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Comptroller Franchot to Host Virtual Child Care Town Hall with Hundreds of Providers & Parents

Event aims to build support for Franchot's call for \$500 million investment to keep providers open and support families

WHO: Comptroller Peter Franchot
Delegate Pam Queen
Chris Peusch, Executive Director, MD State Child Care Association
Ruby Daniels, President, MD State Family Child Care Association
Carolina Reyes, Director, Iris Bilingual Children's Center (Laurel)

WHAT: Comptroller Franchot will host a virtual town hall on Saturday morning to rally support for more than 7,000 child care providers in Maryland and the families who rely upon them. The Comptroller has called on Gov. Larry Hogan and state legislators to invest \$500 million from Maryland's surplus to help providers, expand access and make child care more affordable.

Speakers will discuss pending legislation and other proposals for additional funding to stem a wave of closures among child care providers in the past two years. Attendees will also hear what's at stake if more aid is not provided and what other policies should be implemented.

The pandemic has caused higher staff turnover, reduced enrollments, increased tuition and placed additional costs on providers, all while trying to provide quality care to the children of essential workers and employees who are key to our economic recovery.

Hundreds of parents and providers are expected to participate in the virtual rally.

WHEN: Saturday, January 29, 2022
10 a.m.

WHERE: [Zoom](#)

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