

Child Care Policy Meeting
QUALITY ISSUES

- I. Quality Incentive Grant Fund
 - A. Discussion
 - structure of fund
 - measure of quality
 - B. Responsibility
 - HHS/OMB to develop and cost

- II. Family Child Care Networks of Support
 - A. Discussion
 - B. Responsibility
 - HHS to develop fully
 - OMB to cost

- III. Health and Safety/Quality Standards
 - A. Discussion
 - regulatory options
 - incentive-structure options

- IV. Scholarship Programs/Loan Forgiveness for Child Care Professionals and Career Development/Licensing
 - A. further discussion/tasking on Monday with Department of Education staff

- V. Other Ideas
 - A. Funds targetted to communities to develop programs that address child care needs

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White House Working Group on Child Care
AGENDA
August 4, 1997 3:00pm

- I. Opening -- Elena
 - Child Care Conference set for October 23
 - 6 Focus Groups Completed
 - Policy Development process in effect -- two-page memo of policy ideas that we sent to the working group is meant as an initial working document, not an exhaustive or necessarily practical list of options. We are open to and urge other ideas and suggestions.
 - Today's meeting will serve to bring everyone up-to-date on and to discuss three areas: 1) the conference planning, 2) the policy development process, and 3) the legislative consulting process.
- II. Legislative Overview
 - Turn to Janet for brief discussion
- III. Conference Update
 - Turn to Jen/Nicole to give overview
 - Jen/Nicole will discuss process and note that two discussions are upcoming: 1) Communications/Conference Planning, and 2) IGA/Regional/Satellite Planning
 - POTUS statement and accomplishments piece to be distributed
- IV. Policy Overview
 - Turn to Olivia/Joan to walk through policy options paper
 - Ask for feedback and other ideas
- V. Institute Process
 - Small policy meetings to be called around the options in working paper that need to be costed and fleshed out by next working meeting, with involvement by WH, OMB, Treasury, HHS, Ed, etc...
 - Agencies to submit further policy ideas in writing to Jen/Nicole by ____
 - Agencies to submit Conference ideas in writing to Jen/Nicole by ____
 - Next meeting -- end of next week or 2 weeks?

Child Care Policy Issue Categories

Quality Issues

- Quality Incentive Grant Fund
- Funds Targeted to Establishing and Supporting Family Child Care Networks
- Exploring Regulatory Options
- Enhancing Professional Training Through Scholarship Programs/Loan Forgiveness for Child Care Professionals
- Exploring Other Career Development/Licensing Options

Subsidy/Tax Issues

- Expanding/Making Refundable the Dependent Care Tax Credit (DCTC)
- Expanding the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)

School-Age Care

- Expanding School-Age Care Opportunities

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MEMORANDUM

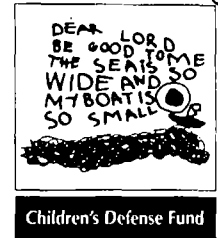
file child care-groups

TO: Bruce Reed

DT: June 30, 1999

FR: Marian Wright Edelman

RE: 100 Groups Interested in Investing in Quality Child Care
Urge the President to Increase Child Care Funding as the Budget Process Continues



Attached please find a letter signed by 100 groups urging the President to increase child care funding as the budget process continues this summer.

With the release of the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) mid-year report on July 1 and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) mid-year report on June 28th, it is clear that this nation will see unprecedented surpluses in recent history (in almost five decades). According to CBO, the federal budget surplus will be nearly \$2.9 trillion over the next ten years. According to OMB, the federal budget surplus will be \$5.9 trillion over the next 15 years.

The Budget Outlook:

	(\$ in Billions)		
	CBO	CBO	OMB
	2000-	2000-	2000-
	2004	2009	2014
Unified Surplus	\$1,112	\$2,894	\$5,935
-on budget surplus	294	996	2,868
-off budget surplus	818	1,898	3,067
(Social Security & Medicare)			

With "on-budget" surplus estimates of \$294 billion over the next five years and nearly \$1 trillion during the next ten years, there is ample room to invest in our nation's children. As Members discuss fiscal priorities, we urge that you place a high priority in investing in quality child care and early learning. Tax credits alone will not address the quality of care, the availability of care, or the affordability of care for low-wage working families. If all children are truly to enter school "ready to learn", we cannot wait until kindergarten to get them ready for school.

The average annual cost of child care for a 4-year-old in an urban area center is more than the average annual cost of public college tuition in almost every state. In some cities, child care costs twice as much as college tuition. *(The average cost of child care for infants in an urban area center is more than the average cost of public college tuition in every state).* As the budget process continues, please vote to include a significant investment in quality child care and early funding.

