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February 27, 2025

Testimony on House Bill 96

Chair White, Vice Chair Salvo, Ranking Member Lett, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today on HB 96. My name is Shanell Martin I am with Centerville Early Learning + Training and I represent the CEO Project. I am here to ask that you support Ohio kids, families, and childcare providers by including the improvements outlined in Governor DeWine's executive budget, especially raising the eligibility rate for childcare assistance and removing work requirements for Medicaid.

I am a hard worker and taxpayer. I live in Cincinnati. Raising the eligibility rate for childcare assistance would allow me and many other parents to afford childcare while earning a livable wage and providing for our families. In my area, childcare costs roughly between \$15,000 and \$20,000 per child each year. That means for those of us who make \$16.00 an hour and work full time, nearly half of our salary is spent on childcare for one child. Without childcare assistance, I worry that I will not be able to work. I also want to ask that you remove work requirements for Medicaid. Like childcare, affording healthcare is nearly impossible even with a higher wage. Adding work requirements for Medicaid will cause 60,000 Ohioans like me to lose health coverage.

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Thank you again for the opportunity to provide my testimony today. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Shanell Martin

Shanell Martin (Feb 25, 2025 22:52 EST)

Jalynn Price

Centerville Early Learning

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I am a hard worker and taxpayer. I live in Dayton. Raising the eligibility rate for childcare assistance would allow me and many other parents to afford childcare while earning a livable wage and providing for our families. In my area, childcare costs roughly between \$15,000 and \$20,000 per child each year. That means for those of us who make \$16.00 an hour and work full time, nearly half of our salary is spent on childcare for one child. Without childcare assistance, I worry that I will not be able to work. I also want to ask that you remove work requirements for Medicaid. Like childcare, affording healthcare is nearly impossible even with a higher wage. Adding work requirements for Medicaid will cause 60,000 Ohioans like me to lose health coverage.

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Jalynn Price (Feb 26, 2025 08:36 EST)

Madison Willhelm

Centerville Early Learning & Training


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As an invested worker in childcare in <sup>Dayton</sup> Centerville Early Learning & Training, I am one of many who nurture and care for our youngest Ohioans, but I and many others are living paycheck to paycheck. Childcare costs roughly between \$15,000 and \$20,000 per child each year. That means for those of us who make \$16.00 an hour and work full time, nearly half of our annual salary would be spent on childcare for one child. Like childcare, finding health coverage is nearly impossible. Most small childcare businesses cannot afford to offer it to us. Work requirements for Medicaid will cause an additional 60,000 Ohioans like me to lose health coverage.

It is important to point out that while this budget is moving in the right direction, we need smart solutions to engage in more ways to bring about smart solutions to the problems facing childcare workers. Please support Ohio kids, families, and childcare providers by including the childcare improvements outlined in Governor DeWine's executive budget, especially investing in childcare as the workforce behind the workforce and by removing work requirements to Medicaid eligibility.

  
Madison Willhelm (Feb 26, 2025 08:48 EST)

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Tessie Riggs

Centerville Early Learning + Training  
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
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Chair White, Vice Chair Salvo, Ranking Member Lett, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today on HB 96. My name is ~~Your Name~~ <sup>Tessie Riggs</sup>, I work in a childcare program, and I represent the CEO Project. I am here to ask that you support Ohio kids, families, and childcare providers by including the childcare improvements outlined in Governor DeWine's executive budget, especially investing in childcare as the workforce behind the workforce and by removing work requirements to Medicaid eligibility.

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Tessie Riggs (Feb 26, 2025 05:09 EST)

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide my testimony today. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Taylor yant  
Centerville Early Learning + Training  
Daycare

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
Chair White, Vice Chair Salvo, Ranking Member Lett, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today on HB 96. My name is Taylor yant, I am with Daycare \_\_\_\_\_ and I represent the CEO Project. I am here to ask that you support Ohio kids, families, and childcare providers by including the improvements outlined in Governor DeWine's executive budget, especially raising the eligibility rate for childcare assistance and removing work requirements for Medicaid.

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Taylor yant Feb 25, 2025 22:37 EST