



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

August 19, 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/approve February OCC Advisory Council meeting minutes and finalize status of future meetings (Hybrid, all virtual, all in-person?)

### Family Child Care Task Force presentation by Jeanna Captio and Danielle Fuente-Johnson, BUILD Initiative

- Update for child care council on expansion of Universal Prekindergarten related to law-passage of HB 1372/SB 965 Blueprint for Maryland's Future

### Director, Office of Child Care Report:

- New Superintendent, Mr. Mouhammed Choudhury
- New Chief of Staff, Ary Amerikaner
- Changes coming to MSDE
- ARPA Town Hall Meetings:     Monday, August 23, 2-4  
  Wednesday, August 25, 7-9  
  Saturday, August 28, 9-11

### Old Business:

1. Workforce shortage crisis and workforce development
  - a. Strategies to address barriers
  - b. HB/SB Staff Qualifications bill regulatory status
  - c. Flexibility for variances
2. Listening sessions
  - a. Status of meetings
  - b. Recording for those who cannot attend while working with children
3. Child Care Scholarships
  - a. Changes to new electronic system

### New Business:

1. New American Rescue Plan includes Child Care
  - a. Maryland receives over 500 million for child care
  - b. Share with OCC Advisory Council
    - i. Share submission of state plans related to funding and engagement of stakeholders
    - ii. How many grant applications received for ARPA? Breakdown of data?
    - iii. Processing application timeline and distribution of funds
    - iv. Future rescue grant opportunities



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2. CCDF Plan
  - a. Goals, priorities related to American Rescue Plan funding opportunities
  - b. Ideas for new inclusive systems within OCC Advisory Council to work together to achieve goals
  
3. Maryland Department of Health
  - a. Updates for child care programs/providers due to variant

**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 will be on November 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Steven Hicks will be presenting.**

**Montgomery College Alternative Teacher Certification presentation will be on November 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Dr. Sonia Pruneda-Hernandez will be presenting.**

**School age workgroup regulation recommendations: Awaiting a response**

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

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

**Adjourn**

**Next Meeting:  
November, 2021  
8<sup>th</sup> floor Conference room 6/7**

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