The Independent Women’s Project (IWP) was born out of a diverse group of women wanting to create a childcare model that would better match the needs of parents who are currently employed or seeking job opportunities in industries with nontraditional hours and work days.

**IWP Goal**
The goal of the project is to ensure parents have better access to training, employment and career opportunities in both the hotel and construction industries. By providing families with quality, affordable and dependable childcare options, IWP hopes to reduce one of the major barriers that many parents face in gaining access to good, family sustaining jobs.

**Community Labor United**
IWP is a collaborative project convened by Community Labor United, a coalition of unions and community organizations dedicated to stabilizing and strengthening working class families in Greater Boston and Massachusetts.
Brookview House
Since 1990, Brookview House has helped homeless and at-risk families learn the necessary skills to break the cycle of poverty. By providing a safe place to live and engaging mothers, children and youth in programs that build concrete skills and self-esteem, Brookview has played a vital role in improving the lives of hundreds of residents throughout Boston.

Building Pathways
Building Pathways, Inc. (BPI) creates opportunities for low-income Boston metro area residents, young adults, and historically underrepresented populations in the building trades industry, to access and prepare for building trades apprenticeships and family-sustaining careers in the construction industry.

Boston Education, Skills & Training (BEST)
BEST Hospitality Training combines pre-employment and incumbent worker training designed to meet the labor needs of our hotel partners and the members of UNITE HERE local 26. Our classes include English for Hospitality, computers, and citizenship prep, as well as certification skills training in On-Call Banquet Server, Basic Culinary Skills, Food Safety, CPR, and classes for entry level job seekers.

Policy Group on Tradeswomen's Issues (PGTI)
The Policy Group on Tradeswomen’s Issues (PGTI) is a regional collaboration of construction industry stakeholders that has met bi-monthly since 2008 to work on the policy failure to open up good jobs in the construction trades to women.

SEIU Local 509
SEIU Local 509 represents nearly 20,000 human service workers and educators throughout Massachusetts. From mental health clinicians and social workers to early childhood educators and university lecturers, Local 509 members are united in their mission to raise living standards for working families while improving the quality and affordability of the services they provide.

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