



**Caring For Maryland's Most
Important Natural Resource™**

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The Maryland State Child Care Association (MSCCA) is a non-profit, statewide, professional association incorporated in 1984 to promote the growth and development of child care and learning centers in Maryland. MSCCA has over 4500 members working in the field of early childhood. We believe children are our most important natural resources and work hard to advocate for children, families and for professionalism within the early childhood community.

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Position: Favorable

HB 664

Ways and Means Committee

MSCCA recognizes and appreciates the efforts of Delegate Guyton to increase awareness about resources and to support early childhood intervention strategies for children under the age of three years by including licensed child care in the education and assistance for families about the Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program.

MSCCA understands early intervention is critical to best outcomes for children and families and support providing important information about professional resources in Maryland.

MSCCA supports HB 664 as we know child care providers value their role in communication with the families they serve and embrace assisting and connecting their families with best resources administering the Maryland Infant and Toddler Programs across our state.

MSCCA supports communication in the numerous ways indicated in HB 664 with families for education, awareness and early interventions as well embrace the role of assisting parents or guardians with scheduling to provide screenings, if necessary.

The child care provider community stands ready to connect families to the necessary resources and looks forward to opportunities to partner with Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program to provide accurate and up to date information as a critical resource available for families to benefit children.

We remain committed to working with Delegate Guyton and the Ways and Means Committee on this important legislation. We thank the Committee and urge a favorable report.

Sincerely,

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