



## 2019 Legislative Priorities

- **Family-friendly Policy Changes to the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)**  
Kids Can't Wait supports family-friendly policy changes to come into compliance with the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant and to align with national best practices. We prioritize provisions that reduce barriers to accessing CCAP for families experiencing homelessness, ensure continued access for families that move across counties, and stabilize families to help them transition out of the Minnesota Family Investment Program more quickly.
- **Serve All Eligible Families**  
Kids Can't Wait believes every eligible family should be able to access CCAP when they need it. We support both fully funding CCAP to eliminate its current wait list and to forecast CCAP funding so that no families will encounter wait lists in the future.
- **CCAP Provider Reimbursement Rate Increase**  
Kids Can't Wait supports increasing the provider reimbursement rate so that providers can afford to serve families using CCAP and families have more options for affordable child care that meets their needs. We advocate that provider reimbursement rates be set at the federally-recommended level of the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent market rate survey conducted by the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

### **KIDS CAN'T WAIT ENDORSES:**

#### **Prioritizing waiting families**

Kids Can't Wait believes every eligible family should be able to access CCAP when they need it. In 2019, Kids Can't Wait endorses the proposal to make unserved families a higher priority for access to Basic Sliding Fee.