



Public Policy Meeting Summary

November 9, 2016

New Federal Child Care Regulations

Liz Kelley

Changes OCC must implement under the new federal CCDBG rule include:

- Health and safety pre-service training for all providers, which will be available on-line without a fee, and annual updates;
- Monitoring of informal providers;
- Criminal Background Checks expanded to include checks in all states where a provider/staff member has lived in the last 5 years, repeated every 5 years;
- Online posting of all regular inspection reports, substantiated complaint inspection reports and reports of death, serious injury and child abuse;
- 12-month subsidy vouchers (except those for TCA clients with pending applications);
- Subsidy program payment of reasonable registration fees;
- Reimbursement rates approaching the 75th percentile of market rates;
- Parent co-pay rates not exceeding 7% of family income; and
- Families receiving vouchers remaining eligible until their income reaches 85% of SMI. (This phase out is anticipated to have an additional cost of \$3 to 5 million.)

Healthy & Safe Child Care Pilot TOT

Lacey Tsonis

MFN has received a subcontract grant award to pilot a Training of Trainers for the Healthy and Safe Child Care training developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics. It will be rolled out through the Child Care Resource Network.

Maryland AfterSchool Association

Sharon Vance

The Maryland School Age Child Care Alliance (MSACCA) is now the Maryland AfterSchool Association. Check out [their website](#) for more information.

Federal Update

John Surr

When the Lame Duck Congress reconvenes on November 14, they will have to address the 2017 budget. The current Continuing Resolution (CR) will expire on December 9, so they need to adopt a budget or a new CR. Please let them know we need an additional \$1.2 billion to fund the new requirements of the CCDBG.

Next Meeting: December 14, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Note: This meeting will be cancelled if there is nothing pressing on our agenda.

Meetings during Session are at 10:00 a.m., beginning Jan. 11, 2017.