



United We Fight. United We ALL Win.



Dear Child Care Provider,

We invite you to stay tuned for the next cycle to apply for our newly created Child Care Sustainability & Families Support Grants program. This is not a “one-shot COVID” grants program.

Our goal is twofold; to know what your true needs are that potential grant dollars can help support (operations, scholarships, trainings...), and to tell your stories as part of our fundraising to help support your needs, making grant awards on a quarterly basis as funding allows.

As stated in the January 2021 Poverty Reduction Working Group Executive Summary:

“The research is crystal clear – there is a causal relationship between poverty and its negative effects on child, adult, family, and community well-being. Nearly every goal Washington state wishes to make progress on – including kindergarten readiness, high school graduation, an educated workforce, healthy families, less crime, and strong communities – would significantly improve if poverty and inequality were reduced. Investing in the social and economic well-being of Washingtonians is not just the right thing to do, it also saves money – for every \$1 invested in reducing child poverty there is a \$7 return to the economy due to increased earnings when children become adults and savings from reduced state spending on homelessness, health, and crime.

Washington state will not reach its full potential until its residents can. Reducing poverty and inequality is an essential investment in the collective well-being of our communities and economy.”

Your application will help us highlight the true needs of Child Care Providers in our community, helping to strengthen our fundraising work, so that in turn, we are able to invest more into the important work you do, as we also continue to advocate with coalition partners to keep Early Learning at the forefront of our legislators.

Our focus will be primarily to serve the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) population, inclusive of the children, working parents and the child care workers themselves. We are most focused on serving the underserved, under-resourced and sometimes considered forgotten populations of Kitsap County.

We believe to succeed as a community, we must tackle the challenges of poverty together. As you know, helping ensure that children enter kindergarten ready to learn gives them the opportunity to reach their full potential.

We look forward to working together to do what matters; win the fight for the education, health, and financial stability of everyone in Kitsap County.

Sincerely,

Carl E. Borg III
President/CEO