



**Office of Child Care
Advisory Council Meeting**

**AGENDA
Thursday November 19, 2020**

Welcome and Introductions

Review Guidelines/Goals of Council (language): Advise and counsel the Office of Child Care, review proposed regulations, review issues and problems relating to care of children and suggested priorities for consideration by OCC and identify interdepartmental issues of importance to child care providers and users that should be addressed by OCC and other state agencies.

Discuss new protocol and process for OCC Advisory Council and community stakeholder participation and review of all regulations prior to posting for public comments.

Review minutes:

Meeting minutes can be found at: <https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/node/671>

Review and approve minutes from last OCC Advisory Council meeting

Legislative Updates:

- a. MSDE provided updates to Joint Committee on Children, Youth and Families related to child care and the COVID 19 crisis along with MSCCA and MFN

Virtual Legislative session will begin January 2021

Recommend a presentation on Kirwan legislation as it relates to Universal expansion of Pre-K and diverse delivery

Director, Office of Child Care Report:

- a. Family Child Care Task Force
- b. IMPACT Project
- c. FY 2022-2024 CCDF Preprint

Old Business:

- a. Online COVID 19-CDC training updates
- b. Fulfilling vacancies

New Business:

- 1. Impact of COVID 19 on Child Care**
 - a. Status on recovery efforts and stabilization of our system
 - b. Child Care supporting distance learning as many school systems implement plans
 - c. New COVID 19 required training on CDC guidance updates and waitlist
 - d. CDC guidance and COMAR regulations
- 2. Overview of the ECE Business Collaboratory State Team (First Children's Finance)**
- 3. Updates on the ECE Workforce Workgroup**
- 4. Training Advisory Council**
 - a. Updates on progress and regulations



**Office of Child Care
Advisory Council Meeting**

**AGENDA
Thursday November 19, 2020**

- 5. **Preschool Development Grant updates**
- 6. **Child Care Scholarship surveys required for Providers and issues that could impact children, families and licensed child care programs**
- 7. **Cyndi La Marca Lessner:** Overview of the new piloted toolkit to reopen or to share ideas that are working for child care programs to use as a resource
- 8. **Recommendations**
 - a. Resume Maryland Child Care Recovery Group meetings – include all of advisory council and share updates and report with the Joint Committee on Children, Youth and Families
 - b. Survey of child care providers/programs enrollment status- capacity
 - c. Propose letter from OCC Advisory Council recommending priority access for child care programs/providers to rapid antigen testing

BRANCH UPDATES

- a. Subsidy
- b. Licensing
 - I. Revised Decision Aid
 - II. Licensing priorities over next 3-6 months
- c. Credentialing – see attachment
- d. Maryland EXCELS
 - I. Participating and Quality Rated Programs—October
 - II. Program Data and Guidance
 - III. Accreditation Update
 - IV. NEW!! Assessment Tool
 - V. Maryland EXCELS Training

Council Member Reports/Updates

Topics and Presentations for Future Meetings:

- a. County/City COVID 19 Grant Programs for child care
- b. TAC (Training Advisory Council) Share Council progress and work related to regulations and supports for training community.
- c. Universal Expansion of Pre-K and Kirwan legislation related to diverse delivery within child care programs

**Next Meeting:
February 18, 2020
10:00 – Noon**

Adjournment