

April 30, 2026

The Honorable Mike Crapo
Chairman, Committee on Finance
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ron Wyden
Ranking Member, Committee on Finance
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Darin LaHood
Chairman, Subcommittee on Work &
Welfare, Committee on Ways & Means
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Danny Davis
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Work &
Welfare, Committee on Ways & Means
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Crapo, Ranking Member Wyden, Chairman LaHood, and Ranking Member Davis,

We, the 226 undersigned organizations who represent and care for America's children, parents, and caregivers, are writing to express our strong support for the Family Prosperity Act.

Parents are struggling with some of the most complex and stressful circumstances in decades. With rising inflation, one in four parents struggle to pay for their family's food or housing.¹ Roughly 22% of K-12 students were chronically absent in the 2024-2025 school year.² Four out of every five parents think that children's mental health is worsening.³ Yet, when families need support, it is unclear where to turn.

Congress has recognized the critical role that Family Resource Centers (FRCs) play in families and communities, stating "Family Resource Centers provide direct assistance to families through parenting support and education, navigation of care and social services, mental health counseling, early learning and afterschool activities, family financial planning, and job training."⁴ By strengthening families first, FRCs reduce unnecessary child welfare involvement by 63% in surrounding communities.⁵ For every dollar invested, FRCs provide a \$4.93 total return on investment and \$3.65 savings specific to the child welfare system.^{6,7} The programs offered by FRCs are provided through the center without regard for families' ability to pay and developed to reflect the specific needs and interests of the communities served. These programs have proven to lead to positive outcomes across the family, including meaningful gains in economic self-sufficiency, particularly in housing, debt management, employment, and food security. In one state,

¹ Braga, D. (2022). *1 in 4 U.S. parents have struggled to afford food or housing in past year*. Pew Research Center.

² Diliberti, M. K., Chu, L., Rainey, L. R., DiNicola, S. E., Lake, R. J., & Schwartz, H. L. (2025). *Chronic Absenteeism Still a Struggle in 2024–2025*. RAND.

³ University of Michigan Health, C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. (2025). *Top health concerns for 2025*.

⁴ U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Appropriations. (2025). Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies appropriations bill, 2026 (H.R. Rep. No. 119-271, p. 176). U.S. Government Publishing Office.

⁵ Bayless, S., Richmond, M., Maskus, E., & Ricotta, J. (2021). *Return on Investment of Family Resource Centers to the Child Welfare System*. OMNI Institute.

⁶ Community Services Analysis Company. (2014). *Alabama Network of Family Resource Centers: Social return on investment analysis*.

⁷ Bayless, S., Richmond, M., Maskus, E., & Ricotta, J. (2021). *Return on Investment of Family Resource Centers to the Child Welfare System*. OMNI Institute.

engagement with a family resource center helped families reach financial stability: 24% of families initially in an income-related crisis and 30% of families initially in a cash savings crisis improved their circumstances enough to resolve the crises over time.⁸

However, FRCs currently lack a dedicated federal funding stream, instead patching together multiple restricted funding streams across different program areas (such as the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, the Social Security Block Grant, Head Start, Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Title IV-B, and Title IV-E) to serve millions of American families each year. This fragmented approach creates an unnecessary administrative burden, limits adaptability to local community needs, and ultimately means fewer resources reach families. Forty-three percent of FRCs devote more than one-in-five staff hours to bookkeeping, reporting, and billing across these funding streams – time that would be more effectively spent supporting families. In the last year, 83% of FRCs reported service disruptions (turning families away, limiting services, or keeping waitlists) due to insufficient funding or resources. The Family Prosperity Act will test a more efficient, accountable approach to supporting families by creating a state-run pilot program that strengthens FRC networks to expand community impact while reducing administrative overhead.

We appreciate your leadership in advancing policies to support and empower American families. The Family Prosperity Act is a smart, state-led investment that can strengthen families, prevent avoidable crises, and deliver a strong return on investment.

Sincerely,

National

Children's Home Society of America
Corporation for Supportive Housing
Furthering Fathering Corporation
National Family Resource Center Coalition
National Family Support Network
Smart from the Start
ZERO TO THREE

Alabama

Alabama Network of Family Resource
Centers
Alfred Saliba Family Services Center,
Houston County

Athens Limestone County Family Resource
Center
Child Care Resource Center, Inc.,
*Chambers, Lee, Macon, Russell, and
Tallapoosa Counties*
Circle of Care Center for Families,
Chambers County
Coffee County Family Services Center
Dallas County System of Services
ELI Thrive, *Shelby and Jefferson Counties*
Family Services Center, *Madison County*
Family Services of North Alabama, *Blount,
Cherokee, DeKalb, Etowah, Jackson, and
Marshall Counties*

⁸ *Family Resource Center Association 2023-2024 Annual Impact Evaluation: Executive Summary.* (n.d.).

