

State Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC)
Appointed and Required Members Contact List

Appointed Position	Name	Title	Affiliation	Email
1-Local Education Agency	✚ James LeMon	Executive Director of Community, Parent, and School Outreach Division of School Management and Instructional Leadership	Howard County Public Schools	James_LeMon@hcpss.org
2-MD Higher Education Institution	✚ Carole Williamson	Program Director, Assistant Professor, Early Childhood Education	Carroll Community College	CWilliamson@carrollcc.edu
3-MD State Child Care Association	✚ Christina Peusch	Executive Director, MSCCA	Maryland State Child Care Association	mssc1@comcast.net
4-MD State Family Child Care Association	✚ Meena Gaafar	Family Child Care	Family Child Care	sparklinkids6619@yahoo.com
5-MD Association for Education of Young Children	✚ Christina Lopez	President of Maryland Association for the Education of Young Children	Maryland Associatio for the Educatio of Young Children	christina.lopez@mdaeyc.org
6-MD School Age Child Care Alliance	✚ Diana Mellott	Chief Executive Officer, Play Centers, Inc.	Play Centers, Inc.	Dmellott@playcenters.org
7-Nonpublic Prekindergarten Provider	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT
8-Head Start Agency in State	✚ Charlene M. Muhammad	Head Start Program Manager	Community Action Agency, Montgomery County	Charlene.Muhammad@montgomerycountymd.gov

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9- Local Management Board	✚ Yolanda Jenkins	Program Director of School Readiness	Family League of Baltimore	yjenkins@familyleague.org
10- State Interagency Coordinating Council	✚ Brenda Hussey-Gardner/Kristen Paul (representative for BHG)	Co-Chair, SICC / Associate Professor of Pediatrics	University of Maryland School of Medicine	bhussey@som.umaryland.edu kristen@ppmd.org
11-Ready at Five Partnership	✚ Keri Hyde	Executive Director, Ready At Five	Ready At Five	keri@readyatfive.org
12-MD Parent Teacher Association (MD PTA)	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT
13-MD Library Association	✚ Rachel Wright (pending)	Assistant Director, Cecil County Public Library,	Cecil County Library	rwright@cecilcountylibrary.org
14-Business Community Leadership in Early Childhood Care & Education	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT
15-MD Family Network	✚ Laura Weeldryer	Executive Director	Maryland Family Network	mwilliams@marylandfamilynetwork.org
16-Child Care Advisory Council	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT
17-MD State Education Association (MSEA)	✚ Rebecca Huber	Anne Arundel County Teacher	Anne Arundel County Public Schools	huberrl@verizon.net
18-Service Employees Intl. Union	✚ Crystal Barksdale	Family Child Care Provider	Family Child Care Provider, Winsdor Mill, MD	Barksdale714@gmail.com
19-Department of Disabilities	✚ Elizabeth Hall	Director of Interagency Affairs	Maryland Department of Disabilities	elizabeth.hall2@maryland.gov
20- Social Services Administration of DHR	✚ Kim Lightfoot	Deputy Executive Director, Office of Programs / Maryland Department of Human Services	Maryland Department of Human Services	kim.lightfoot@maryland.gov

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21-Philanthropic Institution	✚ Carol Gant (pending)	Senior Early Childhood Equity Specialist, MAEC Center for Education Equity	Mid Atlantic Equity Consortium	carol@maec.org
22-MD Association of Elementary School Principals (MAESP)	✚ Curtis W. Twilley	Principal, Beaver Run Elementary School	Wicomico County Public Schools	ctwilley@wcboe.org
23-Local Government Agency Child Service Provider	✚ Carole Elizabeth Miller	Executive Director	Judy Center, Queen Anne's County	elizabeth.miller@gacps.org
24-Local Community Action Agency (MCAP)	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT
25-MD Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics	✚ Loretta Hoephner	Executive Director, Maryland Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics	Maryland Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics	loretta@mdaap.org
26-Child School Health Services Provider	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT
27-MD Developmental Disabilities Council	✚ Rachel Beth London	Director, Children and Family Policy	Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council	Rlondon@md-council.org
28-MD Council for American Private Education	Garret O'Day	Deputy Director Maryland Catholic Conference	Maryland Catholic Conference	Garrett@mdcatholic.org
29-Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE)	Virginia McGraw	President, MABE	MABE	ginnym147@gmail.com vmcgraw@ccboe.com (use both emails when sending)
30-Home Visiting Alliance	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT

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31-Advocate for Homeless Children	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT
32- Ex-Officio Member, appointed by the Council	**Lisa Davis	Director, Program Innovation and Student Well-Being	Howard County Public School System	Lisa_J_Davis@hcpss.org

Required Position	Name	Title	Affiliation	Email
1- Member of the Senate of Maryland	❖ Nancy King	Senate of Maryland (State Senator)	Senate of Maryland (State Senator)	nancy.king@senate.state.md.us
2-Member of the House of Delegates	❖ Samuel I. Rosenberg	State Delegate (House of Delegates)	State Delegate (House of Delegates)	delsandy@aol.com
3-State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's designee	❖ Deann Collins	State Superintendent of Schools / or Designee	Maryland State Department of Education	deann.collins@maryland.gov
4-Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee	❖ Diane D. Walker	Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene	Department of Minority Health and Health Disparities Administration	diane.walker@maryland.gov
5-Director of Head Start State Collaboration, or Director's designee	❖ Vanessa Jones	Director of the Head Start State Collaboration	Maryland State Department of Education	vanessa.jone1@maryland.gov
6-Executive Director of the	❖ Christina Drushell (representative)	Executive Director of the Governor's Office for Children	Governor's Office for Children	christina.drushel@maryland.gov


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Governor's Office for Children, or the Executive Director's designee				
7-Assistant State Superintendent of the Division of Early Childhood Development, or Assistant State Superintendent's designee	❖ Dr. Shayna Cook	Assistant State Superintendent, Division of Early Childhood	Maryland State Department of Education	shayna.cook@maryland.gov
8- Director of Office of Child Care within the Division of Early Childhood, or Director's designee	❖ Vacant	Director of the Office of Child Care-Division of Early Childhood	Maryland State Department of Education	Vacant
9- Assistant State Superintendent of the Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, or his/her designee	❖ Antoine L. Hickman, Ed.D.	Assistant State Superintendent of the Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services	Maryland State Department of Education	antoine.hickman@maryland.gov

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