

COMMISSION ON CHILD CARE

Top Policy Priorities Presented to the Health and Human Services Committee of the County Council October 12, 2023

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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.

FY24 Commission on Child Care Top Priorities

The Commission will advance its mission in FY 24 through a focus on the following priorities:

Priority 1:

Develop recommendations on the <u>Early Care & Education Initiative (ECEI) Action Plan</u> <u>FY24-27</u> in an effort to support the County's child care system with a specific focus on equity.

Priority 2:

Focus on the sustainability of the early care and education workforce by providing recommendations and hosting a collaborative event on ways to attract and retain professionals to commit to early childhood education as a long-term career option.