



## Public Policy Meeting Summary

November 18, 2015

### Senator King's Illegal Child Care Draft Bill

Patty Horton

- All advertisements for child care services will be required to have the providers' license/registration number and a statement that it is illegal to provide or advertise unregulated child care. This will help make parents aware of the difference between regulated and illegal child care.
- Law enforcement officers will be authorized to issue citations for illegal child care, and fire marshals will be authorized to inspect suspected illegal child care homes and centers for fire code violations.
- Fines for illegal child care will be doubled, and advertising an illegal child care program can be the basis of citations for both advertising violations and operating an illegal child care program.
- Attendees were generally supportive of the bill's attempt to curb illegal child care. Questions raised by providers about the breadth of the definition of "advertisement" (including business cards and signage) are being considered.

### Subsidy & Credential Updates from OCC

Liz Kelley

- CCS Central is continuing to work on subsidy case management transition issues, and some system improvements have been made. CCS Central and OCC are working to address both problems pre-dating the August 31 transition and those that have arisen from voucher applications, renewals and redeterminations since the transition. Providers are assisting subsidy customers by faxing completed documentation to the vendor. Every local DSS office now has a staff person with a direct link to CCS Central to assist TCA customers.
- OCC is waiting for the Credential vendor to estimate the time it will take to clear the backlog of applications and renewals, but the work is proceeding ahead of the anticipated schedule. You can see the initial timeline for the process at: [http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/child\\_care/credentials/docs/CredentialingProgramUpdate11182015.pdf](http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/child_care/credentials/docs/CredentialingProgramUpdate11182015.pdf).

**Federal Budget:** See the Child Care Aware of America [National Policy Blog](#).

**Announcement:** The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Sandra J. Skolnik Lecture on Early Childhood Education and Advocacy will be held on Monday, November 30, 2015 at 4:30 PM at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health. Registration information is available on the [MFN website](#).

**Next Meeting: December 9, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.**

*Note: This meeting will be cancelled if there is nothing pressing on our agenda.  
Meetings during the General Assembly Session are at 10:00 a.m., beginning January 13, 2016.*