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MOTION

WE MOVE for City Council to allocate \$1.5 million dollars of funding from the American Rescue Plan Act to create a Cincinnati Childcare Relief Fund, to be managed by 4C for Children, in order to eliminate delinquent childcare payments due to Ohio licensed childcare facilities. 4C for Children would manage the applications, disbursements and other administration functions for a 10% fee included in allocation.

STATEMENT

There is an estimated number of number of 16,500 Cincinnati children in childcare. Based on a similar pilot program facilitated by 4C for Children, 5% of families have childcare debt with an average debt of \$1,500 per family. Ohio licensed facilities care for 6 or more children, and many childcare businesses are women-owned. Providing funds from the American Rescue Plan Act would help families to maintain necessary childcare while supporting childcare businesses that have suffered through the COVID-19 pandemic.

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