



# MARYLAND FAMILY NETWORK: CHAMPIONING EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION IN THE 2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**Our Mission:** We mobilize networks across Maryland to ensure our young children and those who care for them have the resources and equitable opportunities to thrive.

**Our Vision:** A Maryland where every child has a strong and equitable foundation to thrive in their first five years and beyond.

**Our Policy Positions in the 2025 Maryland General Assembly Session as of April 10:**

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| SB 610 / HB 1492 | Growing Family Child Care Opportunities Program - Funding                        | Support  | MFN supported this bill which would continue funding for the Growing Family Child Care Opportunities Program to increase and sustain the supply of family child care.               | Died         |
| SB 452 / HB 862  | Child Care Affordability Commission - Establishment                              | Support  | MFN supported this bill which would establish a Child Care Affordability Commission to study and make recommendations regarding child care affordability in the State.              | Died         |
| SB 355           | Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program - Delay of Implementation             | Oppose   | MFN opposed this bill which would delay the implementation of the state's Family and Medical Leave Insurance (FAMLI) program.   | Died         |
| HB 524 / SB 462  | State Board of Education - Membership - Early Childhood Development Professional | Support  | MFN supported this bill which would alter the membership of the State Board of Education to include an early childhood development professional.                                    | Died         |
| HB 415           | State Library Agency - Family Literacy Pilot Program - Establishment             | Support  | MFN supported this bill which would establish the Family Literacy Pilot Program enabling certain incarcerated individuals to read aloud to their children by preparing a recording. | Passed       |
| HB 389 / SB 516  | Property Tax - Day Care Centers, Child Care Homes, and Child Care Centers        | Support  | MFN supported this bill which would enable improvements to local property tax credits for child care providers' real property.  | Passed       |



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| HB 185 / SB 359 | Therapeutic Child Care Grant Program - Funding - Alterations                         | Support                                      | MFN supported this bill which would ensure continued funding for the Therapeutic Child Care Program (TCCP).   | Passed                  |
| HB 477          | Family Child Care Homes and Child Care Centers - Adult to Child Ratios - Alterations | Oppose                                       | MFN opposed this bill which would alter the required adult-to-young-child ratios in child care centers and family child care homes.   | Passed with amendments. |
| HB 102 / SB 225 | Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program – Revisions                               | Oppose<br><i>(Favorable with Amendments)</i> | MFN opposed this bill which would delay implementation of the Family and Medical Leave Insurance program.   | Passed                  |
| HB 150 / SB 252 | Child Care Centers - Certificated Staff Ratio Requirement - Alteration               | Monitor                                      | MFN monitored this bill which would remove a required number of adults who are certified in basic first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) from statute enabling MSDE to set a different ratio in regulations. | Passed                  |
| HB 170 / SB 213 | Health - Maternal and Child Health Population Health Improvement Fund - Use          | Monitor                                      | MFN monitored this bill which would extend the date through which the Maternal and Child Health Population Health Improvement Fund may be used for maternal and child health population health improvements.            | Passed                  |
| HB 334 / SB 156 | Workgroup on Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Services - Establishment                    | Support                                      | MFN supported this bill which would establish a Workgroup on Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Services.  | Passed                  |



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| HB 498 / SB 427 | Economic Development - Delivering Economic Competitiveness and Advancing Development Efforts (DECADE) Act | Support  | MFN supported this bill which would, among other things, increase funding for the child care capital fund revolving loan fund.  | Died         |
| HB 504 / SB 429 | Excellence in Maryland Public School Act  | Monitor  | MFN monitored this bill which would make alterations to the Blueprint for Maryland's Future.  | Passed       |
| HB 524 / SB 462 | State Board of Education - Membership - Early Childhood Development Professional                          | Support  | MFN supported this bill which would alter the membership of the State Board of Education to include an early childhood development professional.  | Died         |
| HB 785          | Common Ownership Communities and Zoning Authorities - Operation of Family Child Care Homes - Limitations  | Support  | MFN supported this bill which would ensure the operation of a family child care program is considered a residential permitted activity and prohibit local jurisdictions from limiting the number of children in a program below the number authorized by the State. | Passed       |
| HB 824          | Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program - Covered Individuals - Alternatively Qualified Individuals    | Monitor  | MFN monitored this bill which would expand the pool of individuals eligible for Family and Medical Leave Insurance.   | Died         |



