



**Office of Child Care (OCC) Advisory Council
Virtual Meeting
Thursday, August 18, 2022
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Meeting Outcomes

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

- Received updates from the Division of Early Childhood;
- Discussed action items related to Early Childhood priorities and the May 2022 meeting; and
- Received information on topics relevant to child care/Early Childhood Education.

AGENDA

<i>Time</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible</i>
10:00 – 10:10	Welcome and Remarks Review and Accept May 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes	Chris Peusch, <i>Executive Director, Maryland State Child Care Association (MSCCA)</i>
10:10 – 10:20	<p align="center">Office of Child Care Director Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes in Leadership: Where are we in restructure? • Money has been distributed for Child Care Stabilization Grants unused funding. • Stakeholder questions. • Feedback from listening sessions. • Public Pre-K Expansion Grants and Maryland State Pre-k Grants: Updates on final awards and data related to goals to meet Blueprint mixed delivery system. 	Steven Hicks, <i>Assistant Superintendent, Division of Early Childhood, MSDE</i>
10:20 – 11:00	<p align="center">Legislation Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCC Advisory recommendations from subcommittee submitted to Asst. Superintendent DEC for state board to consider altering regulations related to family child care and inclusivity for non-public nursery school (Senator Washington, Delegate Feldmark, Co-Chair OCC, Family Child Care Alliance, MSFCCA) • Follow up on State Board of Education meetings on Early Childhood Education and Workforce (representation Bill Hudson, Ruby Daniels and Steven Hicks) Center-based child care stakeholder representation absent. • Child Care Scholarship Town Hall recommendations- presentation at August 	<p>Steven Hicks, <i>Assistant Superintendent, Division of Early Childhood, MSDE</i></p> <p>Chris Peusch, <i>Executive Director, Maryland State Child Care Association (MSCCA)</i></p>

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	meeting (Maryland Family Network and Co-Sponsors) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maryland Legislation 2022 -Final passage, preparation for regulation and impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HB 89/SB 480: Child Care Stabilization Grants ○ HB 513: Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Program-Established ○ HB 664: Child Care Programs-Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program-Information and Assistance ○ HB 467: Education- Teacher Certification-Montessori Schools (Nancy Anselm, Montessori Schools Maryland) ○ HB 995/SB 920: Child Care Scholarship Program-Alterations ○ HB 1100/SB 806: Child Care Providers and Employee Bonuses ○ HB 993/SB 919: Child Care Capital Support/Revolving Loan Fund 	
11:00 – 11:10	<p style="text-align: center;">Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priorities agenda identified: Continuing steps to address Council action items • Addressing Workforce shortages and decrease in child care: What is being done and what can be done? Surveys, polls? • Awareness, resources and communication to stakeholders (families and providers/programs) • Access and Expansion of services: CCRC’s support • Addressing regulatory equity and alignment to the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future • School age regulations recommendations 	<p style="text-align: center;">MSDE Leadership</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chris Peusch, <i>Executive Director, Maryland State Child Care Association (MSCCA)</i></p>
11:10 – 11:30	<p style="text-align: center;">New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Care Scholarship Town Hall recommendations- presentation at August meeting (Maryland Family Network and Co-Sponsors) • Prioritize Pre-K expansion workforce barriers- Alternative Pathways to P-3 certification (Montgomery College Early Childhood education) • Council subcommittee related to public Pre-K regulations? • Do Council recommend a child care ECE committee? 	<p style="text-align: center;">OCC Council Co-Chair-Chris Peusch, <i>Executive Director, Maryland State Child Care Association (MSCCA)</i></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will meetings in 2023 be all virtual or hybrid option? 	
11:30 – 11:45	Updates from Branch Chiefs in the Office of Child Care, MSDE	<p>Lou Valenti, <i>Branch Chief, Licensing</i></p> <p>Rene Williams, <i>Branch Chief, Child Care Scholarship</i></p> <p>Angeline Bishop- Oshoko, <i>Branch Chief, Workforce Advancement</i></p> <p>Jena Smith, <i>Acting Branch Chief, Maryland EXCELS</i></p>
11:45 – 11:50	Council Member Reports/Updates	OCC Council Member
11:50 – 12:00	<p>Adjourn and Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What data or presentations would the Council be interested in for future meetings? Do you want to consider subcommittee breakout sessions the second hour with focus on specific priorities? 	<p>Chris Peusch, <i>Executive Director, Maryland State Child Care Association (MSCCA)</i></p>