



# Child Care Information Session

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# Presentation Outline

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## Welcome and Opening Remarks

*Dr. Shayna Cook, Assistant State Superintendent, Division of Early Childhood*





# Welcome to the May Information Session

- Please place your name and organization in the chat.
- Your microphones will be muted throughout today's session.
- Please use the chat box on the bottom menu bar of your screen to submit any questions that you may have during the session.
- Feel free to enter your question during any presentation. We will answer the questions during the Q and A portion of today's session.
- Be sure to send your message to all participants to ensure that we can see your message.



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## Family Support Network of Patty Centers

*Maryland has a network of 24 Patty Centers (formerly named Family Support Centers) in 14 counties that offer free, educational and health-related services to parents and their children ages birth through three.*

# Purpose of Patty Centers

Patty centers:

- Support every child and their families to thrive.
- Provide support and services for families with children who are in their early formative years.
- Help parents and other caregivers enhance parenting skills, build social networks, and learn job readiness skills.
- Ensure access to early care and education settings to help infants and toddlers to reach their potential.
- Promote healthy child development through activities for parents and children.
- Foster support networks to support leadership and development skills for parents and caregivers.

# Services and Resources

## Early Learning

Child development classrooms are designed to develop children's social, emotional, and cognitive skills. The staff embrace a "whole child" approach that emphasizes engaging interactions, materials that support learning, and meaningful family engagement.

## Coordinated Family Supports

Services are tailored, individualized, and flexible to meet the needs of families (e.g., General Education Development (GED), English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Health Education, Employment Readiness, Case Management, Family Advocacy, Service Linkage/Referral, and Playgroups, Crisis Assistance).

## Parent/Caregiver Capacity Building

Parent/Caregiver Leadership Development, Mental Health Support, Parent Education, Family Literacy, Family Economic Security, and Parent/Child Activities

# Connecting to Your Local Patty Center

Location	#	Location	#	Location	#
Allegany County	1	Charles County	0	Prince George's County	1
Anne Arundel County	3	Dorchester County	1	Queen Anne's County	1
Baltimore City	12	Frederick County	1	Somerset County	0
Baltimore County	1	Garrett County	0	St. Mary's County	0
Calvert County	1	Harford County	0	Talbot County	1
Caroline County	3	Howard County	0	Washington County	1
Carroll County	1	Kent County	1	Wicomico County	0
Cecil County	1	Montgomery County	1	Worcester County	0





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## Office of Child Care: Child Care Scholarship Updates

*The Child Care Scholarship (CCS) (formerly known as Child Care Subsidy) Program provides financial assistance with child care costs to eligible working families in Maryland.*

# Child Care Scholarship Advance Payment Review



The advance payment process allows for MSDE to pay providers in advance.



Advanced payment is based on enrollment the month prior to the advance payment month.



Enrollment near the end of each month will determine the advance payment amount for the following month.

# Child Care Scholarship Payment Process

1

MSDE will divide the total amount a provider is due each month into two payments: 1<sup>st</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> – Last day of the month.

2

MSDE completes payment processing on the 1st and 15th of each month and submits a payment file to the Maryland Comptroller's Office.

3

Payment is made by the Comptroller. Providers receiving direct deposit should receive payment within 6 business days.

# Child Care Scholarship Payment Process

4

Providers must continue to turn in signed invoices each service period to avoid an overpayment.

5

If a child is enrolled after the advance payment month, payment will begin for that child the month after the advance payment.

6

Payment owed will be made during the True Up reconciliation, which began in April.



# Child Care Scholarship Payment Process

7

Advance payment made for a child leaving care or for non-payable days will be deducted during True Up reconciliation.

8

If advance payment was made, the amount and details will be included on the last page of the Invoice Detail Report.

9

True Up reconciliation is made from the second advance payment.

# Child Care Scholarship Reminders

1

Advanced payments are based on the active, receipted vouchers at the time MSDE calculates payments for the next month.

2

True-up payments only correspond to changes not captured in the advance payment calculation (new child enrolls/leaves).

3

True-Up applies to the second advance payment each month.

# Important Dates

Scholarship Enrollment Dates (Prior to 5pm)	Advance Payment Month
May 26, 2023	June 2023
June 23, 2023	July 2023
July 28, 2023	August 2023
August 25, 2023	September 2023
September 29, 2023	October 2023
October 27, 2023	November 2023
November 22, 2023	December 2023
December 29, 2023	January 2023

# Child Care Scholarship (CCS) Program Updates

## April 2023

- Child Support Income is no longer included in gross annual income.
- Fast-Track CCS Pilot for Baltimore City began on April 28, 2023. The Fast-Track CCS Application will go statewide in July 2023.

## May 2023

- Online Application for the CCS is available through the Family Portal.
- True Up Reconciliation for February 2023 was implemented.
- Invoice Detail Report is modified to capture True Up credits or debits.





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## Answers to Submitted Questions

# Submitted Questions

## Question 1

How long does it take before a provider is paid after all necessary forms have been received by CCS2?

## Question 2

When are the True Up payments for new Scholarships from February and March going to be paid?

## Question 3

What is the Quality Incentive Grant? Who is eligible? What is the amount?



Questions?

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