



**Office of Child Care
Advisory Council Meeting**

**AGENDA
Thursday August, 20 2020**

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.

Discuss new protocol and process for OCC Advisory Council and community stakeholder participation and review of all regulations prior to posting for public comments.

Review minutes: Review from last OCC Advisory Council meeting

Legislative Updates:

Director, Office of Child Care Report:

1. Listening Sessions weekly

Old Business:

1. OCC Advisory Board Vacancies

New Business

1. **Presentations:** 20 minutes each
 - a. Licensing: Guidance Documents – Lou Valenti
 - b. Maryland EXCELS: Business Practices- Lindi Budd
 - c. Credentialing: Child Development Associate (CDA) and Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund (CCCPDF) – Angeline Bishop-Oshoko
2. **School Age Care:**
 - a. Need data
 - b. Not all school age children will need child care
 - c. Discussion of parent pods and unlicensed care- Maryland law/regulations-may not care for children for 20 hours or more a month unless your own children in your own home
 - d. Allowing pods will exacerbate the problem for licensed/registered child care and is not proven to be any safer
 - e. Licensing delays reported from providers related to change of operations and staffing qualifications
 - f. Programs that are open may have licensed/registered/legal slots to fill and if COMAR is restored for ratios, more slots will become available
 - g. Public schools should be sharing the law in Maryland related to child care and provide a list of licensed and registered programs in the community with families in each jurisdiction



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3. **COVID 19:** Progress related to Maryland Together: Maryland's Recovery Plan for Child Care
 - a. Working Draft shared with OCC Advisory Council
 - b. Incorporated some comments and will work to incorporate more as necessary
 - c. Child care programs struggling
 - i. 75% of child care open- 25% of centers open and 75% of family child care open
 - ii. Impacts slots and accessibility for families
 - d. Recommendations to resume ratios to COMAR for three years and up (temporary ratios of 1:14 options still in place)
 - e. Need state Grants for reduced child care slots and PPE
 - i. Some counties budgeting funds to assist child care programs including Montgomery, Prince Georges, Frederick (County Executive reports data indicating substantial loss of child care programs)
4. Prekindergarten Expansion Pilot for Family Child Care Funded by MSDE
5. COVID 19 training developed by Johns Hopkins IDEALS
7. Funding and initiatives related to campaign against unlicensed/illegal child care
8. Filled Vacancies: Two legislators agreed to participate
 - a. Senator Sarah Elfreth
 - b. Delegate Ariana Kelly
 - c. Parent agreed- Alyssa Theodore

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

1. Child Care Scholarships program:
 1. Summer payment schedule
 2. July 1, 2020 increase to 60% reimbursement rates on hold until September
 - a. Law passed to increase to the 60th% for child care scholarship reimbursement rates. MSDE agreed to July 1 as traditionally would begin the fiscal year with the increase, but was placed on hold as budget is reviewed. MSDE has stated they plan to increase to the 60th% by September 28, 2020.

MSDE requiring survey completed by providers

Council Member Reports/Updates

Topics and Presentations for Future Meetings:

CDC and Health Department report on COVID related to child care
Kirwan Commission Blueprint and Prekindergarten Expansion in Maryland
Training Advisory Council
Early Childhood Workforce Workgroup
IMPACT project

**Next Meeting: November 20, 2020
10:00 – 12:00**

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Adjournment