

February 12, 2024

To the Honorable Members of the Maryland General Assembly,

Tonight is “Evening in Annapolis for Child Care” and advocates from across the state are gathering to urge you to protect the Child Care Scholarship (CCS) Program budget, and to help us make it into the best system that is effective for families, providers, and communities.

Though not all of us are able to attend “Evening in Annapolis for Child Care” please know that **we, the 142 undersigned early caregivers and educators, supporters, families and leaders in Anne Arundel and Prince George’s Counties, are joining voices to urge you to:**

- Protect the CCS budget
- Remain committed to recent policy progress - expanded family eligibility, waived family copays and increased payment rates to child care providers, and
- Work with the field of early care and education leaders like us to ensure we have a strong and effective system of CCS policies and practices.

Our state’s approaches to the child care system have moved forward thanks to your leadership in the General Assembly. We can not move backward now. CCS policy details have seen important improvements thanks to your leadership. There is more to do and we can do it together.

We are a part of the fabric of our communities - necessary so that parents can confidently go to work and children are in safe, nurturing learning environments. Families are counting on us, and we are all counting on your support. Please see what we do every day in action, and protect, invest in, and continue to improve Child Care Scholarship in Maryland.

Sincerely,

Early Childhood Leaders Living and Working in Anne Arundel County:

Bonnie Haskins	Wee People Preschool family child care
Carlesa Finney	Anne Arundel Early Head Start
Cathy Ross	Cathy’s Care Family Child Care
Cindy Palmer	Cindy's Family Childcare
David Schroeder	Magothy Cooperative Preschool
Dawn M. Rey	Mt. Carmel Child Development Center
Dr. Barbara Palmer	Kingdom Kare Childcare center
Dr. Patricia Holland	Ms. Granny's Family Child Care
Gaye Schaum	Gayes's Daycare
Gwendolyn Gross	Gee Gee's Busy Beez
Hanaa Hamood	family child care
Jerika Lopez	New Life Child Care
Jessica Patrick	Miss Jess’ Family Child Care
Kelli Demby-Green	family child care
Kimberly Curtis	Kingdom Kare Childcare center
Lidis Diaz	Big Fiesta Daycare LLC
Lisa Keith	family child care
Mary Ahearn	Baldwin Early Learning Center

Reita Turro	Miss Reita's Family Child Care Home
Robin Curtis	Grace Pointe Child Development Center
Rosetta Hayes	My Little Roses Family Childcare
Sadia Naro	Sprouts learning point
Shaniqua Duhon	Learning Well Child Care
Sonya Odum	Sonya's Family Daycare
Tae Holt	A Child's Way family child care
Tammy Prince	Tammy's Tot's family child care
Yusuf Patel	Kiddie Academy of Hanover

Early Childhood Leaders Living and Working in Prince George's County:

Abby Daramola	Blooming Branches Learning Center
Alexia Clark	Alexia Clark's Family Child Care
Andrea Edwards-Ruffin	DHOH/PIP
Angela Riley	Ideal Childcare Center
Anneke Speight	Angels of Faith Child Care LLC
Arlene Ennis	Little Creations Family Child Care
Arnetia Jenkins	family child care
Aurelia Moore	family child care
Barbara Chase	Nurturing Yours Family Child Care
Bonnie Paddy	family child care
Chade Rogers	Kidz Korner family child care
Chanel Trent	NASA/GODDARD Development Child Care Center
Cheryll Tolver	Traveling Angels Daycare LLC
Clarissa Agnew	Clarissa's Family Day Care
Colleen Banks	Easter Seals Child Development Center
Dana Miller	Little Smiling Faces
Darlene George	The Children's Place Family Child Care, LLC
Deanna Bell	Greenway Learning Center
Deborah Williams	Jaycees Early Learning Center
Debra Kohlheim	Central Child Development Center
Diane H. Cephas	Ivy League Academy
Dr GerriLynn Ballard	family child care
F. Cecilia Venegas Jara	Arco Iris Bilingual Children's Center
Flora Gee	Greenbelt Children's Center
Golden Quarcoopome	Golden Family Daycare
Gwendolyn Chadwick	Mobi's Ark Early Learning Center
Helen R Costa	Helen's Family Daycare
Jacqueline Saunders	Ms Jackie Learning Daycare
Jamie Keller	Jaycees Early Learning Center
Jennifer Dixon	Greater Christian Community Day Care
Johnnie Smith	Safe Haven family child care
Joyce Norfleet	family child care
Kamil Heard	Building Foundations Family Child Care
Karen Williamson	First Learning Stages Daycare Center
Karen Woodard	Starlight Family daycare
Keida Robinson	Vicky's Christian Child Care LLC
Kharil E Joseph	Children Of Promise Family Daycare
Kimberly Heartwell	Kimberly Heartwell
Kimberly Johnson	Smiling Faces Family Daycare

