

February 9, 2022

The Honorable Charlie D. Baker  
Governor of Massachusetts  
Massachusetts State House, Room 360  
24 Beacon Street  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor Baker:

As we reviewed your recommendations for the Massachusetts Fiscal Year 23 Budget, we were disappointed not to see funding designated to continue Child Care Stabilization Grants in your proposal.

We ask that you consider all the resources available including, but not limited to, the state surplus and the remaining \$2.34 Billion in Fiscal Recovery Funds allocated to Massachusetts through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and respectfully ask that you include additional funding for young children and families in the Commonwealth.

**We are sending this updated letter with over 160 organizations that have come together to again ask for the designation of \$600 million, as projected by the Department of Early Education and Care, to extend and study the (EEC) Child Care Stabilization Grants through Fiscal Year 2023 to position the program for sustained support and success into the future.**

It is because of the C3 stabilization grants that many programs have been able to keep their classrooms open and available to the children and families who rely on them. We need to move from stabilization to sustainability.

The pandemic continues to highlight inequities in so many of our social systems; perhaps most starkly, it raised broad, concrete awareness of how critical and integral the early education and care sector is to our economy and to the future of our state.

Now, we have a chance to do something about it.

We are counting on the Legislature and the Baker Administration to work in partnership with us to develop innovative, comprehensive, effective ways to reframe how we think about education and invest the resources needed for implementation.

The innovative Commonwealth Cares for Children (C3) funding formula designed by the Department of Early Education and Care through the Child Care Stabilization Grant program remains critical for the early education and care sector.

**We urge you to include the following:**

- **Designate \$600 million to extend the Department of Early Education and Care’s (EEC) Child Care Stabilization Grants through Fiscal Year 2023 and study its underlying Commonwealth Cares for Children (C3) formula for potential expansion.**
- **Enhance transparency and promote flexibility** in ECE budgeting to creatively invest in strengthening the ECE system.

Maintaining funding for the grants program is critical for sustaining the progress we have made in stabilizing and building back the Commonwealth’s early education and care infrastructure.

Importantly, extending the grant funding through FY 2023 also presents a unique opportunity to research the true economic needs of the early education and care field; data collected over the fiscal year will enable evidence-based design of effective, efficient direct-to-program funding mechanisms that are aligned with concrete goals for access, affordability, quality, and equity.

We stand at a unique moment in time. We have the opportunity to reimagine what is possible; to envision a future with a stronger, modernized early education and care system – one equipped to build a competitive 21st century workforce. The C3 stabilization grant program puts us on the path toward that goal.

Please contact Amy O’Leary, [aoleary@strategiesforchildren.org](mailto:aoleary@strategiesforchildren.org), if you need additional information.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A Place To Grow, Inc.  
Arlington, MA

