

COMMISSION ON CHILD CARE

Top Policy Priorities Presented to the Health and Human Service Committee of the County Council November 17, 2021

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Overview:

The mission of the Commission on Child Care is to advise the County Executive and County Council on the development, implementation, and effectiveness of government policies, programs, and services that enhance community support for quality, affordable and accessible child care.

2021-2022 Commission on Child Care Top Priorities

The Commission will advance its mission in FY 22 through a focus on the following priorities:

Priority 1:

Provide feedback to the County Council and County Executive on the <u>Early Care & Education</u> <u>Initiative (ECEI) Action Plan</u> in an effort to support the County's child care system response and recovery with a specific focus on equity and operational recovery.

Priority 2:

Focus on the sustainability of the early care and education workforce by providing recommendations on ways to increase compensation for early childhood educators in an effort to attract and maintain professionals to commit to early childhood education as a long-term career option.