

To: State Advocates

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Re: Child Care Now Launching July 10, Appropriations Markup, Budget Letter from Moderate Republicans, Health Care Update, Trump Budget's Impact on Children, Good News for Children in PA and CA, Job Posting

Dt: July 6, 2017

1. Child Care Now Launching July 10

As you know, we will be launching Child Care Now on Monday, July 10! This online campaign hub, hosted on NWLC's website, will consolidate our child care work into one user-friendly spot that includes fact sheets, tools, and resources to help advocates, parents, and allies urge Congress to expand access to high-quality child care for all families who need it. We hope that our partners will also use it to post relevant materials and work together to greatly expand investments in child care. We have gotten good response from state groups so far, but we want to make sure that we have a group from each and every state listed as a partner! If you have not yet done so, [click here to add your organization's name to support Child Care Now!](#)

2. Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations Markup

We expect that the U.S. House Appropriations Committee will mark-up the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Committees bill sometime in mid-July. The House still does not have a Budget Resolution, but the Appropriations Committee has signaled that they will be moving forward with mark-ups. All House Members should be hearing from their states this early this month with special emphasis on those that sit on the Appropriations Committee about rejecting the proposed cuts in CCDBG and Head Start as well as the elimination of funding for the CCAMPIS Program which focuses on child care for mothers enrolled in college and the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program which supports after school programs. CCDBG needs a new investment of over \$1 billion to avoid deep cuts in the number of children served, not a \$95 million cut.

3. Budget Letter from Moderate Republicans

Members of the Tuesday Group Caucus, a moderate faction of the House Republican Caucus, have written an important letter (attached) to Speaker Ryan to express concerns about the FY 2018 House Budget. In particular, this group of 20 House Republicans cautions Speaker Ryan against drastic cuts to mandatory spending programs saying they are "not practical." They also ask for more reasonable spending levels for discretionary programs for at least FY 2018 and urge him not to proceed with the House Budget until the health care debate is settled. If one of the signatories comes from your state, offer thanks and support to them for their letter about both mandatory and discretionary spending cuts.

Signatories: Dent (PA-15), Stefanik (NY-21), Upton (MI-6), Kinzinger (IL-16), Curbelo (FL-26), Katko (NY-24), Reed (NY-23), Costello (PA-6), Meehan (PA-7), Fortenberry (NE-1), Lance (NJ-7), Ros-Lehtinen (FL-27), Valadao (CA-21), Fitzpatrick (PA-8), LoBiondo (NJ-2), Collins (NY-27), GT Thompson (PA-5), Joyce (OH-14), Comstock (VA-10), and Donovan (NY-11)

4. Health Care Update

We were all grateful for the victory before the July 4th recess when the Senate elected not to take a vote on the BCRA. It is a reprieve, not a permanent victory. It will be important to keep up the pressure through this week and next to ensure that we defeat this bad bill and do not cap Medicaid, which is so important to child development. Please consider [retweeting NWLC's tweet](#) about the importance of Medicaid for children: