



Committee: Senate Finance Committee

Bill Number: Senate Bill 299

Title: Human Services – Trauma-Informed Care – Commission and Training

Hearing Date: February 11, 2021

Position: Support

The Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors of Maryland (LCPCM) supports *Senate Bill 299 – Human Services – Trauma-Informed Care – Commission and Training*. This bill establishes a Commission within the Department of Human Services to work with state agencies to prevent and mitigate the impact of trauma on children, youth, and families, and older adults.

Among LCPCM’s membership are many licensed clinical professional counselors that provide mental health services to children, youth, and older adults in a variety of settings. In all environments, we unfortunately see children and adults with histories of trauma too frequently. Unsurprising, this trauma often affects all aspects of a person’s life.

As children, families, and older adults are served through a variety of state programs, this Commission provides an opportunity to work across state agencies to coordinate services and best practices that serve all populations with the effects of trauma.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony, and we urge a favorable vote. If we can provide any further information, please contact Rachael faulkner at rfaulkner@policypartners.net or 410-693-4000.