

AGENDA
Senate Committee on Children and Youth
House Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs
House Early Childhood Permanent Subcommittee of Education
Meeting Jointly

Monday, October 19, 2020
1:00 PM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Bart Hester, Chair	Rep. Charlene Fite, Chair	Rep. Cindy Crawford
Sen. Mathew Pitsch, Vice-Chair	Rep. Jana Della Rosa, Chair	Rep. Don Glover
Sen. Stephanie Flowers	Rep. Sonia Eubanks Barker, Vice-Chair	Rep. Craig Christiansen
Sen. Alan Clark	Rep. Denise Garner, Vice-Chair	Rep. Keith Slape
Sen. Jim Hendren	Rep. Stephen Meeks	Rep. Jasen Kelly
Sen. Gary Stubblefield	Rep. Jim Dotson	Rep. Jay Richardson
Sen. John Cooper	Rep. Rebecca Petty	Rep. Brian S. Evans
Sen. David Wallace	Rep. Rick Beck	Rep. Stu Smith
Sen. Will Bond	Rep. LeAnne Burch	Rep. Tippi McCullough
Sen. Breanne Davis	Rep. Danny Watson	Rep. Joy Springer
	Rep. Sarah Capp	Rep. Richard McGrew
	Rep. Jim Wooten	Rep. Reginald Murdock, ex officio
	Rep. Julie Mayberry	Rep. Bruce Cozart, ex officio

Committee meetings are open to the public. However, there is limited seating due to the social distancing requirements, and members of the public shall wear a mask while in the Big MAC Building

- A. Call to Order
- B. Comments by the Chairs
 - 1. Senator Bart Hester
 - 2. Representative Charlene Fite
- C. Consideration to Approve Minutes of the July 9, 2020, Meeting
- D. Presentation on Brain Science of Newborns and the Impact of Childcare on Development [**Exhibits D.1-D.3**]
 - 1. Ms. Jennifer Palmer, Policy Associate, Children and Family Science, National Conference of State Legislatures
 - 2. Dr. Sarah Lytle, Director of Outreach and Education, Institute for Learning and Brain Sciences, University of Washington
- E. Presentation on Home Visits Program [**Exhibit E**]
 - Susan Underwood, Arkansas Better Chance Program Manager, Arkansas Department of Education

Note: All exhibits for this meeting are available by electronic means and are accessible on the General Assembly's website at www.arkleg.state.ar.us

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F. Presentation on Childcare Facilities and Early Childhood Education in Arkansas during COVID-19

[Exhibit F]

1. Tonya Williams, Director, Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS)
2. Ashelyn Abney, Assistant Director of Operations and Program Support, Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education (DCCECE), DHS
3. Kelli Hilburn, Program Manager, DCCECE, DHS
4. Jaesha Quarrels, Assistant Director, Child Care Development Fund and Early Head Start Partnership, DHS

G. Presentation on Tax Credits for Childcare in Arkansas **[Exhibit G]**

1. Jennifer Liwo, Legislative Attorney, Bureau of Legislative Research
2. Paul Gehring, Assistant Commissioner of Revenue, Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)
3. Charlie Collins, Commissioner of Revenue, DFA

H. Arkansas Department of Human Services, DCCECE, Rules for Review:

1. Minimum Licensing Requirements (Child Care Centers, Licensed Child Care Family Homes, Out-of-School Time Facilities, & Registered Child Care Family Homes) **[Exhibit H.1]**
 - a. Ashelyn Abney, Assistant Director of Operations and Program Support, DCCECE, DHS
 - b. Ebony Russ, Program Manager, DCCECE, DHS
 - c. Kelli Hilburn, Program Manager, DCCECE, DHS

~~I. Presentation on Infant Health Based on Quality Child Care~~

J. Department of Human Services, Division of Children and Family Services, Mischa Martin, Director

1. Quarterly Performance Report, 4th Quarter SFY 2020, April 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020 **[Exhibit J.1]**
2. Annual Report Card, SFY 2020, July 1 – June 30, 2020 **[Exhibit J.2]**
3. Summary of Garrett's Law Referrals for SFY 2020 **[Exhibit J.3]**
4. Garrett's Law Referrals, July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 **[Exhibit J.4]**

K. Arkansas State Police, Crimes Against Children Division, Quarterly Oversight Report (April - June 2020)

[Exhibit K]

- Major Jeff Drew, Commander, ASP

L. Other Business

M. Adjournment