



MARCH FORTH FOR CHILD CARE AND HEAD START

On Thursday, March 4th, thousands of advocates across the U.S. will join together to "March Forth" in support of increased federal funding for child care, Head Start, and child nutrition. This national email/call-in day is intended to highlight the importance of these programs for children, parents and the nation's economic recovery.

Take action today by calling or e-mailing Congress.

To call your members of Congress, use the script below and dial toll-free 1-888-460-0813. Ask the operator to be connected to Senator Bernie Sanders, Senator Patrick Leahy or Representative Peter Welch.

When you're connected with their office, tell the staffer who answers the phone:

- Hi, my name is _____. I'm a constituent. (If you are also a parent, child care provider, community leader, etc., feel free to mention that as well.)
- I am calling because I believe child care, Head Start and child nutrition are essential programs for children and families. I urge the Senator/Representative to support the increases for these programs proposed in the President's budget.

Remember to call back until you've spoken to the offices of your Representative and both of your Senators.

If you prefer to email your members of Congress, you can make the same points in the script above.

- Senator Leahy: senator_leahy@leahy.senate.gov
- Senator Sanders: Go to <http://sanders.senate.gov/contact/contact.cfm>
- Rep. Welch: Go to www.house.gov/formwelch/issue_subscribe.htm

Here's why we should take action right now:

Your Members of Congress have started to work on the federal budget, which determines a large chunk of funding for child care and early education programs, along with other programs that matter for women and families. By contacting calling/emailing on March 4th, we can make sure that Congress knows that the increased investments proposed in the President's budget are necessary.

The more calls and e-mails they get, the more pressure Congress will feel to support these vital programs. So please help spread the word by sharing this flyer with friends, family and colleagues.

Thanks for Marching Forth with us!

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