



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 February 14:

Bill Number	Bill Name	Position	Summary
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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).
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.