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Recipe for a Stronger Child Care System

Ingredients:

- Loving, responsive caregivers who support the developmental needs of children
- Culturally responsive environments that help kids develop positive identity
- Accessible locations and hours that meet the needs of families
- Nutritious, delicious meals and snacks
- Passage of the Child Care Nutrition Enhancement Act and the Early Childhood Nutrition Improvement Act
- More protection and investment in child care through the Child Care and Development Block Grant

We urge legislators to cosponsor the **Child Care Nutrition Enhancement Act** and the **Early Childhood Nutrition Improvement Act!**



Directions:

- 1.** Combine ingredients to serve more than 6 million children, ages 0-5, who get their meals and snacks while in the care of a home-based child care provider.
- 2. We urge representatives to protect current child care funding and cosponsor new, essential federal legislation that supports providers and children.**
- 3.** Serve with additional federal child care spending that reimburses providers for the true cost of care.