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| HB 859 / SB 611  | Access to Health Insurance for Child Care Professionals - Outreach   | Support  | MFN supported this bill which would promote access to health insurance for child care professionals.   | Passed   |
| HB 881 / SB 703  | Family Investment Program - Child Support  | Support  | MFN supported this bill which would phase-in child support pass through and be disregarded in computing the amount of assistance.  | Passed   |
| HB 911           | Real Property - Landlord and Tenant - Family Child Care Homes  | Support  | MFN supported this bill which would remove barriers for a tenant, or prospective tenant, interested in operating a family child care program in a leased single-family dwelling. | Died   |
| HB 1006          | Immigration Enforcement - Sensitive Locations - Guidelines and Policies (Protecting Sensitive Locations Act) | Support  | MFN supported this bill which would require the Attorney General to develop guidelines for entities operating at "sensitive locations" that limit immigration enforcement.       | Died<br><i>Note: The tenets of this legislation were amended into HB 1222 and Passed.</i>                                |
| HB 1222          | Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement (Maryland Values Act)  | Monitor  | MFN monitored this bill pertaining to immigration enforcement.   | Passed<br><i>Note: HB 1222 was heavily amended to include sensitive locations, remove 287(g) agreements, and Passed.</i> |
| HB 1245 / SB 852 | Blueprint for Maryland's Future - Alterations  | Monitor  | MFN monitored this bill which would make alterations to the Blueprint for Maryland's Future.   | Died   |
| HB 1122          | Office of Child Care Advisory Council - Membership - Alterations   | Monitor  | MFN monitored this bill which would add a member of the Maryland Association of Public Library Administrators to the Office of Child Care Advisory Council.                      | Passed   |



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| HB 1083 / SB 790 | Behavioral Health Advisory Council and the Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access - Plan to Implement Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Requirements | Support  | MFN supported this bill which would require Maryland's Department of Health to convene a workgroup including early childhood behavioral health experts to ensure the behavioral health benefits covered by Medicaid (Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment-EPSTD) meet the needs of all of Maryland's children, including young children. | Passed       |
| HB 1105 / SB 770 | Public Schools and Youth Services - Crisis Support and Assistance and Workgroup Study   | Monitor  | MFN monitored this bill which would establish a workgroup to study the hiring processes for positions involving direct contact with minors to include information regarding the applicant's history of boundary-violating behavior.   | Died         |
| HB 1121 / SB 687 | Child Care Scholarship Program - Youth Transitioning From Foster Placement to Successful Adulthood Program - Establishment  | Monitor  | MFN monitored this bill which would assist a foster youth in applying for and accessing the Child Care Scholarship Program for the foster youth's child.  | Passed       |
| HB 1303          | Child Care Centers - Teacher Qualifications - Alterations   | Monitor  | MFN monitored this bill which would require the State Board of Education to provide a pathway for individuals who are qualified to be child care teachers, but lack proof of necessary educational attainment, to attest to qualifying educational credentials to be a child care teacher teaching in a child care center.                                  | Died         |



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| HB 1325 / SB 868 | Substitute Child Care Provider Pool Pilot Program - Established   | Support  | MFN supported this bill which would establish a Substitute Child Care Provider Pool Pilot Program.  | Died         |
| HB 1344          | Department of General Services - Assessment of State-Owned Facilities - Child Care Centers  | Monitor  | MFN monitored this bill which would require the Department of General Services to conduct an assessment of facilities owned by the State to evaluate whether the facility or a portion of the facility would be suitable to lease to a child care center. | Passed       |
| HB 1374 / SB 780 | Prekindergarten - 3-Year-Olds - Private Providers (Parental Choice for Prekindergarten Act)   | Monitor  | MFN monitored this bill which would alter eligibility for public prekindergarten programs.  | Withdrawn.   |
| HB 1475          | Maryland State Department of Education - Publicly Funded Prekindergarten - Analysis and Report (Mixed Delivery Model Viability Act) | Support  | MFN supported this bill which would require the State Department of Education to conduct an analysis of the mixed delivery publicly funded prekindergarten system.  | Passed       |
| HB 1492 / SB 610 | Growing Family Child Care Opportunities Program - Funding   | Support  | MFN supported this bill which would increase the appropriation that the Governor is required to make in the annual budget bill for the Growing Family Child Care Opportunities Program for fiscal years 2027 and 2028.                                    | Died         |



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| SB 1503     | State Personnel - Paid Family and Medical Leave   | Monitor  | MFN monitored this bill which would require the Secretary of Budget and Management and the governing body of a public institution of higher education to adopt regulations governing paid family and medical leave benefits for Executive Branch employees. | Passed  |
| HB 1530     | Publicly Funded Prekindergarten - Eligible Prekindergarten Provider Data Dashboard                                  | Monitor  | MFN monitored this bill which would require the State Department of Education to establish a data dashboard with certain information regarding certain eligible prekindergarten providers in the State.   | Died  |
| HB 1538     | Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Maternal Health Monitoring Pilot Program                                      | Monitor  | MFN monitored this bill which would establish the Maternal Health Monitoring Pilot Program in the Maryland Department of Health.  | Died  |
| SB 828      | Immigration Enforcement - Sensitive Locations - Access, Guidance, and Policies (Protecting Sensitive Locations Act) | Support  | MFN supported this bill which would require the Attorney General to develop guidelines for entities operating at "sensitive locations" that limit immigration enforcement.  | Died<br><i>Note: Tenets of this legislation were amended into HB 1222 and Passed.</i> |
| SB 857      | Child Care - Prekindergarten Expansion Grant Modifications and Workgroup  | Monitor  | MFN monitored this bill which would make alterations to the Prekindergarten Expansion Grant program.  | Died  |