



Strong Backbone/ECW Report Out Tool

Strategic Priority

Strengthen the system of early childhood supports so that it is accessible, equitable, and directly linked to family needs

Actions

List the action being worked on:

- Report recommendations:
 - Improve access to early childhood services (more publicly funded seats are needed in the city)^
 - Advocate for one mechanism by which families can apply for a wide range of benefits
 - Examine ways to use existing funds to create innovative cross-agency programs that support the whole family*

What work has been done:

- Participated in Baltimore City Child Care Resource Centers (BCCCRC) March event: 2023 Baltimore City Children's Emotional Wellness Conference. Shared information with 225 registered child care providers about the ECAC and the ECAC website as a resource
- Planning a public communications plan in March and April with participation in Enoch Pratt's Imagination Celebration and an event with BCCCRC in May
- Worked in collaboration with All Hands In to begin a project plan for the Blueprint Ad Hoc Workgroup. This has included engaging in conversations with Maryland Family Network and their Blueprint consultant as well as funders.
- BCCCRCs Family Resource Specialists shared their work and referral process specific to the child care scholarship
- Discussed that Maryland State Department of Education is planning to launch the presumptive eligibility as a pilot in Baltimore City first

What else is needed to move this action further or complete it:

- Early childhood providers willing to table during Enoch's Imagination Celebration

Any new actions as a result of working on this action:

- None at this time

**Any items ECAC needs to vote on? Not at this time
If so we need background information included. N/A**

Performance Measures (Targets)

With the work being done on this action does it move us closer to our performance measures? Yes

Are the additional performance measures / targets that we need? None at this time.