

# Special Budget & Finance Committee

San Francisco Office of Early care and Education

Prop C Spending Plan – FY 2020/2021



# ECE Economic Recovery Fund



60% of licensed Early Care and Education programs across the city state unlikely able to sustain operations for the next three months due to higher operational costs related to Public Health Guidelines.

- **Provides up to \$25 million:** OECE Economic Recovery Program providing access to \$5,000 - \$50,000 economic relief for licensed child care sites.
- **Priority Population and Neighborhoods:** Mission, Bayview, Visitacion Valley, the Excelsior, and Oceanview-Merced-Ingleside neighborhoods. These neighborhoods combined are home to over half of the city's birth-to-five population, approximately 25,000 children.



## Early Education Opportunities

**2,800 children childcare subsidy-eligible are waiting for a subsidy to attend an early care and education program.**

- **Reducing the waitlist:** the number of children from essential service workers continue to wait for a subsidized space, allows for the City to address economic recovery for working families.
- **Provides up to \$10 million:** shoring up **OUR** ECE system by providing up to 700 child enrollments with new sites to address the City's significant capacity constraints in the face of social distancing requirements.

# Early Childhood Workforce



- **ECE Teacher Compensation:** provide all teachers in Center-based and family child care homes access to the existing CARES 2.0 teacher stipend program through spring 2021.
  - **220 New CARES 2.0 Applications**— allows all teachers to receive a \$6,000 annual stipend without any decreases due to higher number of applicants.
  - Currently, 2,500 ECE Teachers receive a CARES 2.0 Stipend.
- **Long Term Strategy:** *in development ECE Teacher Compensation Initiative* that provides funding to child care centers and family child care providers to increase compensation for the ECE workforce.

## Allocation to City Funded Family Resource Centers (FRCs)

- San Francisco's 26 FRCs are a vital part of the city's early childhood system, working alongside educators to support child and family well-being at home and in communities.
- FRCs reach over 10,000 families per year; currently FRCs report that new family participation just in the last month is approaching the number they would normally serve in a typical 6 month period.
  - Food pantries have doubled and tripled in size
  - Referrals from community partners, including referrals from child care centers and daily referrals from City COVID Command Center, are rapidly increasing
  - FRCs are struggling to keep up with the demand for basic needs and other concrete supports that will allow families to weather this pandemic and keep children safe and nurtured

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- An allocation of Prop F funds will enable 26 FRCs to shore up information & referral, basic needs assistance, and case management services ensuring they have sufficient capacity to receive referrals from child care centers and other community partners.
- These funds will also help families reconnect to child care, benefits, employment opportunities, and other systems of care that lay the foundation for their own recovery and the economic recovery of the whole city.