



# Supporting Childcare and Early Learning in Burien

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# The Importance of Accessible, Affordable High-Quality Childcare and Early Learning



**CRADLE TO CAREER**



**0-5 YEARS OF CRITICAL GROWTH IN THIS  
DEVELOPMENT STAGE**

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**ACCESS TO WORKFORCE**



**WORKFORCE RETENTION**

# Post Pandemic Childcare Landscape

## **CLOSURES**

Due to low enrollment, staffing issues,  
retirement

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## **CHILD CARE WORKFORCE**

High turnover due to lower wages,

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## **LESS OPTIONS, LONGER WAITLISTS**

Expanding geographical search for childcare

**“One thing local municipalities can do to help out with child care is to reduce their fees and zoning barriers that restrict new facilities getting approved and licensed.”**

**-Ryan Pricco, Childcare Aware WA**

# Easing Zoning Restrictions

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## PARKING REQUIREMENTS

Making it easier for childcare and home-based centers to open.



# Sharing Funding Opportunities

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## CONNECTING WITH OUR PROVIDERS

- Intentional Lines of Communication
- Circulate existing opportunities to access state-level funding through Washington State and King County assistance programs

# Childcare Business Development Initiative

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## ADDING TO BURIEN'S SUPPLY

- Investment of pandemic relief funds
- Partnership with The Imagine Institute
- Creating entrepreneurial pathways
- Burien will have 9 new home-based childcare centers by December 2026

# Economic Development Action Plan

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## BURIEN'S ROAD MAP FOR THE NEXT 5-10 YEARS

- Advocate for Affordable and Available Childcare Businesses in Burien
- Identified as TOP PRIORITY from members of the community and businesses
- Continue relationships with local childcare providers to identify ways to expand service in childcare deserts and near-future employment opportunity areas.
- Over time, monitor and advocate for state-level support or legislation to incentivize childcare providers in current areas lacking service.
- Structure communications to ensure that new opportunities are well-known.
- Alleviate barriers to entry for childcare businesses by evaluating City permitting and parking requirements, and explore opportunities for guidance to navigate the permitting process successfully that might otherwise discourage new childcare centers from locating in Burien.

# Any Questions?

# Thank You!

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