



**Office of Child Care (OCC) Advisory Council
Virtual Meeting
Thursday, February 16, 2023
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Meeting Outcomes

By the end of today’s meeting, participants will have:

- Received information and engagement from MSDE Branch Leadership including branch presentations from:
 - Licensing
 - Workforce Advancement
 - Maryland EXCELS
 - Child Care Scholarships and
 - Early Learning Branch
- Received updates on the Maryland Rebuilds Grant
- Review Family Child Care and non- public nursery school regulation OCC Advisory Council Subcommittee public comments.
- Discussed OCC Advisory Council subcommittee to include, School Age regulations, Pillar 1-public Pre-K barriers, draft letter to state Board of Education recommending child care/early childhood subcommittee.
- Discusses new ideas, meeting structure, and upcoming presentations for 2023.

AGENDA

<i>Time</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible</i>
10:00 –10:05 am	Welcome, Purpose and Remarks Review and Accept November 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes	Chris Peusch, <i>Executive Director, Maryland State Child Care Association (MSCCA) and Co-Chair, Office of Child Care Advisory Council</i>
10:05 – 10:30 am	Office of Child Care Leadership Report Happy New Year! What’s new? Introductions and updates from MSDE/Division of Early Childhood Office of Child Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maryland Rebuilds Grants updates ● Maryland Works initiative ● Public Pre-K grants ● COMAR 13A.15.13 (Nonpublic Nursery School) 	Dr. Deann Collins, <i>Deputy Superintendent, Office of Teaching and Learning, MSDE</i> Dr. Shayna Cook, <i>Assistant State Superintendent, Division of Early Childhood MSDE</i> Justin Dayhoff, <i>Assistant State Superintendent, Division of Financial Planning, Operations, and Strategy, MSDE</i>

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10:30 – 11:00 am	<p style="text-align: center;">Legislation Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● OCC Advisory recommendations from subcommittee submitted public comments to MSDE to amend change/alter/current regulatory language related to family child care and inclusivity for non-public nursery school participation in COMAR. ● Subcommittee (Senator Washington, Delegate Feldmark, Chris Peusch, MSCCA & Co-Chair OCC, Family Child Care Alliance, MD State Family Child Care Assoc., Latino Childcare Assoc. of MD) 	<p style="text-align: center;">Chris Peusch, <i>Executive Director, Maryland State Child Care Association and Co-Chair, Office of Child Care Advisory Council</i></p>
11:00– 11:30am	<p style="text-align: center;">Updates from The Office of Child Care, MSDE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Licensing Branch ● Child Care Scholarship Branch ● Workforce Advancement Branch ● Maryland EXCELS Branch ● Early Learning Branch ● Collaboration and Program Improvement 	<p style="text-align: center;">DEC/OCC Leadership</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lou Valenti, <i>Branch Chief, Licensing</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rene’ Williams, <i>Branch Chief, Child Care Scholarship</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Angeline Bishop- Oshoko, <i>Branch Chief, Workforce Advancement</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jena Smith, <i>Branch Chief, Maryland EXCELS</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nykia Washington, <i>Pre-K Program Manager, Early Learning</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vanessa Jones, <i>Head Start Collaboration Specialist, Collaboration and Program Improvement</i></p>
11:30 – 11:45 am	Old Business	Chris Peusch,

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Create OCC Advisory Council subcommittee related to public Pre-K mixed delivery equity and related regulations for 2023 ● Council recommends a child care Early Childhood Education committee for 2023-review draft letter to State Board of Education ● Create subcommittee on School-Age regulations 	<i>Executive Director, Maryland State Child Care Association and Co-Chair, Office of Child Care Advisory Council</i>
11:45 am– 11:55 am	Council Member Reports/Updates	OCC Council Members
11:55 am-12:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Adjourn and Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presentation from CLASP (Center for Law and Social Policy) related to work stemming from HB 995/SB 920: Child Care Scholarship Program- Alterations ● Presentation on Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Program ● Blueprint Pillar 1 presentation 	<p style="text-align: center;">Chris Peusch, <i>Executive Director, Maryland State Child Care Association and Co-Chair, Office of Child Care Advisory Council</i></p>