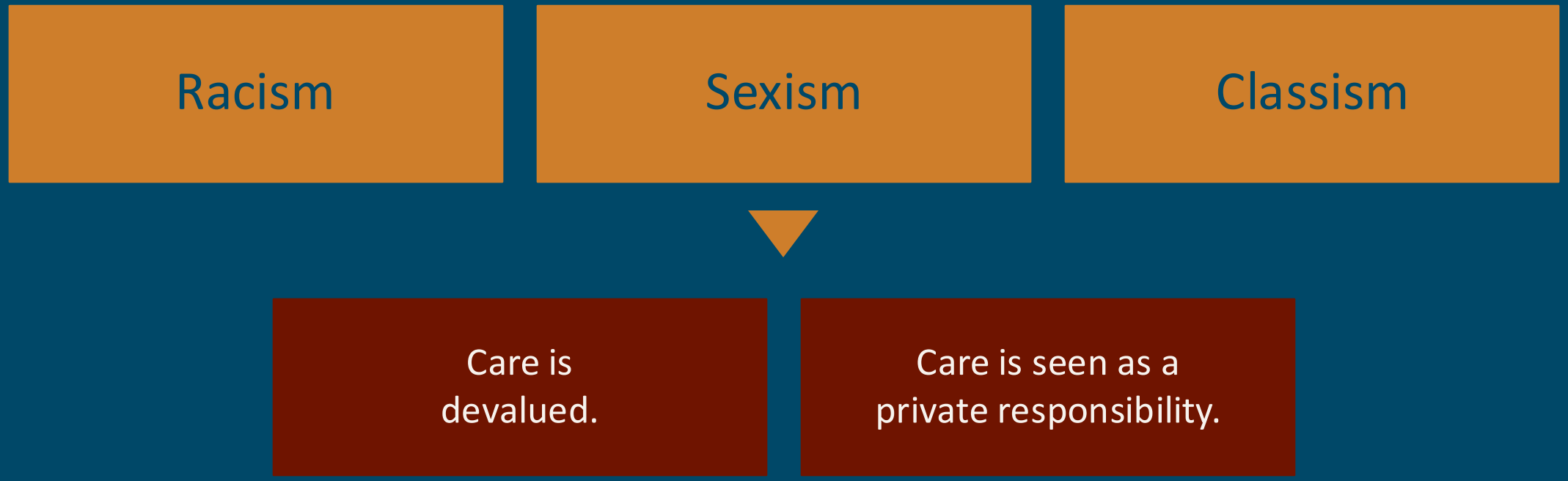
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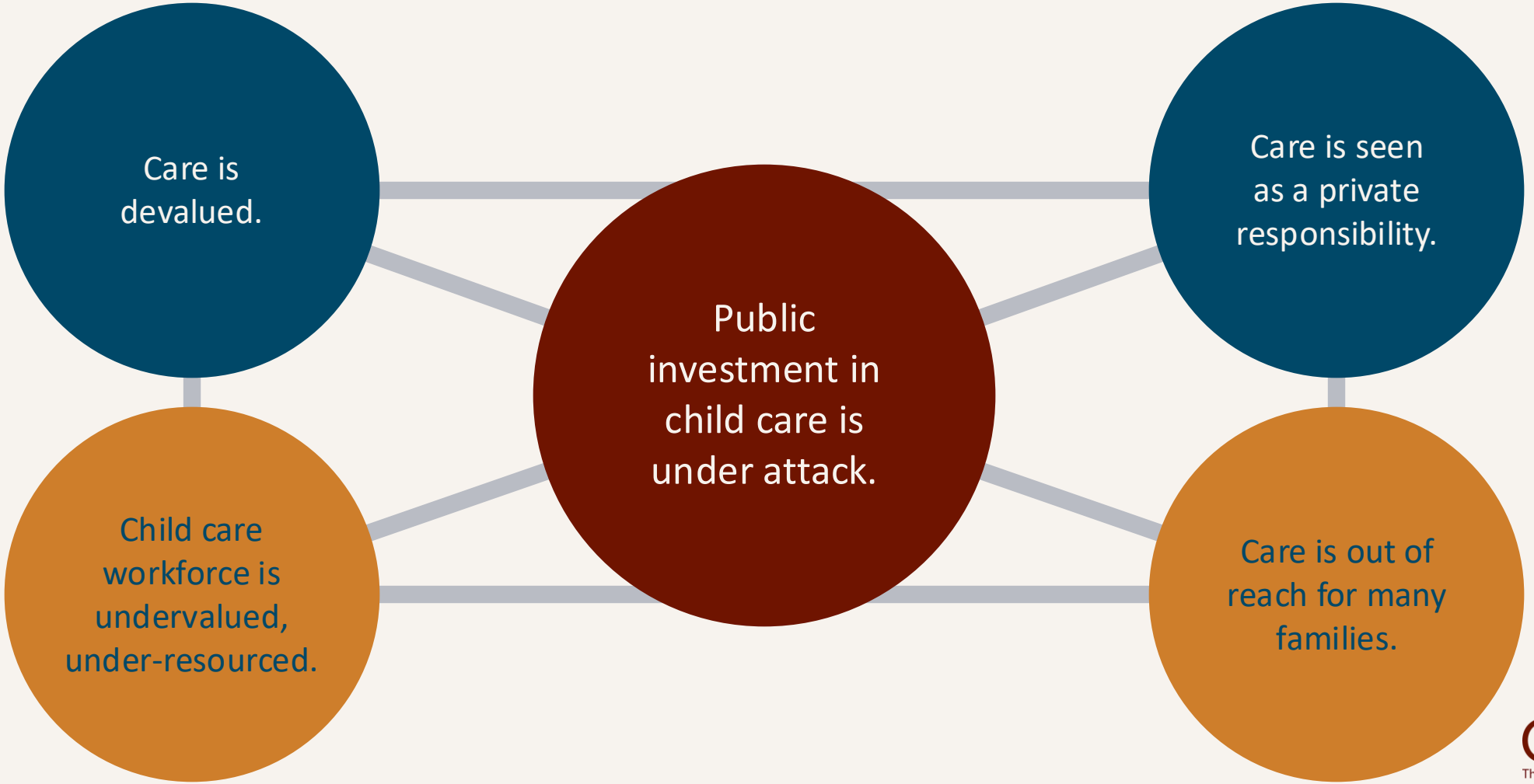
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What Families and Early Educators Navigate Today

