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Home Grown's Statement on Early Childhood in the President's FY 2024 Budget

Home Grown applauds the Biden-Harris Administration for proposing an historic investment in child care and early education that will assist families in accessing quality care for their young children while parents are at school or work. In particular, Home Grown applauds the Administration for its commitment to a mixed delivery system that allows parents to choose their preferred child care setting. We look forward to learning more about the details of this proposal and to working with the Administration to expand supports for home-based child care providers.

Nation-wide, more infants and toddlers are cared for in home-based settings than in centers. Millions of parents choose home-based child care for their infants and toddlers because it is often closer to home, more culturally or linguistically appropriate, or better able to meet their work schedules. Despite the important contributions of home-based child care providers who remained open through the pandemic, Federal, state and local policies frequently are not supportive of home-based providers. The initiatives proposed by the Biden-Harris Administration to relieve the burden on families of paying for the full cost of care, and to provide living wages and improved benefits for child care providers, have the potential to strengthen home-based child care for millions of providers, children and families.

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