

House Ways & Means Committee
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House Bill 1469
For Our Kids Act

Support

The Association of Community Services (ACS) of Howard County, a 501c3 nonprofit, is a membership organization of seventy-seven nonprofit agencies in our community. Our members provide critical services ranging from housing to food assistance, mentoring, legal services, transportation, elder care, and more.

ACS strongly supports House Bill 1469, which will improve health outcomes for children and provide critical revenue for services like childcare, healthy school meals, and education-related wrap around services.

Expanded early care slots will allow parents to return to work or school. Women, in particular, are often kept out of the workforce because of the lack of affordable childcare. Investing in this vital service will increase the financial well-being of families and ultimately result in a stronger workforce and economy for Maryland. Revenue to provide free school meals will reduce food insecurity for vulnerable children, while at the same time saving money for working families – increasing their economic stability.

The revenue raised by HB 1469 is critically needed to support these and other services that are valuable investments in the economic stability of families.

ACS urges a favorable report on HB 1469, the For Our Kids Act.

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