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United WE-Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation Commission on Childcare and Women's Entrepreneurship

Help end the national childcare crisis

SUMMARY

COVID illuminated access to childcare as a cascading crisis - a situation that was at its breaking point before the pandemic, but erupted into a national emergency when many childcare providers were forced to shut their doors.

This Commission is a critical component of the Women's Entrepreneur Childcare Project, an effort funded by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation that will generate new policy ideas in the heartland to reduce the childcare barriers that are limiting women's entrepreneurship. It will also assist United WE in advocating for policy solutions to reduce red tape in childcare licensing and address the childcare crisis for women entrepreneurs on both sides of the childcare equation - entrepreneurial childcare providers and entrepreneurial mothers.

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Actively participate in 3-4 meetings (virtual and one in-person)
- Share your unique perspectives and expertise to increasing access to childcare
- Help identify possible solutions to promote women's entrepreneurship by increasing access to childcare
- Make recommendations to elected officials, business & community leaders for solutions that increase access to childcare
- Assist in efforts to elevate childcare as a critical workforce development strategy
- Serve as positive ambassador for the Commission and its work
- Participate in the development of a National Strategy and Action Plan

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