Wee Care Nursery	Jefferson
Whiz Kidz Academy	Jefferson
Ridgewood Child Development Center	Jefferson, Meade
Safe Harbor Learning Academy	Jessamine
Once upon a childcare center	Johnson
Blessed Beginnings Child Care, Inc,	Johnson, Magoffin
Building Blocks Academy	Kenton
Funshine Child Care LLC	Kenton
Hickory Grove Daycare Preschool	Kenton
Imaginations Abound	Kenton
Little Links to Learning, LLC	Kenton
Mother Hubbard's Playhouse	Kenton
The Goddard School - Fort Mitchell.	Kenton
Busy Bees Christian Childcare	Knox
Childrens Play Palace	Knox
Jack-N-Jill Daycare	Knox
Kids Being Kids Daycare	Knox, Laurel, Whitley
Learn & Grow Child Development Center	LaRue, Nelson
Kids First of Lily LLC	Laurel
Beattyville Early Childhood Center	Lee
Playcare Learning Centers	Livingston, McCracken
Little Tykes Daycare	Logan
The Least of These	Logan, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Todd
Bluegrass Childcare center	Madison
Eastern Scholar House Child Development Center	Madison
Play and learn	Madison
Small wonders	Madison
Southern Madison childcare center	Madison
Cornerstone to Learning	Marion
Loretto Child Care Center, Inc	Marion

Kids in Training Enrichment Center	Marshall
Little Bo Peep CDC Inc	Marshall
Just4kidz	Mason
Agape Ruth's Childcare	McCracken
Easterseals West Kentucky	McCracken
Hopes & Dreams Child Development Center	McCracken
Kiddie Kottage of Paducah	McCracken
Little Lights Childcare	McCracken
Martha's Agape Love Childcare	McCracken
Olivet 4Kids Preschool	McCracken
The Early Learning Academy	McCracken
West End Kidz Academy	McCracken
Imagination station learning center	Meade
Stepping Stones Academy	Mercer
Little Einstein's Learning Center	Montgomery
Babys Day Inn Day Care	Morgan
Pooh's Corner Daycare	Morgan
Nanny's House Daycare	Muhlenberg
Crocus Academy Main Street	Nelson
Little Friends Playhouse llc	Ohio
Mother Hen, LLC	Ohio
Buckner Bear Care	Oldham
Prospect Preschool Academy	Oldham
The B Hive Childcare Academy	Oldham
Children's House Montessori	Perry
New Beginnings Center for Children and Families, Inc	Perry
The Upper Room Learning a center	Pike
Kids Kastle II	Pulaski
PJ's Primary Care Center	Pulaski
Seek and Learn Child Development	Rockcastle
Bangin Blocks Childcare	Rowan
Bizzy Bears Childcare	Rowan
Lakeside Christian Academy	Rowan
Munchkin Academy Childcare & Preschool Center	Rowan

Brumley's In Home	Scott
Children's Montessori School of Georgetown	Scott
Georgetown Child Development Center	Scott
Providence Christian Academy	Scott
Royal Ranch Learning Center	Scott
The Gingerbread Academy	Scott
Adventure Club	Shelby
Cornerstone Christian Acadwmy	Shelby
Dorman Preschool Center	Shelby
Kids Play Child Care	Shelby
Lani's Child Care Center	Shelby
Shelbyville Community Day Care	Shelby
Playschool Child Care, LLC	Todd
Smallworld Daycare	Trigg
Superior Child Care	Union
Academy for little people	Warren
Building Blocks Child Care	Warren
Bundles of Joy Childcare	Warren
Creative Learning, Inc.	Warren
Raising BG, Center for Early Education	Warren
Smart Start Childcare - 4 locations	Warren
Little Blessings Childcare and Learning Center	Whitley
Versailles Montessori School	Woodford