

Comprehensive Child Care Reform



What Neighborhood Villages is fighting for:

- **Improving affordability** for families and creating systems that help families navigate and enroll in care.
- **Increasing wages and professional development opportunities** for early educators.
- Establishing **effective operational and public infrastructure support** for programs.
- Establishing **stable financing mechanisms** for the early education and care sector, to promote capacity- and supply-building, particularly in underserved communities.
- Making certain that the **early education and care system is fully funded**, to ensure that: eligible families are able to access affordability benefits; teachers are paid a professional wage; and programs have sufficient public revenue to support providing high-quality education and care.

Comprehensive early education and care reform means that all families have access to high-quality affordable care in the location and on the schedule they need. It means that being an early educator is a well-paid career that attracts and retains the best talent. A transformed early education and care system prioritizes equity, connects families to the care solutions that are right for them, provides all children a high-quality early education, supports teachers in their professional development, and provides supportive infrastructure to early education and care providers.

As it works to pilot and scale innovations in sector reform, Neighborhood Villages is also fighting to ensure that permanent policy changes are put in place at the local, state, and federal level, to make comprehensive early education and care reform a reality.