

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2026 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-015-2026

Proposed by Council Member Oriadha

Introduced by Council Members Oriadha, Blegay, Olson, Adams-Stafford, Adams,
Hunter, Dernoga, Ivey and Harrison

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction March 10, 2026

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION concerning

Child Care Improvement Workgroup

For the purpose of establishing a workgroup of subject matter experts to consider and make recommendations to the County Council on improving the availability, affordability, and quality of child care in Prince George's County.

WHEREAS, access to childcare alleviates stress on families, strengthens local economic stability by helping parents enter and stay in the workforce, and promotes healthy child development and school readiness; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2025 report released by the Maryland Family Network, childcare capacity in the County has decreased in recent years, declining by five percent (5%) between 2022 and 2025; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2025 report released by the Maryland Family Network, approximately 12% of childcare centers in Prince George's County are properly licensed for infant care; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2025 report released by the Maryland Family Network, the cost of childcare in Prince George's County has risen significantly, increasing by more than 20% between 2017 and 2025; and

WHEREAS, according to the Maryland Comptroller report on Child Care and the Economy, the average single-family household in the State of Maryland spends 41% of their annual income on childcare; and

WHEREAS, childcare teachers and early childhood educators often earn low wages that do

not reflect the importance of their work, contributing to financial instability within the profession and ongoing workforce shortages; and

WHEREAS, overlapping State and County inspection requirements can create burdens for childcare and before and after school program operators, potentially delaying or hindering the expansion of childcare capacity in the County; and

WHEREAS, Prince George's Child Resource Connect has provided assistance and support to childcare providers and families in addressing matters affecting the childcare field; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Family Network publishes an annual report detailing the challenges related to childcare across the State of Maryland, including issues of affordability and availability; and

WHEREAS, the County Council believes that a workgroup comprised of subject matter experts and stakeholders can provide insight and recommendations on streamlining administrative processes, regulatory improvements, and ultimately, a move toward universal child care, that when implemented will result in increased availability, quality, and affordability of child care for County residents; and

WHEREAS, Section 506 of the Charter for Prince George's County provides that the County Council may appoint, for designated periods, one or more temporary advisory boards of citizens of the County who shall assist in the consideration of County policies and programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that the Prince George's County Child Care Improvement Workgroup is hereby established to consider and make recommendations to the County Council on improving the availability, affordability, and quality of child care in Prince George's County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Child Care Improvement Workgroup shall be comprised of nine (9) members, as follows:

1. a representative of the County Council, who shall serve as Chair of the Workgroup;
2. a representative of the County Executive;
3. a representative of Child Resource Connect;
4. an operator of a Maryland-licensed child care center;
5. an operator of a Maryland-licensed family child care home;
6. a parent of a child in a Maryland-licensed child care center or family child care home;
7. a representative of the Maryland State Department of Education Office of Child Care;

- 8. a representative of Prince George’s County Public Schools; and
- 9. a representative of the Maryland Family Network.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Child Care Improvement Workgroup may call upon additional staff and other subject matter experts and may request data or information from relevant County agencies and partner organizations, as needed, to provide expertise and information on certain issues and recommendations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Workgroup shall meet in accordance with a schedule determined by the Workgroup Chair, but no less than twice per month until the transmittal of its final report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Workgroup shall transmit its findings and recommendations on the following schedule:

- 1. by July 1, 2026, recommendations for improving permitting of child care facilities and streamlining County review processes;
- 2. by September 1, 2026, recommendations for State legislative changes related to licensing and funding; and
- 3. by December 1, 2026, a final report on recommendations, including a plan for implementing a County universal child care program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince George’s County Child Care Improvement Workgroup shall cease to exist ninety (90) days after transmittal of its recommendations and this resolution shall be of no further force or effect on such date.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Krystal Oriadha
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown

Clerk of the Council