Please watch this short video on the importance of investing in early learning. swfobject.embedSW

How You Can Make A Difference You can help raise the bar on quality by getting involved and letting our leaders know that high-quality child care is important to you and your community.

How do I contact my legislator?

Follow the steps:

1. Go to www.in.gov/legislative/
2. On the left side you will see a number of options - Select Who's Your Legislator to identify your legislator based on your home address and zip code
3. Click on your legislator's name
4. You will be taken to a screen that allows you to directly email a message

Visit the following site to contact Governor Mike Pence- http://www.in.gov/gov/index.htm
Follow the steps:

1. On the left side you will see a number of options - Select Ask Mike
2. You will be taken to a screen that allows you select the option to email a message

What should I say?

Follow the steps:

1. Look back from time to time on legislative issues that need your attention.

Share Your Experience: Do you have a child care story to share? Early Childhood Alliance uses child care stories to further its mission and to advocate on behalf of children. To share your story, click here

Federal Watch through NACCRRA - The National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies Child care is a fact of life for many American families. Every day, nearly 12 million children under 5 spend time in some type of child care. Children of working mothers spend, on average, 36 hours a week in child care. If children are to start school with the skills to succeed, then they need access to high-quality child care. High quality care also enables parents to be reliable, productive employees. Unfortunately the supply of high quality care in the United States is severely limited. When quality is available it is often difficult for parents to afford. A stronger federal commitment to a quality child care system is necessary to ensure that children can learn and families can work.

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Now is the time to contact the elected officials who represent YOU. Let them know that you want the quality of care strengthened in every community. Contacting your elected officials is quick and easy.

Every voice counts! Join thousands of Child Care Resource & Referral agencies, child care providers, and parents to make high-quality child care a reality for all families. To find out more visit the Legislative Action Center .