Kyra Bethea	LOUCC
Lakeisha Leith	Home Again Family Childcare
Lakisha Hemsley	Young World Childcare Center
Laurice Brame	Antioch Child Care Center
Lucille Abney	Carson's Family Child Care
Madie Green	Ms Madies family child care
Meena Gaafar	Family Child Care
Melody Turner	Family Child Care
Myra Edwards	Lil' Tykes Childcare
Nora Castro	Happy Kids Family Child Care
Omopelola Bello	Little Hands Place.
Osita Osagbue	Safe Haven family child care
Pamela Trent	Focus on the Child Center
Pamela Young-Gtigsby	Glory to God Childcare Services
Paulette Munford	Rising Generations ELC
R. Carolina Reyes	Arco Iris Bilingual Children's Center
Rebecca Stewart	Open Arms Christian Child Development Center
Saliha Ahmad	Greenway Learning Center
Samantha St John-Doe	Prince George's County Public Schools
Sandy Robinson	Evangel Assembly Daycare Center
Shantell Pookrum	Elder's Child Care Center
Sharon Lucas	Sharon's Early Learning and Home Childcare
Sheila Deloatch-Hill	James Ryder Randall Early Childhood Center
Sierra Holmes	Starlight Family Daycare
Stephanie Ager	New Carrollton Early Learning Center
Stephanie Smith	Ms Stephanie's Family Daycare
Tanae Rogers	Kidz Korner family child care
Tanya White-Conner	Lift Them Up Family Child Care
Tanya Young	Young World Childcare Center
Tia M Waller	LOUCC
Tillanye Rankin	Corkran Preachool and Kindergarten
Tillie Rosbor	Blarney Child Care
Tonya Perry	Bouncing Baby Boys and Girls Child care
Tonya Rogers	Kidz Korner family child care
Traci Cowan	Milestones Enrichment Center
Tracy Melak	Ms. Tracy's Early Learning Pod
Travis Blagmon	Jaycees Early Learning Center
Tuulikka Long-Garnes	Prince George's County Employees' Child Care Center
Vanessa Beverly	My Sweet Angels Daycare
Venessa Davis	Ideal Childcare Center
Veronica Banks	Building A Solid Foundation Daycare Center
Victoria Ahanotu	Lovi Family Daycare INC

Early Childhood Leaders Living or Working in Prince George's, Anne Arundel, or other parts of the state supporting children and families:

Bernard Brown Jr.	friend of the field
Brenda Achiri	friend of the field
Candace Place	TEACH Institute, Anne Arundel Community College
Christina Peusch	Maryland State Child Care Association
Danaya Washington	ECE Empower & Rescue Experts

Deshonta Harper	Parent
Diamonique Campbell	friend of the field
Diana Taylor	Partnership for Children Youth and Families, Anne Arundel County
Elizabeth Bray	Community Health Advocate Program
Faith Minter	Parent
Jennifer Iverson	Child Resource Connect
Jennifer Pastrone	Seeds 4 Success
Kamil Barley	Uniquely U Childcare Family Child Care in Charles County
Karisa Johnson	Parent
Katrina French	Parent
Lenore Pergerson	Child Resource Connect
Letonya	Little Dreamers Early Learning Center in Charles County
Lisa Kovacs	Partnership for Children Youth and Families, Anne Arundel County
Molly McGriff	United Way of Central Maryland
Rebecca Hass	Anne Arundel County Public Library
Savannah Cunningham	Parent
Shaquinda Noakes	Parent
Shawn W. Ashworth, Ed.D.	AACPS / Community Advocate
Stacey	Child Resource Connect