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The Maryland Clinical Social Work Coalition

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TO: The Honorable Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Chair
Members, House Ways and Means Committee
The Honorable Eric G. Luedtke

FROM: Judith Gallant, LCSW-C, Chair, Maryland Clinical Social Work Coalition

DATE: February 24, 2022

RE: **SUPPORT** – House Bill 725 – *Children – Therapeutic Child Care Program – Funding*

The Maryland Clinical Social Work Coalition (MdCSWC), sponsored by the Greater Washington Society for Clinical Social Work, represents the interests of more than 9,500 licensed clinical social workers in Maryland. On behalf of MdCSWC, we **support** House Bill 725.

House Bill 725 would create a Therapeutic Child Care Program and mandate an appropriation in the Governor's annual budget to fund the Program. Therapeutic Child Care Programs provide specialized childcare and early childhood education by educators, early intervention providers, mental health providers, and health care providers to children under the age of 6 years who have developmental delays; physical disabilities; or delays in social, emotional, or behavioral functioning. Without early intervention, these children may be at risk for school failure. MdCSWC strongly supports early detection and intervention with an interdisciplinary team of professionals. We urge a favorable report.

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