

Maryland State Child Care Association- Washington County Chapter

January 30, 2024 1PM

Co-Presidents: Kim Ritchey and April Singleton

Evening in Annapolis is February 12, 2024. If anyone is available to represent Washco please go on the website and sign up. April and I are both in classrooms until 5:30 and can't attend. It is being held from 4-8 pm and allows you time to speak with our representatives about current issues within the childcare community.

Statewide Town Hall with MSCCA on Blueprint Pillar 1- will keep you updated when we receive the date.

ECAC (Early Childhood Advisory Council)- This group has not met in Washington County for a while. Miss April is speaking with Kelly Longerbeam at WCPS and will find out when these meetings will be taking place again. This is an amazing way to make a difference in Washington County and help our families. Please plan on joining and attending meetings when they are scheduled. April and I have been the only ones attending. It is a great way to also Network.

PreK Expansion Grant- supposed to be posted by end of February for anyone interested.

Conference by the Sea is May 2-5, 2024 this year. We will be partying like it's 1984 and The "Reagan Years" will be a live band on Friday night. We have amazing speakers this year as always. I hope more of you will decide to attend from Washington County.

Basket for "Conference by the Sea"- our gift cards were a hit last year and I propose we do that again. Several of you have supplied gift cards for the door prize and gift basket. Thank you for helping. It is so appreciated. Since the theme is our 40 year anniversary and using items from 1984 we need to come up with an amazing basket that highlights our county. Last years basket of farm fresh produce and wines was a hit! What can we do this year??

*****Dues are how we pay for this basket so please pay your dues if you haven't already done so.**

Maryland Scholarship budget was passed by the State for 2024-2025. Maryland Scholarships allow low-income families to have access to high quality childcare throughout the state.

Lead teachers- asking MSDE to waive the age requirement of 19 and lower it to age 18 as more students are coming out of high school and college qualified.

CCCPDF grant- asking for a 20 hour per week requirement for repayment after graduation.

Criminal background checks are going to be centralized and will not go through our specialist (this is coming)

MSCCA Washington County Chapter- Meeting Sign In Sheet

Meeting Date: January 30, 2024 1:00-2:00 pm

President: Kim Ritchey-Headley, April Singleton

Program/ Child Care Center	Name / Title	Signature	Email	Phone #	MSCCA Member?
Ritcheys Totlot Child Care Center	Kim Ritchey-Owner	<i>Kim</i>	ritcheys_totlot1@verizon.net	301-790-1355	YES
Ritcheys Totlot Child Care Center	April Singleton-Asst. Director	<i>April</i>	singlesingleton@yahoo.com	301-790-1355	YES
My Favorite Place	Holly Frazier- Director	<i>Holly</i>	myfavoriteplace@icloud.com	301-824-7003	YES
Trinity Learning Center			tlcpreschool@myactv.net	301-824-6567	YES
Northern Cross	Beth Adams-Director		beth@stefeyfindlay.com	301-992-2871	
APPLES for Children	Jennifer Rutter		jrutter@applesforchildren.org	301-733-0000	Resource & Referral Ctr.
MSCCA Board Member	Chuck Wainwright	<i>Chuck</i>	childrensentriment@msn.com	301-331-1672	YES
Bright Beginnings Child Care	Jenn Whittington- Director	<i>Jenn</i>	bbchildcare2016@yahoo.com	301-302-3645	YES
Open Arms Preschool	Natalie Evans		openarms.hagerstown1@gmail.com	240-672-5554	YES
Gateway Learning Center	<i>Misty Brittingham</i>	<i>Misty</i>	info.gatewavlc@gmail.com	301-992-9143	<i>No</i>
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Office of Child Care-Region 7	Jennifer Campbell	<i>Jennifer</i>	jennifer.campbell@maryland.gov	301-791-4585	MSDE
Little Jacks Corner Child Care	Jill Gaylor		Littlejackscorner@myactv.net	240-366-8484	YES
Calvary's Kids	Tammy Frey	<i>Tammy</i>		301-991-1194	
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Rehoboth Learning Center Mt Nebo	Harmony Wilson	<i>Harmony</i>	hwilson@myactv.net	301-223-6335	
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