

Resolution Title: Resolution in Support of High Quality, Affordable Childcare
Submitted by: Professional Staff Congress, Local 2334

Whereas, caring for children and other family members disproportionately falls on women's shoulders; and

Whereas, the United States has a dearth of quality, affordable childcare; and

Whereas, most other Western democracies, with the exception of Sweden, have lower rates of women working full time but still provide universal childcare; and

Whereas, the widening income gap forces many working parents to use poor quality care as their only affordable alternative; and

Whereas, the quality of life of working families and their children would be greatly improved by access to affordable, quality childcare; and

Whereas, children are already benefiting from pre-K programs; and

Whereas, public and private employers would benefit from an increased supply of high quality, affordable childcare; and

Whereas, quality childcare prepares children to be successful in school; therefore be it

Resolved, that the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) work to secure more federal funding for childcare and support legislation to dramatically increase the supply of quality childcare; and be it further

Resolved, that AFT foster government policies that redefine the dearth of quality, affordable childcare as a public issue, requiring public and community responses as opposed to its characterization as a private problem for struggling parents to solve; and be it further

Resolved, that AFT work in coalition with childcare advocates, providers and its affiliates within the labor movement to increase the supply of affordable, high quality childcare.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was approved for submission to the 2004 AFT Convention by the:

Delegate Assembly at a meeting held on May 27, 2004

Signed: _____
(President)

(Secretary)

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