

# If You Give a Family Access to Quality Child Care...

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If you give a family access to quality child care...

They will be able to go to work and school while their children learn and thrive.

But they won't be able to afford quality child care on their own.

They'll need sustained and substantial public investments.

Those investments would lower costs for families, and also raise wages for early childhood educators.

That will build the supply and quality of child care.

If supply and quality are increased, more families will be able to access and afford the early childhood education options that work for them.

Our communities and economy will benefit in the short and long-term.

Early childhood education will be a valued, supported, and compensated profession, and people will want to be a part of it.

But our nation needs a federal child care and early learning investment to go with it.

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