



**Office of Child Care (OCC)  
Advisory Council Meeting**

**AGENDA  
Thursday May 13, 2021**

**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.*

**Review minutes:** Review and approve February OCC Advisory Council meeting minutes

**Legislative 2021 session:**

- HB 1372/SB 965 Blueprint for Maryland's Future
- HB 392 Early Childhood Screening and Assistance
- SB 436/HB 597 Teacher Qualifications
- SB 218/HB 143 Maryland Child Tax Credit
- HB 776 Education - Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Project Study and Report
- HB 1307 Education- Child Care Centers and Youth Development Organizations and Programs (Support Youth Development and School Age Act)
- HB 944/SB 711 Growing Family Child Care Opportunities Pilot Program
- SB 890/HB 608 Child Care Provider Support Grant Act
- SB 491 DEC Budget
- HB 931 Child Care Providers Notice of Allegations of Child Abuse or Neglect

**Director, Office of Child Care Report:**

**Old Business:**

1. Updates on the timeline for \$60 million in CC Relief grants for child care providers/programs from federal government December 2020 relief package
  - a. Programs and providers still waiting for relief/support?
  - b. Funding formulas
2. Listening sessions
  - a. Status of meetings
  - b. Recording for those who cannot attend while working with children

**New Business:**

1. Child Care Scholarships
  - a. Issues with payments
  - b. Surveys



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2. New American Rescue Plan includes Child Care
  - a. Maryland receives over 500 million for child care
  - b. Share with OCC Advisory Council submission of state plans related to funding and engagement of stakeholders
3. Discuss with OCC Advisory Council
  - a. Goals, priorities
  - b. Ideas for new inclusive systems to work together to achieve goals
  - c. Next steps for strategies
4. New American Rescue Plan
  - a. Maryland receives over 500 million for child care support
  - b. MSDE share with OCC Advisory Council submission of state plans related to funding and engagement of stakeholders
5. Maryland Department of Health
  - a. Updates are needed for child care
  - b. Summer camps functioning
  - c. School age updates for outdoor play and outdoor field trips
6. Workforce shortage crisis and workforce development
  - a. Part of priorities and strategies to address barriers

**BRANCH UPDATES** (Submitted in writing at request of Council prior to meetings)

**Council Member Reports/Updates**

**Topics and Presentations for Future Meetings:**

**Universal Expansion of Pre-K and Blueprint for Maryland's Education/ Kirwan legislation related to diverse delivery child care programs**

**School age workgroup regulation recommendations**

**Montgomery College New Birth to Five teacher certification presentation**

**Montgomery Moving Forward child care toolkit for businesses presentation**

**Family Child Care model for HB 944 presentation from successful models**

**Adjourn**

**Next Meeting: August 19, 2021  
10:00 – 12:00 pm**

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