



FIGHTING FOR WASHINGTON FAMILIES



Rep. Eileen Cody (D-West Seattle), Chair of House Health Care and Wellness Committee

"With the implementation of the federal Affordable Care Act, we have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to transform our health care system into one that is both effective and efficient. Washington's health care exchange is critical to meeting this goal. We need it to work – so we must give the exchange the resources it requires to operate. Unfortunately, the Senate's budget proposal stops halfway."



Rep. Roger Goodman (D-Kirkland), Chair of House Public Safety Committee

"Investments in early learning, home visiting and quality childcare are the most effective tools we have for crime prevention. Law enforcement, the justice system, and the business community agree – the more we invest in a smart way, the safer our communities. The changes the Senate Majority Caucus Coalition's budget makes to our strategic investments in TANF and Working Connections Childcare undermine our goal for strong families and secure communities."



Rep. Tami Green (D-Lakewood), House Majority Floor Leader

"This is an assault on hard working middle class families and we felt we had to shine a light on this 'cuts for kids' budget. When you put tax loopholes for big out-of-state oil companies before kids, schools and families, your priorities are out of whack."



Rep. Laurie Jenkins (D-Tacoma), Vice-Chair of House Health Care and Wellness Committee

"I haven't seen this many imaginary numbers since I took pre-calculus. The Senate Republican budget is full of fund transfers, wishful thinking and unexplained efficiencies. It tries to meet our constitutional duty to fund schools by robbing a fund protected by the constitution that's meant to build new schools across the state."

It doesn't have to be this way. Governor Inslee showed that you can put Washington's children and families first instead of protecting tax loopholes at all costs. Let's do the right thing by investing in the future, and our kids, without throwing grandmothers and the working poor under the bus."



Jon Gould, Children's Alliance

"High-quality child care is a triple win. Moms and dads can go to work and bring home a paycheck. Young children get the early education that builds the foundation for lifelong learning. And all of Washington benefits when all our youngest learners have the opportunity to succeed in school."



Marcy Bowers, Statewide Poverty Action Network

"This is a step in the wrong direction for our state. In order to ensure all of our state's students can succeed in school, we must invest in the programs like TANF that prevent child hunger and homelessness, in addition to funding education."



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"Hispanic, Asian, Black, and Native American child care providers are more likely to care for children on subsidies. When cuts come to these subsidies or when the subsidy policy drives families out of care, these providers and the children in their care the most impacted."