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On Behalf Of: Childcare
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Your 2023 budget decisions are critical for the well-being of children. It is urgent that you make investments now in Oregon's early childhood workforce, facilities infrastructure, increasing access to quality programs, and early childhood health. The investment strengthens the health and well-being of children, families, communities, and our economy. Access to high-quality childcare and early learning plays many important roles. It supports early childhood development, helps families stay at work and keeps our economy going. Childcare provides the necessary infrastructure for Oregon's essential workforce to continue to work, and we continue to see the impact on employment when parents cannot find childcare. State investments in young children and childcare is a win for every Oregonian.