



Office of Child Care
Advisory Council Meeting

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AGENDA
Thursday, February 21, 2019

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.

Legislative Updates:

- a. **Senate Bill 181 and House Bill 248:**
Education-Child Care Subsidies Mandatory Funding Level: Expedites increasing child care subsidy reimbursement rates to the 60th percentile of the most recent market rate survey or a certain equivalent by FY 2021
- b. Kirwan Commission recommendations include \$29 million to expand full day for 4 year-olds.

Director, Office of Child Care Report:

1. Licensing Regulations
2. Training Branch
3. IMPACT Project
4. Preschool Development Grant Birth to 5
5. Quality Incentive Grants/Family Child Care Grants

Old Business:

1. Child Care Scholarships (Subsidy)- FAQ for families and providers
2. Market Rate Cost of Care Survey and explanation letter and flier

Discussion:

1. Focus on expansion of Child Care Scholarship program and connect to quality (EXCELS levels and tiered reimbursement)
2. Workforce Development – steps to address critical workforce shortage

Topics/presentations for future meetings:

Commission on Innovations and Excellence in Education
NGA/CCSSO Early Childhood Education Workforce
Training Advisory Council
Workforce Competency Workgroup
School Age Regulations
National Family Child Care Association partnership with Maryland
Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission-Results of pilot program

BRANCH UPDATES

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

Council Member Reports/Updates

Adjournment

Next Meeting: May 16, 2019
10:00 am – 12:00 Noon
8th Floor Conference Room 6
Maryland State Department of Education
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Baltimore, Maryland 21201