Adams Street Early Learning Center  
Milton, MA

Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs

Angela’s Preschool and Daycare, LLC.  
Peabody, MA

Angier After School Program

Newton, MA

Alphabet Soup Childcare Center, Inc.  
Granby, MA

Apple Orchard School  
Brookline, MA

Aubuchon Family Child Care  
Fitchburg, MA

Ayer Kiddie Depot  
Fitchburg, MA

Beginning Years Child Development  
Centers  
Medfield, MA

Berkshire United Way  
Pittsfield, MA

Birch Tree Montessori School  
Haverhill, MA

Blissful Beginnings' Preschool  
Phillipston, MA

Blossoming Buds Preschool & Daycare,  
Inc.  
Ashburnham, MA

Boston Children's Hospital  
Boston, MA

Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center  
Boston, MA

Boston College Center for Thriving  
Children  
Chestnut Hill, MA

Botanic Gardens Children's Center  
Cambridge, MA

Boys & Girls Club of Dorchester  
Dorchester, MA

Bright Beginners Family Daycare LLC  
Randolph, MA

Busy Bees Preschool Center, Inc.  
Fitchburg, MA

Cambridge-Ellis School  
Cambridge, MA

Cambridgeport Children's Center  
Cambridge, MA

Campus Child Care  
Cambridge, MA

Cape & Islands Common Start Chapter  
Falmouth, MA

CEO Action for Racial Equity  
Springfield, MA

Charlestown Nursery School  
Charlestown, MA

Child Development and Education  
Fitchburg, MA

Child Tools Consulting  
Fitchburg, MA

Children First  
Granby, MA

Children's Aid & Family Services  
Fitchburg, MA

Children's Friend Early Learning Center  
Worcester, MA

Children Express Child Care, Inc.  
Attleboro, MA

Children's HealthWatch  
Boston, MA

Children's Investment Fund  
Boston, MA

Children's Paradise Preschool  
Fall River, MA

Coalition for Social Justice  
Somerset, MA

Come and Play Family Childcare  
Franklin, MA

Commonwealth Children's Fund

Concord Children's Center  
Concord, MA

Countryside Children's Center  
Newton, MA

Creative Community Childcare  
Milford, MA

Diana's Daycare  
Framingham, MA

Don and Pam Hawley Foundation  
Concord, MA

Doris Frechettes Family Childcare  
Lowell, MA

Dottie's Family Childcare  
Dorchester, MA

Early Childhood School of Georgetown  
Georgetown, MA

Early Learners Academy  
Seekonk, MA

Early Learning of Medfield, Inc  
Medfield, MA

Early Minds Child Care, Inc.  
Swansea, MA

Edna's Little Garden FCC  
Woburn, MA

Edward Street  
Worcester, MA

Elisabeth Amen Nursery School  
Norton, MA

Elizabeth Peabody House  
Somerville, MA

Ellis Early Learning  
Boston, MA

Epiphany School Early Learning Center  
Dorchester, MA

Evergreen Day School  
Cambridge, MA

Family Access  
West Newton, MA

Fantastic Family Daycare

Boston, MA

Forest Folk  
Amherst, MA

Frances Jacobson Early Childhood  
Center  
Boston, MA

Gan Aliyah Preschool  
Needham, MA

Garden Gate Child Development Center  
Vineyard Haven, MA

Global Healing Project  
Newton, MA

Great Beginnings Learning School, Inc.  
Danvers, MA

Greater Lowell Community Foundation  
Lowell, MA

Grove Hall Child Development Center  
Mattapan, MA

Harbor City School  
East Boston, MA

Harvard Yard Child Care Center  
Cambridge, MA

Healthy Chelsea  
Chelsea, MA

Heath Extended Day  
Brookline, MA

Hills and Falls  
Newton, MA

Holyoke Community College  
Holyoke, MA

Horizons for Homeless Children  
Roxbury, MA

Housman Institute  
Newton, MA

Imagine That  
Lawrence, MA

Infant Toddler Children's Center (ITC)  
Acton, MA

Institute for Early Education Leadership  
and Innovation, UMass Boston  
Boston, MA

Jumpstart

Kesher Schools  
Somerville, MA

Kiddie Academy of Cambridge  
Cambridge, MA

Kiddie Kollege Early Learning Center  
Hyannis, MA

KiDoodles Learning Center  
Holden, MA

Kids & Company  
Quincy, MA

King's Corner Learning Center  
Leominster, MA

Lexington Playcare Center

Lexington, MA

Lincoln Nursery School

Lincoln, MA

Linda Schumacher, Early Childhood

Specialist and Education Services

Holliston, MA

Little One's Child Care

Worcester, MA

Little People Nursery School, Inc.

Templeton, MA

Little Star Of Ours Daycare

Cambridge, MA

Lucia Pena Family Child Care

Dorchester, MA

Magic Garden Inc.

Lincoln, MA

Marblehead Children's Center

Marblehead, MA

Marcia's Little Rascals Family Childcare

Springfield, MA

Maritza Crespo Family Child Care

Dorchester, MA

Massachusetts Afterschool Partnership

Massachusetts Association for

Community Action

Massachusetts Association of Early

Childhood Teacher Educators

Massachusetts Association for the  
Education of Young Children

Massachusetts Business Coalition for  
Early Childhood Education

Massachusetts Business Roundtable

Massachusetts Child Care Resource &  
Referral Network

Massachusetts Early Childhood Funder  
Collaborative

Massachusetts Head Start Association

Milford Family & Community Network  
CFCE

Milford, MA

Montachusett Community Branch  
YMCA

Fitchburg, MA

Neighborhood Villages Action Fund  
Boston, MA

New Village  
Northampton, MA

Newtowne School  
Cambridge, MA

North Shore Community College  
Lynn, MA

North Side Nursery School  
Yarmouth Port, MA

Northern Berkshire United Way  
Adams, MA

Old South Preschool  
Boston, MA

Over In The Meadow Family Child Care  
Shrewsbury, MA

Oxford Street Daycare Cooperative  
Cambridge, MA

Panda Bilingual Child Care  
Cambridge, MA

Peabody Terrace Children's Center  
Cambridge, MA

Peek-A-Boo! Family Child Care &  
Preschool  
Southborough, MA

Peirce Extended Day Program, Inc.  
Newton, MA

Play Academy Learning Center  
Medford, MA

Plowshares Childcare  
Newtonville, MA

Project Access: Coalition of Faith-Based  
Schools  
Brookline, MA

Project Hope  
Hyde Park, Boston

Radcliffe Child Care Center  
Cambridge, MA

Raising A Reader Massachusetts  
Boston, MA

Roger and Lisa Krakoff Family Fund  
Boston, MA

Rogers-Pierce Children's Center  
Arlington, MA

Sabina Family Child Care  
Boston, MA

Sacred Heart Preschool and Child Care  
Center  
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Seven Hills Foundation & Affiliates  
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Sharon Cooperative School  
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Shining Stars Preschool  
Framingham, MA

Soldiers Field Park Children's Center  
Boston, MA

South Shore Stars  
Weymouth, MA

StoryTree Children's Center  
Taunton, MA

Strategies for Children  
Boston, MA

Teach Plus Massachusetts

Boston, MA

Temple Beth Shalom  
Needham, MA

Thalis Family Day Care  
Mattapan, MA

The Boston Foundation  
Boston, MA

The Care Institute  
Boston, MA

The Children's Garden Family Childcare  
Hyde Park, MA

The Children's Garden Nursery School  
Ashby, MA

The Family Cooperative  
Watertown, MA

The Institute for Education and  
Professional Development and  
Education, Inc.

The Learning Experience  
Worcester, MA

The Teddy Bear Club  
Newton, MA

The Village Common Children's Center  
Townsend, MA

Transportation Children's Center  
Boston, MA

Treehouse School of Charlestown

Charlestown, MA

Underwood After School Program  
Newton, MA

United South End Settlements  
Boston, MA

United Way of Greater Fall River  
Fall River, MA

United Way of Massachusetts Bay and  
Merrimack Valley  
Boston, MA

Violeta Montessori School  
Cambridge, MA

Virginia Martinez Family Child Care  
Revere, MA

Wellesley Centers for Women  
Wellesley, MA

Wellesley Community Children's Center  
Wellesley, MA

Wildflower Schools Massachusetts

Wild Garden of Childhood, LLC  
Northampton, MA

Woodside Children's Center  
Amherst, MA

Worcester Community Action Council  
Worcester, MA

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