



## Public Policy Meeting Summary

September 9, 2015

### Child Care Subsidy Program Updates

Betsy Blair

- CCS Central is the new vendor for parents' subsidy eligibility determination and case management, as of 8/31/2015.
- The vendor also handles providers' invoice processing and payment, and having all subsidy management handled in one place should increase efficiency and accuracy of payment for providers.
- The 2014 Child Care and Development Block Grant reauthorization will require all subsidy vouchers to be issued for 12 months, beginning in about a year.
- Betsy fielded many questions from providers attending the meeting.

### Legislative Proposal on Illegal Child Care

Clinton Macsherry

- MFN is working with Senator Nancy King and others on legislation to curb the growing use of illegal child care.
- Possible legislative proposals include requiring child care advertising to inform parents about licensing, and increasing the fines for illegal care.
- More information on this and other legislative proposals will be available at future meetings.

### Federal Update

John Surr

- Thursday, September 17, there will be a public awareness event for early childhood on Capitol Hill sponsored by Moms Rising and the National Women's Law Center.
- Congress will be making important budget decisions for next year by the end of September so watch for alerts asking you to contact your members of Congress.

### Public Policy Handbook Distribution

- The 2015-2016 is now available on the MFN website at <http://www.marylandfamilynetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Handbook-2015.pdf>.

Next Meeting: October 14, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.