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

The purpose of the Office of Child Care Advisory Council is to:

Advise and counsel the Office of Child Care;

Review regulations proposed by state agencies regulating child care;

Review issues and problems relating to care of children and suggested priorities for consideration by the OCC;  
and

Identify interdepartmental issues of importance to child care providers and users that should be addressed by the OCC and other State agencies.

The Council meetings are “open” meetings but not “public” hearings. What this means is that the meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend. However, it is not a “public” meeting, in that the topics of discussion are limited to only those items on the Agenda. The Agenda for each meeting is set prior to the meeting in consultation between the Department and the Chairperson for the Council. A Council member who would like to have an item considered for the agenda should make the request no later than two weeks prior to the meeting by contacting Tara Bartosz at [tara.bartosz@maryland.gov](mailto:tara.bartosz@maryland.gov) or Chris Peusch, [mscca1@comcast.net](mailto:mscca1@comcast.net). The Department will share information as specified on the Agenda set for the meeting. After all items on the Agenda are concluded, the Council meeting will be opened to “Other Business” should time allow. This will allow for discussion of items not necessarily related to those on the Agenda to ensure an equal amount of time for participation, each speaker will be asked to limit their thoughts and comments to no more than three minutes. Comments made during this time should be succinct, specific and of interest to the Council members. Comments and remarks that do not coincide directly with Agenda items may not be shared until the meeting is opened to “Other Business”.

OCC Advisory Vacancies:

- Pediatrician w/Interest & Expertise in Child Care Issues
- Parent, user of Child Care Services

**Meeting Outcomes**

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

- Received updates from the Division of Early Childhood
- Received Maryland Legislative 2022 session legislation related to child care
- Identified top two priorities for 2022 within our purpose
- Provided feedback and discussed next steps for strategies to address priorities.

**AGENDA**

<i>Time</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible</i>
<b>10:00 –10:10</b>	<p><b>Welcome and Remarks</b></p> <p><b>Review and Accept November 2021 Meeting Minutes</b></p>	<p><b>Chris Peusch,</b> <i>Executive Director, Maryland State Child Care Association (MSCCA)</i></p> <p><b>Jenn Nizer,</b> <i>Director, OCC, MSDE</i></p>
<b>10:10 – 10:20</b>	<p><b>Office of Child Care Director Report</b></p> <p>Updates: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Child Care Stabilization CCDF Discretionary</p> <p>ARPA additional 193 million: update on plan for 2022 use of child care funding</p> <p>Updates COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance</p>	<p><b>Jenn Nizer,</b> <i>Director, OCC, MSDE</i></p>
<b>10:20 – 11:00</b>	<p><b>Maryland Legislation 2022 re: Child Care</b></p> <p>MSDE-Division of Early Childhood Budget</p> <p>HB 89/SB 480 Child Care Stabilization Grants HB 513 Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Program-Established HB 376 Outdoor Preschool License Pilot Program Established HB 664: Child Care Programs-Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program-Information and Assistance HB 467 Education- Teacher Certification-Montessori Schools Bill # TBD: Package of 3 Child Care Bills: Improving Child Care Scholarship System, Supporting Child Care Providers and Capital Support/Revolving Loan Fund</p>	<p><b>Steven Hicks,</b> <i>Assistant Superintendent, Division of Early Childhood, MSDE</i></p> <p><b>Chris Peusch,</b> <i>Executive Director, Maryland State Child Care Association</i></p>
<b>11:00 – 11:10</b>	<p><b>Old Business</b></p> <p>Pre-K Expansion Grants: Updates on application and deadlines, Steven Hicks</p> <p>School Age Regulation: Updates, Lou Valenti/Keisha Maxwell</p> <p>Support for Office of Child Care: What is needed and how Council can help?</p>	<p><b>MSDE Leadership</b></p> <p><b>Chris Peusch,</b> <i>Executive Director, MSCCA</i></p>

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<b>11:10 – 11:30</b>	<b>New Business</b> Identifying Priorities Issues or Concerns for 2022	<b>OCC Council</b> <b>Co-Chair-Chris Peusch,</b> <i>Executive Director, MSCCA</i>
<b>11:30 – 11:45</b>	<b>Updates from Branch Chiefs in the Office of Child Care, MSDE</b>	<b>Lou Valenti,</b> <i>Branch Chief, Licensing</i> <b>Rene Williams,</b> <i>Branch Chief, Child Care Scholarship</i> <b>Angeline Bishop- Oshoko,</b> <i>Branch Chief, Workforce Advancement</i> <b>Jena Smith,</b> <i>Acting Branch Chief, Maryland EXCELS</i>
<b>11:45 – 11:50</b>	<b>Council Member Reports/Updates</b>	<b>OCC Council</b>
<b>11:50 – 12:00</b>	<b>Closure and Next Steps</b>	<b>Chris Peusch,</b> <i>Executive Director, MSCCA</i>