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**Subject:** Front Line Worker Pay Fund

To Who It May Concern,

During the COVID -19 crisis our child care center remained open and available to the essential and emergency workers the entire time with no closures. We were asked to prioritize and support the stability to our state's workforce and continue to provide care for children and families and help Minnesota respond to COVID-19. Our teachers and staff members were referenced to as HEROES by our Governor and Governors Children's Cabinet. During that time we accepted the challenges including fluctuating enrollment, temporary closures in response to public health guidance and additional expenses which created added strain on the staff. We worked longer hours while staff came down with COVID to cover the needed care for children. The important work the child care staff did and does everyday to create a loving and stable environment should be rewarded and recognized through "Front Line Worker Pay". They stood together on the forefront of this pandemic and are still here providing this essential service to families.

Please prioritize child care workers!!!!

Thank You,

Jennifer Nellis