

# A System That Works



## What Neighborhood Villages is fighting for:

- **Centralized navigation supports for families seeking to obtain financial assistance** and to enroll their children in care.
- **Centralized navigation supports for providers and families seeking wraparound resources**, such as nutrition, housing, and mental health supports.
- **Centralized public infrastructure and operations supports** for early education and care programs.
- **Comprehensive, coordinated professional development programming** for early educators and administrators, including on-site curriculum and instructional coaching.
- **Robust funding for the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care** and its associated administrative bodies to build-out key infrastructure supports for families, providers, and educators.

An affordable, high-quality child care system that works requires centralized infrastructure and systems supports at the local, state, and federal levels. Currently, the child care sector lacks the administrative scaffolding of K-12 and other public systems. To ensure that a transformed child care system delivers on its promises for families, providers, and educators, we need to build a system that works – and there is unprecedented opportunity to do so. It's time to give child care the same centralized supports that K-12 enjoys; from navigation resources and services for families to coordinated professional development programming for educators to centralized operations and logistics supports for providers. We can build an accessible, affordable, and equitable child care system that delivers not only high-quality early education, but also whole-family wraparound supports that set children and families up to thrive.