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LARGEST ONE-TIME INVESTMENT CHILDCARE IN STATE HISTORY

Governor and Legislature agree to infuse \$1.4B into childcare

LANSING, MI - The Childcare Providers Association of Michigan (CPAOM) is elated with passage of the state budget and its inclusion of \$1.4B for the childcare industry. The historic move ensures families, childcare provider businesses, and childcare workers have the critical resources necessary to care for our state's most precious citizens.

"The essential childcare businesses and workers remain one of the most critical components to our state's economic recovery and getting Michiganders back to work without worrying how their children will be cared for," stated Lindsey Potter, CPAOM Board Member and Owner of Bright Light Early Care and Education.

CPAOM has tirelessly worked with lawmakers, Department Officials and the Governor's office over the past five months to help direct the state's priorities in childcare and is pleased to see its priorities included in the new budget deal. Key priorities included in the state budget are:

- \$158 million for an ongoing 30% rate increase and \$222 million for a temporary rate increase;
- \$117.4 million to pay providers on enrollment vs. attendance;
- \$100 million in business start-up grants;
- \$36.5 million to expand the number of spaces for infants and toddlers; and
- \$30 million to offer \$1,000 bonuses for childcare professionals.

"This giant win to childcare is a result of many voices working with their local elected officials," shares Potter. "Imagine the impact we could have if we collected our voice, maintained our flexibility and independence, and continued to preach the value of quality systems, business practices, limited government oversight, and the service of childcare within the Early Care and Education system! We urge all providers to join us."

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The Childcare Providers Association of Michigan was founded in 2021 to engage Michigan Licensed In-Home, Center, Group, Public, Private, Profit and Nonprofit Daycare providers in making changes for the betterment of our industry and those that we serve. CPAOM is a 501(C)6 non-profit association.