16%

of eligible children received child care assistance

ASPE, 2026

62%

drop in CCDF providers since FY 2006

ACF, 2026

$13K+

average annual cost of child care

CCAoA, 2026

$34,980

average annual child care worker pay

BLS, 2026

AT LEAST

21%

of the child care workforce are immigrants

CSCCE, 2025

WHITE EARLY EDUCATORS EARN

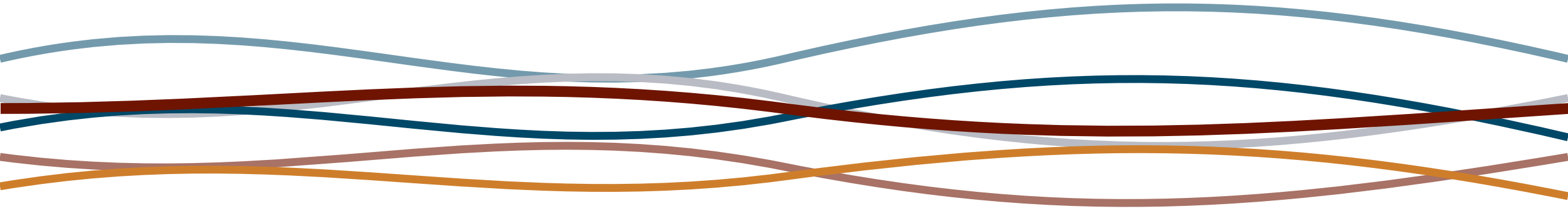
$8,000+

more per year than Black early educators in center-based settings, when holding equivalent degrees

CSCCE, 2024

Shared power from the very beginning.

Transforming the system requires transforming who holds power.



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