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## Childcare Experts from Detroit Share Challenges with Chicago Fed Leadership

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Childcare Community Development

Staffing shortages, rising operational expenses, and new curriculum standards were a few of the challenges outlined by childcare providers in a roundtable discussion held on January 9 in Detroit as part of the Chicago Fed's Spotlight on Childcare and the Labor Market. President Austan Goolsbee and a team of Chicago Fed economists and policy professionals talked with local experts about their experiences providing care to children, an event that marked the beginning of the Bank's effort to deepen its understanding of the ways in which the lack of access to childcare is a barrier to employment in the Seventh District. Because of childcare's importance to the labor force, the work is consistent with the Federal Reserve's mandate to maximize employment. The visit also included a tour of Children of the Rising Sun and MiSide, early childhood centers sharing a facility in Detroit's Brightmoor neighborhood, as well as an on-site meeting between Goolsbee and the editorial board of *The Detroit News*.



Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago President Austan Goolsbee chats with Rhonda Mallory Burns, Early Head Start/Head Start Director at MiSide, while touring the childcare center.



Students and their teachers participate in a hallway dance break while learning the alphabet at MiSide.



Chicago Fed Research Director Anna Paulson speaks with Detroit-based childcare providers and experts. (Left to right: Shelbie Moore, parent and Children of the Rising Sun staff member; Paulson; Cindy Eggleton, CEO and co-founder, Brilliant Detroit; Noah Urban, co-executive director, Data Driven Detroit).



President Austan Goolsbee and colleagues talk about childcare challenges with Detroit-based experts in the field. (Left to right: Pam Savoy-Weaver, early childhood and family services director, MiSide; Micah Ragland, vice president of public affairs, Chicago Fed; Goolsbee).

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