

**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Rep. Sharice L. Davids**  
**Kansas Third District**

April 11, 2025

The Honorable Andrew Gradison  
Acting Assistant Secretary  
Administration for Children and Families  
330 C St, SW  
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Mr. Gradison,

I write to you today regarding the Office of Head Start's (OHS) decision to reduce The Family Conservancy (TFC) Head Start Program's base grant funding and enrollment levels. TFC is located in Kansas City, Kansas and receives Grant No. 07CH012513.

On March 12, 2025, TFC was notified by OHS that it was chronically underenrolled and, therefore, TFC's Head Start Preschool funding would be reduced by \$873,304 and enrollment decreased by 36 slots. TFC explains that there are children on the waitlist, but TFC is not able to enroll them until classrooms are staffed. TFC has submitted to OHS an appeal and Change in Scope application addressing their ongoing issue of chronic under-enrollment due to limited staffing capacity. TFC is requesting a 15 percent reduction in slots without a funding reduction in order to fund teacher salaries and strengthen program quality.

I respectfully request that the Administration provide full and fair consideration of this request. If you have any questions or have any information as to how a resolution may be reached, please contact Julia Gaffney in my office at [Julia.Gaffney@mail.house.gov](mailto:Julia.Gaffney@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,



Sharice L. Davids  
Member of Congress