Should you wish additional information, please contact me at 202-662-3558 or email me at greef@childrensdefense.org anytime! You may also call Helen Blank, CDF's Director of Child Care at 662-3547 or email Helen at hblank@childrensdefense.org anytime as well.

June 28, 1999

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20520



Dear Mr. President:

It is clear that in the upcoming months, there will be several opportunities to increase funds for child care. You submitted a strong budget proposal which included a large increase in the Child Care and Development Block Grant and improved tax credits for families. We strongly urge you to push hard to make these child care increases a reality in a tax bill or an appropriation bill or both if need be.

Child care is a major challenge for American families. Every day millions of American parents rely on child care so they can work and their young children can receive the early education experiences that are vital to their future success in school. Millions more parents need after-school programs for their school age children to involve them in productive activities and keep them out of trouble. However, at every step of the way, families needing child care confront a host of obstacles.

At annual costs that can exceed \$10,000 a year, child care is financially burdensome for most families. One out of three families with young children earns less than \$25,000 a year. Yet, the average annual cost of care for a four-year-old in an urban-area child care center exceeds the average annual cost of public college tuition in almost every state.

Despite the importance of a strong early start to ensure that children have the skills necessary to enter school ready to read and ready to succeed, national studies indicate major gaps in the quality of both center-based and family child care. The first three years of life are vital to brain development; however, quality child care is especially hard to find for infants and toddlers.

In order to reach low-income families, it is critical to expand funding for the Child Care and Development Block Grant, which currently assists only about one in ten eligible families. Many lower-income families – and even some with incomes as high as \$30,000 – would not receive a net benefit from an improved Dependent Care Tax Credit (DCTC) unless it is made refundable. Pairing an increase in CCDBG with improvements to the DCTC would ensure that hard working middle-income families would also get some relief from high child care costs.

This is a time of unparalleled economic prosperity in this country. Yet, while millions of families are working, many are struggling to make ends meet in exceedingly low wage jobs. In 1997, 71 percent of poor children had a family member who worked during the year. Expanding access to quality child care for these families will not only help parents to stay in the workforce, but will also give their children the boost they need to build a strong foundation for future learning. We urge you to make this possible by working at every opportunity to ensure that your child care proposals are enacted in 1999. We stand ready to work with you.

Sincerely,

ACLU Women's Rights Project
Action for Children
Alliance for Children and Families
American Association for Democratic Action
American Association for Health Education
American Association for Respiratory Care
American Association for University Women
American Association of School Administrators
American Dental Hygienists Association
American Humane Association
American Jewish Congress
Ben & Jerry's
Camp Fire Boys and Girls
Center For Advancement of Public Relations
Center for Career Development in Early Care and Education
Center For Community Change
Center for the Child Care Workforce
Center For Women Policy Studies
Child Care Law Center
Children's Defense Fund
Child Welfare League of America
Committee for Children
Committee for Hispanic Children and Families
Congress of National Black Churches
Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition
Council for Exceptional Children
Early Childhood Policy Research
Equal Right Advocates
Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
Family Focus
Family Voices
Feminist Majority
Fight Crime Invest In Kids
HADASSAH
Institute for Peace and Justice
King Urban Life Center
Labor Council for Latin American Advancement
Latino Lesbian & Gay Transgender
Lutheran Office of Government Affairs
National Association for Family Child Care
National Association for the Education of Young Children
National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies
National Association of School Psychologists
National Black Caucus of State Legislators
National Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families
National Center for the Early Childhood Workforce
National Coalition for Campus Children's Center
National Coalition of Domestic Violence

National Council of Churches
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of Negro Women
National Council on Family Relations
National Easter Seal Society
National Family Preservation Network
National Head Start Association
National Hispanic Council on Aging
National Indian Child Care Association
National Institute On Out-of-School Time
National Latino Children's Institute
National Organization For Women
National Organization of Commissions for Women
National Partnership for Women and Families
National Respite Coalition
National School Age Care Alliance
National Urban League, Inc.
National Women's Law Center
NCECW
NETWORK/National Catholic Social Justice Lobby
Nine to Five
Northwest Women's Law Center
NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund
Prevent Child Abuse America
Provider's Choice
Quality Care for Children, Inc.
Save The Children
Teaching Strategies
The Children's Foundation
The Episcopal Church
The General Federation of Women's Clubs
The National Puerto Rican Coalition
The Preschool Project
The Salvation Army
UBU Productions
UNITE
United Auto Workers
United Cerebral Palsy Association
United Church of Christ
United Methodist Church
West Ed, Center for Child and Family Studies
WIDER Opportunities for Women
Women of Reform Judaism
YMCA of the USA
YWCA of the USA