



Policy Matters: FY20 Priorities for Creating Opportunity

*The state support and funding for policies and programs that create opportunity is critical. **We are advocating for policies that strengthen families, bridge the wage gap, create economic opportunity and strengthen the human services infrastructure.***

We thank both the House and the Senate for their hard work in the FY20 budget process and the inclusion of so many important resources. We hope to see the following essential line items in the final conference report.

Bridging the Wage Gap

- Increase Resources for Free Tax Prep for Low-Income Wage Earners through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program Sites (1201-0100) - *We urge the Conference Committee to include the Senate allocation of \$200,000.*

Strengthening Families through Affordable & Accessible Early Education and Care

- Increase Child Care Resource Referral Access Management in Early Education Program (3000-2000) - *We urge the Conference Committee to include the Senate allocation of \$10,065,311.*
- Increase resources for Early Educators Salaries (3000-1042) - *We urge the Conference Committee to include the House allocation of \$20M.*
- Increase resources for HeadStart (3000-5000) - *We urge the Conference Committee to include the Senate allocation of \$12M.*

Creating a Foundation for Economic Opportunity

- Support Services for Unaccompanied Youth Housing and Wraparound Services (4000-0007) - *We urge the Conference Committee to include the Senate allocation of \$5M.*