



Today marks a historic day for early childhood. President Biden and Vice President Harris have taken bold steps to usher in sweeping support for families and young children that could drastically change the landscape for our communities. The [American Families Plan](#) recognizes that, “**unlike in past decades, policies to make life easier for American families must focus on bringing everyone along: inclusive of gender, race, or place of residence...**” This package of proposals represents a strong beginning in prioritizing the needs of families with young children, particularly the communities whose needs have most often been denied through racist structures, policies and practices.

EARLY CHILDHOOD IN THE AMERICAN FAMILIES PLAN

These proposals invest over 450 billion into support for families with young children, and include:

CHILD CARE

\$225 Billion

Provides families with direct support in order to ensure child care is affordable-ensuring that families do not spend more than 7% of their income on child care, and extending tax cuts for families with children

PARENTAL LEAVE

\$225 Billion

Ensures that parental leave is attainable by creating a national comprehensive paid family and medical leave program

UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL

\$200 Billion

Expands preschool for 3 & 4-year-old children so it is accessible for all families benefiting five million children and saving the average family \$13,000, when fully implemented

WORKFORCE SUPPORT

Address structural barriers facing the early childhood workforce to ensure a living wage for early childhood educators and offers support for higher education to increase the diversity of the educator pipeline, including [DREAMers](#) and those who attend [HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs](#)

[School Readiness Consulting's](#) mission is to **integrate strategic thinking, best practice, and evaluation to transform learning and affirm the right of all children to thrive**. It is because of our mission that we celebrate and stand in full support of these proposals, and urge policymakers to pass President Biden and Vice President Harris' plan for our nation's progress, which is so clearly tied to the health, wellness and thriving of our nation's children and families. We urge policymakers to keep equity front and center and to address the needs of Black, Indigenous and people of color as an urgent and salient priority in all negotiations and legislation to come.

As a consulting firm focused on equity in early learning, SRC supports comprehensive early childhood systems by advising and communicating on behalf of system-level efforts, supporting best practice in early learning, and executing rigorous evaluation of early learning initiatives. [Our team](#) looks forward to supporting the field, and our broader society, in building systems that truly support our children, families and communities, and move us toward the realization of a just and equitable society.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lindsey Allard Agnamba".

Lindsey Allard Agnamba, CEO