



Office of Child Care (OCC) Advisory Council Meeting Agenda Thursday, August 17, 2023

MEETING OF THE CHILD CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL

10:00 a.m. **Welcome, Purpose and Remarks**

- Review and Accept May 18, 2023, Meeting Minutes
 - Chris Peusch, Executive Director, Maryland State Child Care Association (MSCCA) and Co-Chair, Office of Child Care Advisory Council

10:05 a.m. **Office of Child Care Leadership Report**

- Maryland EXCELS bonuses and increased ratings
- Enhance Child Care Support and Teacher Retention Award (ECSTRA) Program
- Prekindergarten Capacity Building Grant
 - Dr. Deann Collins, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Teaching and Learning, MSDE
 - Jena Smith, Branch Chief, Maryland EXCELS, MSDE
 - Dr. Nykia Washington, Prekindergarten Program Manager, Early Learning, MSDE
 - Allison Atteberry, Associate Professor, University of Virginia

10:40 a.m. **Regulatory Updates**

- Presentation on proposed new regulations relating to the following:
 - Safe Sleep Practices
 - Cannabis Reform
 - Educational Programs in Nursery School (Family)
- Louis Valenti, Branch Chief, Licensing, MSDE
- Sherry Tsigounis, Deputy Branch Chief, Licensing, MSDE

11:00 a.m. **New Business and Presentations**

- Presentation and overview of the Blueprint - Prekindergarten Sliding Scale and Cost Modeling Information presented to the Board in July.

- Dr. Kyle Ashley, Senior Research & Data Specialist, Office of Research, Planning, and Program Evaluation, MSDE
- Dr. Matthew Duque, Director, Office of Research, Planning, and Program Evaluation, MSDE

11:45 a.m. Council Member Reports/Updates

- OCC Council Members

11:55 a.m. Adjourn and Next Steps

- Presentation from Maryland Rebuilds grantees
- Presentation on Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Program
- Presentation from council members on child care/early childhood related topics
 - Chris Peusch, Executive Director, Maryland State Child Care Association (MSCCA) and Co-Chair, Office of Child Care Advisory Council

