# Connected by Care & Unified by Need

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"I alone cannot change the world but,
I can cast a stone across the waters
to create many ripples"

- Mother Teresa



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MOST IMPORTANT ROLE IN LIFE...

- RAISING AN AWESOME HUMAN!
- FULL-TIME BUSINESS OWNER & SINGLE MOM

#### We are here because...

- we know there is more to be done
- we know we can make a difference

- we know more collaboration is key
- we know the more we understand, the more effective we can be
- we know the effort we put forth DOES matter

# In order to make change at the next level...

We've got to continue to understand...

- the issues at hand
- the roadblocks
- the successes
- the realities of all involved
- the resources to leverage
- the stories that do not serve us

#### This Summit is full of OPPORTUNITIES to...

**CONNECT** SHARE PROBLEM SOLVE LEARN **COLLABORATE** LISTEN **STRATEGIZE** 



#### Childcare provider

**Employer in Montana in an industry other than childcare** 

#### **Government employee/entity**

## Household with children under 5 years old

## Household with children over 5 years old

#### **Community member**

The issues of childcare in this state impact you

Please STAND UP if...

#### Summit Format

Session Track Key: GENERAL EMPLOYER COMMUNITY PROVIDER

Guidelines for Sharing & Collaborating

When you are in breakouts or small groups today, remember these guidelines

1. Play Full-Out

2. Acknowledge others

3. Stay Curious

Connect & Share in Small Groups

Get ready...
you are going to move ©

Build a small group of approximately 6 people from different tables

AKA: do <u>not</u> form a group with your tablemates

# Connect & Share in Small Groups

Each person please share the following with your small group... 1. Your name

2. Organization/Role

3. How does childcare play a role in your personal or professional life?

4. #1 outcome you are craving from the Summit



#### **NEXT STEP:**

Using the large index card at your table & marker:

Capture a high-level summary of the Summit outcomes that were shared

(please print clearly so I can read them @)



#### SCARCITY MINDSET

Persistent focus on what is missing

Heightened anxiety about risks / not enough

Difficulty envisioning innovative solutions

Leads to short term coping VS. long term solutions

#### ABUNDANCE MINDSET

There are resources for everyone / always a solution

Easily motivated & ready for action

More apt to collaborate

Can see connections & solve problems

# Here's the deal...

Changing your perspective isn't likely to change the current realities,

BUT what it <u>can do</u> is change your <u>behavior</u> – and changing your <u>behavior</u> CAN CHANGE OUTCOMES!



**INDIVIDUALLY, on your handout:** 

Take a few minutes to capture your responses to the prompts

## MINDSET EXERCISE



#### MINDSET: The Superpower of Change Makers

Our mindset is a powerful tool; especially when we find ourselves facing significant challenges or executing on BIG visions. Scarcity mindset vs. Abundance mindset is a powerful concept that influences how individuals perceive and respond to limitations, resources, and opportunities. When individuals and teams embrace an abundance mindset it has been shown to change behaviors and lead to increased problem solving, motivation and collaboration. (Source: UM Medicine.org)

In what ways do you think scarcity mindset contributes to the current shortage of childcare services in communities across Montana?

What role do you think community partnerships and resource-sharing play in fostering an abundance mindset to expand childcare availability and accessibility? What are your ideas?

Question #1

In what ways do you think the scarcity mindset contributes to the current shortage of childcare services in communities across Montana?

## Question #2

What role do you think community partnerships and resource-sharing play in fostering an abundance mindset to expand childcare availability and accessibility?



Now, with the individuals seated at your table:

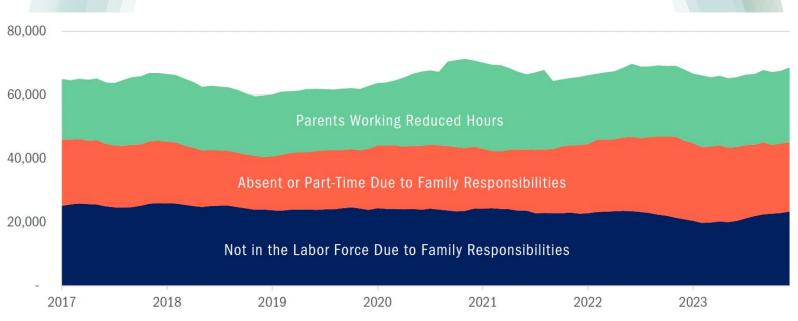
1. Quick round of introductions if needed

2. Each person, discuss both questions – your impressions and thoughts with one another



Licensed childcare capacity only meets about 44% of the estimated demand

## Over 66,000 parents unable to fully engage in the workforce



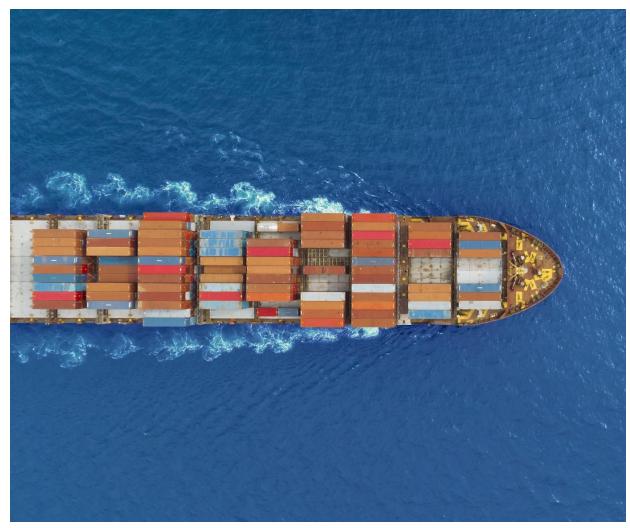
Source: MTDLI analysis of Current Population Survey microdata from IPUMS through December 2023.

Post-secondary education institutions are an important contributor to early childhood education workforce

85% of ECE graduates
work in the state
of Montana
a year after graduation

High levels of collaboration and community organization are needed to innovate and leverage resources





### MICRO-MOVEMENTS MATTER

It takes many purposeful, efforts and actions to gain momentum and shift a cause of this size and complexity. And...

... it's worth it!

## MICRO-MOVEMENTS MATTER

What you do matters.

How you show up matters.

How you collaborate can change everything.

Let's document some of our micromovements to date!



1. Think of TWO different efforts you have individually made (or will make) to support the childcare movement in Montana

2. Distribute 2 paper strips to each person



3. Using a marker or pen, write your name & an effort you have made (or will make) to support the childcare movement in Montana, on each paper strip

4. Each person should end up with 2 strips and each strip includes your name and a different effort (micromovement) you have made/will make

### MICRO-MOVEMENTS MATTER

Now, to see the impact of all these individual efforts...

Use the glue dots on your tables to build your paper strips into ONE MASSIVE paper chain!

#### **USE IT ALL AS FUEL**

As you work together to learn, innovate, collaborate & experiment, remember to use all the experiences as FUEL...

Keep your fire lit within for this important cause that needs you and your contributions.





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