

Family Child Care Task Force

We are excited to announce that applications are being accepted for the Family Child Care Task Force, which was established on May 30, 2019, when Governor Walz signed [Minnesota Laws, Chapter 9, Art. 2, Sec. 132](#) (see pages 164-167). This task force will discuss issues related to family child care licensing and Parent Aware. It will include family child care providers, parents, family child care association representatives, legislators, DHS, county licensors, and appointees from various child care-related organizations.

We need your help encouraging family child care providers, parents, and family child care association representatives to apply to serve on the task force, which will meet between August 2019 and February 2021.

This task force includes 25 members, 10 of which are open to the public—6 appointed by the Commissioner of Human Services, 2 appointed by the Speaker of the House, and 2 appointed by the Senate Majority Leader.

- DHS will select **four parents of children who are enrolled in family child care programs**. Parents interested in applying for one of these positions should submit [this application](#) on the Secretary of State's webpage by July 8, 2019.
- DHS will also select **two individuals who represent DHS-recognized family child care associations from greater Minnesota**. Individuals interested in applying for one of these positions should submit [this application](#) on the Secretary of State's webpage by July 8, 2019. The list of eligible associations can be found on the Secretary of State's webpage as well.
- The Speaker of the House will select **two members to represent family child care providers**—one from greater Minnesota and one from the metropolitan area. The applications for these positions will be posted on the Secretary of State's webpage in the coming days.
- The Senate Majority Leader will select **two members to represent family child care providers**—one from greater Minnesota and one from the metropolitan area. Individuals should contact Maureen Watson at maureen.watson@senate.mn to apply or ask any questions about these positions. You can also visit the Senate Republican Caucus

Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/mnsrcl/>).

The schedules, locations, meeting length, and order of topics to be covered have not yet been determined.

While we understand that members may not be able to participate in every meeting, attendance is important. To help offset this significant commitment, task force members will be paid \$55 per day, plus mileage and meal reimbursement.

The task force's duties include the following:

- Identifying difficulties providers face regarding licensing and inspection;
- Proposing regulatory reforms to improve licensing efficiency;
- Reviewing existing variance authority delegated to counties;
- Recommending business development and technical assistance resources to promote provider recruitment and retention;
- Developing recommendations for alternative child care delivery systems;
- Reviewing Parent Aware program participation and identifying obstacles and suggested improvements;
- Reviewing training for licensed family child care providers; and
- Considering methods to improve access to and understanding of family child care regulations.

We need your help to promote these opportunities to a broad, diverse group of individuals interested in or knowledgeable about family child care. Please share this with groups or individuals who may be a good fit for these opportunities.

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