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Topic: Childcare Concerns Riddle the District

Title: CHILD DAYCARE CENTER CONTINUES EFFORTS TO REOPEN

Background Info:

Regina Snead, the owner of Baby Einstein's Child Daycare Development Center, is fundraising for the rebuilding and recovery of her childcare center which was destroyed and closed down after a gas leak caused an explosion in the facility. Her and her staff led her children out safely, but next steps in reconstructing the daycare and providing the families affected with a new solution to their need for childcare options. D.C. Mayor Muriel Bower's recently proposed \$300 million in cuts to child care funding spoke out at a rally at a Downtown park Friday.

Why is this story relevant:

Well, Regina Snead was officially recognized for her life-saving efforts when she rescued the children from the building before it exploded, and was honored with the official celebration of her [own day in](#) the District.

Currently, Childcare funding in the D.C. area is at risk of being cut, with D.C. Mayor Muriel and the D.C. Council having recently proposed funding cuts for child care, through reverse cuts to the Pay Equity Fund. This would be devastating for educators, families and the District's economic recovery. Rallies have been occurring in D.C. over the matter. Meanwhile, one daycare who has been at loss of facility space, and other resources due to an unexpected gas leak and subsequent explosion can attest to the dire need for childcare, facilities, and resources in the District.

Potential Interviews:

I hope to get a sit-down interview with Regina Snead, the owner of Baby Einstein's Child Daycare Development Center. If need be, an expert on childcare in the district would be helpful as well, and maybe a member from the D.C. council.

Supporting Elements:

Pictures of Regina Sneads old daycare, childcare rallies in D.C.
Graphics of the Mayor's FY2025 budget cut proposal

Research Sources:

1. www.under3dc.org

2. <https://mayor.dc.gov/release/mayor-bowser-presents-fiscal-year-2025-budget-proposal-fair-shot-strategic-investments-and>