

MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER'S FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



INCREASING ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE

After an unprecedented year for families, when children of all ages stayed home and parents and caregivers juggled many responsibilities, the Fiscal Year 2022 budget makes significant investments in expanding access to high-quality child care. Affordable and accessible high-quality child care gives our young people the strong start they deserve and ensures families have the supports they need to succeed.

By making big investments in child care, we're making sure our youngest residents and their families get a Fair Shot.



THE FAIR SHOT BUDGET WILL DELIVER...

- **\$68M** to increase access to high-quality affordable childcare and provide incentives and scholarships for early childhood education teachers
- A pilot to review incentives for **2,000** childcare workers to improve childcare worker retention in our DC childcare provider facilities
- Higher subsidy payments for **270** childcare centers
- Stabilization grants for all **425** licensed childcare centers to help mitigate the losses experienced due to the public health emergency
- Back-to-work Childcare grants for **90** licensed childcare centers to preserve the number of available seats for DC families
- A second round of Access-to-Quality grants for **\$10M** across FY22-23 to increase the number of quality and high-quality seats in DC—improving affordability, supply, and quality
- **\$18.5M** across FY23-24 to pilot quality pay bonus payments to providers who pay wages to infant-toddler workers commensurate with credentials