HEARTS Family Resource Center,
Cleburne County
Impact Family Counseling, *Jefferson County*
Jasper Area Family Services Center
Mary Hill Family Service Center, *Dale County*
Parents And Children Together FRC,
Morgan County
The Family Center, *Baldwin, Clarke, and Mobile Counties*
Troy Resilience Project, *Pike County*
Tuscaloosa's One Place

Alaska

Beacon Hill
Family Promise Mat-Su

Arizona

Arizona Family Resource Network
Art Heals Arizona
AZ ACEs Consortium
Candelen
Carol Lopinski and Associates, LLC
ChangePoint's Children's Family Resource Center, *Navajo County*
Child & Family Resources
Child Crisis Arizona
Children's Action Alliance
Creighton Family Resource Center, *Maricopa County*
Glendale Elementary School District
Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest, *Maricopa County*
Pendergast Family Resource Center at Rio Vista Elementary School, *Maricopa County*
Pendergast Family Resource Center at Sunset Ridge Elementary School, *Maricopa County*
Pendergast Family Resource Center, *Maricopa County*

Prevent Child Abuse Arizona
School of HipHop PHX
Southeast Pima County Family Resource Center, *Pima County*
Southwest Human Development
Step Up for Kids, *Yavapai County*
Thrive to Five Family Resource Center, *Maricopa County*
Tucson Unified School District Family Resource Centers
United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona
Washington Resource Information Center, *Maricopa County*
WRIC @ Moon Mountain Elementary School, *Maricopa County*
WRIC @ Ocotillo Elementary School, *Maricopa County*
WRIC @ Sunset Elementary School, *Maricopa County*

California

All For Kids
California Alliance of Caregivers
California Alliance of Child and Family Services
California Family Resource Association
Carpinteria Children's Project
Center for Family Strengthening, *San Luis Obispo County*
Centro La Familia Advocacy Services: Neighborhood Resource Center, *Fresno County*
Child Abuse Prevention Center
City of Fremont
Community Bridges, *Santa Cruz County*
Community Child Care Council (4Cs) of Alameda County
Compass Family Services, *San Francisco County*

East Bay Agency for Children, *Alameda County*
East County First 5 Center, *Contra Costa County*
Family Resource Center Network of Mendocino County
First 5 Butte County Children and Families Commission
Glide Foundation, *San Francisco County*
Helpline Youth Counseling, *Los Angeles County*
Human Response Network
La Manzana Community Resources, *Santa Cruz County*
La Raza Community Resource Center, *San Francisco County*
Lincoln Families, *Alameda and Contra Costa Counties*
Live Oak Community Resources, *Santa Cruz County*
McKinleyville Family Resource Center, *Humboldt County*
Mountain Community Resources, *Santa Cruz County*
Mutual Assistance Network, *Sacramento County*
Nueva Vista Family Resource Center, *Santa Cruz County*
Safe & Sound, *San Francisco County*
San Diego East Region Family Strengthening Network
Shields for Families, *Los Angeles County*
Sierra Community House, *Eastern Placer and Nevada Counties*
South Asian Network, *Los Angeles County*
Up Valley Family Centers of Napa County
Valley Oak Children's Services, Inc., *Butte County*
YMCA of San Diego County
Young Cultural & Kingdom Empowerment Foundation, Inc.

Colorado

Family Resource Center Association
Pagosa Community Initiative
Prowers County Department of Human Services

Connecticut

All For Kids
Tolland Family Resource Center
West Haven Family Resource Center

Delaware

Children & Families First Delaware

Florida

Champion for Children Foundation of Highlands County
Children's Home Society of Florida

Georgia

Ser Familia, Inc., *Fulton, Gwinnett, Cobb, DeKalb, and Clayton Counties*

Hawaii

Blueprint for Change, *Honolulu County*
Waimānalo Elementary & Intermediate School Family Resource Center

Idaho

Prevent Child Abuse Idaho

Illinois

Brightpoint
Spanish Community Center, *Will and Kankakee Counties*

Indiana

Bauer Family Resources, *Tippecanoe County*
Firefly Children and Family Alliance
Grant County Family Resource Center

LaPorte County Family Resource Center

Kansas

Kansas Children's Service League
SENT, Inc, *Shawnee County*

Kentucky

Family Resource & Youth Services
Coalition of Kentucky
Franklin Co Public Schools
Kentucky Family Resource and Youth
Services Centers

Louisiana

Louisiana Family Resource Centers
Network

Maine

Aroostook Council for Healthy Families
Community Concepts, Inc.
Franklin County Children's Task Force
Maine Children's Alliance
Maine Children's Trust

Michigan

Child and Family Charities, *Ingham County*
Family Enrichment Center
The Children's Center of Wayne County
Tree House Family Resources, *Houghton
County*

