

Testimony Template (Parents): HB2452 CCRR

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Child Care That Works. For Every Family.

To: House Committee on Early Childhood & Human Services

From: Child Care for Oregon

Date: February 20, 2025

RE: In Support of HB 2452

Chair Hartman, Vice-Chairs Nguyen and Scharf, members of the committee:

My name is Asia, and I am a parent of two children, ages 3 and 8. I am also a childcare provider in Portland Oregon. As a resident of Oregon, I am here today to express my strong support for House Bill 2452.

As a parent, I have faced significant challenges in finding quality child care that meets the needs of my family. Despite my best efforts using 211, referrals, etc., I have struggled to find affordable and reliable options that align with my work schedule and my children's unique needs. I tried to find childcare for my daughter, utilizing my ERDC benefit. However, countless searches via 211, google and facebook childcare groups resulted in failed attempts to find child care to fit my daughter's special needs. 211 was not a reliable first option to find childcare for my daughter. I finally had to switch from looking for a daycare to Preschool for All. Thankfully my daughter is preschool age so she was quickly approved for a spot at a location near my home. I wanted my daughter to attend childcare with experience working with children with special needs, the same specialized care that I offer to families at my childcare, using her ERDC subsidy. However, there was no way I was going to find that care on my own. I had to make a decision, around where I knew support existed.

As a childcare provider myself who accepts ERDC I understand how hard it is for parents to find childcare. There is no one reaching out to newer childcare providers like myself to sign us up on 211, highlight that we accept ERDC, and connect us to families that need ERDC providers. I know this problem from both sides. I am not only feeling the impact of it as a mother who could not find the care my daughter needed, I know it as a provider who has many open ERDC spots that seem almost impossible to fill.

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That's why I believe that child care resource and referral directors (CCRRs) are essential in helping families like mine access quality child care. CCRRs provide a vital service by connecting parents with vetted providers, offering guidance and coaching on evaluating care options, and supporting us in navigating the complex child care system.

House Bill 2452 will enable CCRRs to expand their services and better support families like mine. By providing grants to CCRRs, this bill will help ensure that:

- More families have access to quality child care
- Parents receive the support they need to make informed decisions about their children's care
- Child care providers are held to high standards, ensuring a safe and nurturing environment for our children

If HB 2452 passes, I believe that my family will directly benefit from the expanded services offered by CCRRs. Specifically, [describe how you anticipate benefiting from the bill, e.g., "I will be able to find reliable child care that aligns with my work schedule," or "I will have peace of mind knowing that my children are receiving high-quality care"].

In conclusion, I urge you to support House Bill 2452. This legislation has the potential to make a significant difference in the lives of Oregon families like mine. By investing in CCRRs, we can ensure that all parents have access to the resources they need to provide their children with a strong foundation for success.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Asia Perry