

Child Care Assistance for Maternal Health



ENDORSEMENT QUOTES

“The Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs (AMCHP) is pleased to endorse the Child Care Assistance for Maternal Health, an essential bill that would expand access to short-term child care at times particularly critical for mothers and families. As an organization committed to disrupting structural inequities created by racism, we support the holistic lens applied to providing child care support for mothers and families during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period. Thank you to Reps. McClellan and Mace for being a champion for maternal and child health; we value your advocacy and partnership.”

Terrance E. Moore, CEO, Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs

“Supporting young children and maternal health across our most vulnerable populations is critical to long-term outcomes. This bill provides both pre- and post-natal supports, which allows for a strong foundation for healthy development and will have a lasting impact on both children’s ability to realize their full potential and national economic stability. The Bipartisan Policy Center applauds Representatives McClellan (D-VA-04) and Mace (R-SC-01) for their leadership on this issue with the introduction of the Child Care Assistance for Maternal Health Act.”

Linda Smith, Early Childhood Initiative Director, Bipartisan Policy Center

“Access to quality, affordable child care is an imperative part of ensuring moms have the comprehensive support they need and deserve while navigating the many challenges of motherhood. First Five Years Fund is thankful for the bipartisan work of Reps. Jennifer McClellan and Nancy Mace to introduce the Child Care Assistance for Maternal Health Act, a much-needed bill that would increase access to short-term child care. This will help mothers, families, and their youngest children thrive, especially in communities with the greatest need.”

Sarah Rittling, Executive Director, First Five Years Fund

“Mom Congress applauds the bipartisan leadership of Representatives McClellan and Mace on developing this important legislation to provide mothers with emergent child care so they can be healthy and well for their children.”

Crystal McAuley, Community Director, Mom Congress

“It’s a critical time in our nation for the federal government to offer crucial supports to pregnant and postpartum women. Grants to pilot short-term child care such as crisis nurseries to help women get the care and respite they need to improve their health is one such critical step.”

Joy Burkhard, Executive Director, Policy Center for Maternal Mental Health

“This bill will give new parents access to safe community-based child care, so they can seek critical and equitable maternal mental health care. Maternal mental health challenges are the most common complication of all pregnancies, and the only mental illness that is preventable, temporary and treatable.”

Jamie Zahlaway Belsito, Founder and Director of Policy and Partnerships, Maternal Mental Health Leadership Alliance