



# Child Care Assistance

HF 1747 and HF3861

*Child Care Assistance rates for providers have long lagged far behind the federal standard. Providers have been forced to make up the losses to provide high-quality childcare. It is time Minnesota catches up and invests in childcare.*

Parents often spend months on Child Care Assistance waiting lists, leading to weeks or months long gaps in care. These gaps are frustrating for parents and childcare providers and challenging for children.

*There are still too many families that make too much money to be eligible for assistance, but not enough to actually afford childcare.*

## These bills will:

### **ELIMINATE WAITLISTS**

for families so they can get access to assistance right away.

### **RAISE RATES**

for childcare providers so they can afford to provide high-quality care, and invest in their staff and programs.

### **EXPAND ELIGIBILITY**

increase the number of families who are eligible for assistance.

### **INCREASE ACCESS TO CARE**

for 15,000 families and 30,000 children.

MN has a \$9.3 Billion surplus and an amazing opportunity to transform childcare!