

Dear Senate Committee for Business and Transportation,

As a professional working mother with one child, I am very concerned about the state of child care in Oregon. There just is not enough care available. I empathize with single working moms who not only have the stress of making ends meet but the welfare of their babies. Some women don't come from healthy relationships and they want to know their young ones are safe and well cared for. Finding care they can even afford is a real challenge, not to mention finding someone who is flexible. Without a parenting partner, they really depend on their provider and often become close friends. Being on a very limited budget home care is more affordable but is can be tough to find.

Personally, I also am especially fond of child care homes. They offer me what I think is a premium option. There is a place for child centers but for my young child I want them in a cozier home environment. I have friends whose children didn't settle in well in a center but fell in love with their home care provider. They got the much more individual attention that they needed to thrive.

Also, about available places to find care, how will they work if they have to wait so long to find care? We really need more child care (and I like home care). Please help solve this issue that I hear about all across our state.

Thank you so much,  
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