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MEDIA ADVISORY

Alderwoman Coggs to Speak on Governor’s Proposed Childcare Cuts
Event this evening to help inform and mobilize parents about proposed cuts to Wisconsin Shares program

Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs will speak to parents and interested stakeholders this evening regarding Governor Walker’s proposed cuts to the Wisconsin Shares program. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the John C. Cudahy YMCA, 9050 N. Swan Rd.

Under the governor’s proposed budget, a waiting list would be created for Wisconsin Shares, the state's subsidized child care program for low-income families, and co-payments for some families would be increased as a means of saving money. Also, the proposal would reduce income eligibility levels, and reduce provider reimbursement levels.

“These budget cuts could affect thousands of children and low-income families, and as a mother I recognize the importance of quality childcare in maintaining gainful employment and exploring career opportunities,” Alderwoman Coggs said. “Tonight I will be discussing possible effects of the cuts, and encouraging residents to do what they can to not only spread the word about the cuts, but also to take action in letting their voices be heard by legislators who need to hear firsthand how families will be affected.”

The event is sponsored by 9to5, Citizen Action of WI – Good Jobs Livable Neighborhoods, Playground Legends, and the Reproductive Justice Collective.

What: Event on WI Shares budget cuts
When: 5:30 p.m. Today, June 8
Where: Cudahy YMCA, 9050 N. Swan Rd.
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