

Help Delaware Families Access Child Care

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- Invest in additional openings for state pre-k programs
- **Expanding eligibility** to serve families up to at least 250% of the Federal Poverty Level



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

- **Increasing per child Purchase of Care rates** so programs can open more classrooms and pay staff
- **Expanding eligibility** to serve families up to at least 250% of the Federal Poverty Level
- **Paying based on enrollment** (vs attendance) to stabilize staffing in child care programs
- Making child care more affordable for the highest need families by **reducing copayment requirements**

WHAT YOU CAN DO

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Contact JFC

- Ask them to invest in early care and education
- Invite them to your early care and education program and let us know how we can help

Use our Voter Voice to send a pre-written email of our asks to JFC



bit.ly/ECCASK

Directly email your legislator

- You can find your legislator using the website below



legis.delaware.gov/FindMyLegislator

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Speak at JFC (or submit written comment)

- **February 14th at 12pm Department of Education** (pre-k)
- **February 20th at 12:30pm Department of Health and Social Services** (Purchase of Care)

Sign up to give public comment February 20th. (Public comment is 2mins/speaker.)



legis.delaware.gov/Committee/JointFinance

If you need transportation to Dover on February 20th, fill out this google form



bit.ly/Feb20transportation

TIPS FOR GIVING TESTIMONY

- **Practice and time yourself in advance!**
 - 2 minutes is short :)
- **Introduce yourself and the organization you represent**
- **Mention the legislator who represents you** (especially if they are in the room)
- **State your position on the issue**
- **Thank policymakers for their support**
- **State the issue**
- **Make the ask**
- **Explain the result this would have on the families you serve**
- **Restate the ask**
- **Thank the committee**

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Share your story! Email us at

firststateprek@gmail.com to let us know if you are willing to write a testimonial or letter to the editor!