Minnesota

Main Street Family Services, *Sherburne
County*

Missouri

Missouri Coalition for Children

North Carolina

Albemarle Alliance for Children and
Families

Alleghany Partnership for Children
Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of
Child Abuse of NC, Inc., *Forsyth County*
Family Resource Center South Atlantic,
Wake County
Family Service of the Piedmont, *Guildford
County*
FIESTA FAMILY SERVICES, *Moore,
Montgomery, Richmond, and Wake Counties*
HCC Kinship Korner, *Yancey County*
High Country Caregivers, *Watauga County*
Partners for Children & Families, Inc.,
Moore County
Positive Childhood Alliance North Carolina
Swain County Family Resource Center
YWCA High Point

New Hampshire

Granite United Way
Healthy Starts Family Resource Center at
HCS, *Cheshire County*
New Futures
Waypoint

New Mexico

Casakids, *Chaves County*

Nevada

No To Abuse - Nevada Outreach Training
Organization, *Nye County*
Ron Wood Family Resource Center, *Carson
City*

Ohio

Ohio Family Support Network

Oklahoma

Center for Children and Families, Inc.,
Cleveland County
Christian Helping Hands, *Comanche County*
Delaware County Community Partnership

Douglas Highschool, *Oklahoma County*

Great Plains YMCA

Great Plains Youth & Family Services, Inc.,
Kiowa and Jackson Counties

Greater New Zion Hope Center

Growing Together, *Tulsa County*

Handle With Care Oklahoma

Legacy Parenting Center, *Pottawatomie County*

LIFT Community Action Agency, Inc.,
Choctaw County

Lowery Public School, *Cherokee County*

Marie Detty Youth & Family Services,
Comanche, Jefferson, and Stephens Counties

OK Parent Partnership Learning Community

OKC YMCA

Oklahoma Turning Point Council

Our Daily Bread, *Payne County*

Palomar, *Oklahoma County*

Parent Promise, *Oklahoma County*

Pathways To a Healthier You, *Stephens and Jefferson Counties*

Prevent Child Abuse Oklahoma

Resilient OK

Restore OKC, Inc.

Teens Excelling Beyond

The Parent Child Center of Tulsa

TRI-CHIO/Rural Health Projects, *Alfalfa, Garfield, and Grant Counties*

Tri-County Family Resource Center, *Alfalfa, Garfield, and Grant Counties*

Western Plains Youth and Family Services,
Woodward County

Oregon

Prevent Child Abuse Oregon

South Carolina

Sumter Nonprofit Network

Tennessee

Upper Cumberland Human Resource
Agency

Texas

Buckner International Family Hope Centers

Texas Alliance of Child and Family Services

Transformation Waco

United Way of San Antonio and Bexar
County

Utah

Family Haven, *Utah County*

Utah Family Strengthening Network

Virginia

Connections Family Resource Center,
Manassas City

Families Forward Virginia

Urban Baby Beginnings

Vermont

Vermont Parent Child Center Network

Washington

Akin

Amara, *King and Pierce Counties*

Benton Franklin Community Action
Connections

Community Action Council of Lewis,
Mason, & Thurston Counties

Community Resource Center of Stanwood
Camano, *Snohomish and Island Counties*

FamilyWorks, *King County*

First Step Family Support Center, *Clallam and Jefferson Counties*

Foster First, *Yakima County*

High Point Family Resource Center

Joyce L. Sobel Family Resource Center, *San Juan County*

Korean Community Service Center (KCSC), *King and Snohomish Counties*

Lopez Island Family Resource Center

Mary's Place, *King County*

Mullen-Polk Foundation/Our Next Generation, *Clark County*

Neighborhood House, *King County*

North Counties' Family Services

Northeast Community Center, *Spokane County*

Orcas Community Resource Center, *San Juan County*

Representative Carolyn Eslick, District 39

Southwest Youth and Family Services, *King County*

Take the Next Step, *Snohomish County*

The ZONE at Northeast Community Center, *Spokane County*

Washington Family Support Network

Wisconsin

Child Care Resource and Referral Inc., *Outagamie County*

Childcaring, Inc., *Adams, Clark, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marquette, Portage, Taylor, Waushara, and Wood Counties*

Children's Wisconsin

Community Coordinated Child Care (4-C), *Dane County*

Family & Childcare Resources of NEW, *Brown County*

Family Resource Center of Sheboygan County

First 5 Fox Valley

Howe Community Resource Center, *Brown County*

ICAA Family Resource Center, *Rusk, Clark, and Taylor Counties*

Indianhead Community Action Agency, *Rusk, Clark, and Taylor Counties*

Lakeland Family Resource Center, *Washburn County*

Milwaukee Center for Children and Youth

Northwest Connection Family Resources, *Sawyer and Washburn Counties*

Nurturing Little Seeds Family Resource Center, *Waupaca County*

Thriving Wisconsin

Wyoming

Community Action Partnership of Converse County