



***Michigan's Children Applauds Governor Whitmer's Use of Federal Funds to Invest in State's Child Care System. It's Needed Help for Children, Families and Michigan's Economy.***

*This statement is attributed to Matt Gillard, President & CEO of Michigan's Children, an independent, statewide organization working to improve public policy in the best interest of Michigan's children and families, particularly those living with the greatest life challenges.*

Governor's Whitmer' announcement today marks a historic opportunity to truly prioritize the needs of young children and their working parents. For far too long, Michigan has trailed behind other states when it comes to supporting investment in our child care system.

Now is the time to create a brighter future for our state, our children, their parents, and the needs of our labor force and Michigan's economy.

The Governor's plans to invest \$1.4 billion of federal funds in a viable child care system is a great step forward, and a turning point in needed government reforms to benefit society today and into the future.

We call on Michigan legislators to take the next step and quickly adopt this plan and join the Governor in prioritizing child care and Michigan's children.