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BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL EDUCATION, WORKFORCE, AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

Mission Statement

The Committee on Education, Workforce and Youth (EWY) is responsible for creating opportunities for our young people, ensuring economic opportunity and prosperity for Baltimore's workforce, and supporting our most vulnerable neighbors. The committee's areas of jurisdiction include public education, labor relations, workforce development, employment, public parks, recreation, and youth affairs. Issue areas include, but are not limited to: education, including adult education, higher education, workforce development, labor, senior affairs, veterans, childcare, accessibility and disability issues, recreation and parks, and historical landmarks.

**The Honorable Robert Stokes, Sr.
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PUBLIC HEARING

**THURSDAY, MARCH 04, 2021
10:30 AM**

VIRTUAL WEBEX MEETING

Legislative Oversight

Baltimore Children's Cabinet 2021 Action Plan

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LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT

Committee: Education, Workforce, and Youth

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Baltimore Children's Cabinet 2021 Action Plan

Purpose:

The Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success will come before the committee to present the Children's Cabinet 2021 Action Plan.

Agencies/Organizations Reporting

Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success

Background

In 2015, the late U.S Congressman Elijah E. Cummings led Baltimore's response to President Barack Obama's call to address persistent opportunity gaps facing boys and young men of color, **thus establishing MBK Baltimore** as part of the national **"My Brother's Keeper" (MBK) Alliance**. In 2017, MBK Baltimore created a local advisory board comprised of individuals from city and state government, non-profits, academic institutions, youth advocates and youth representatives; the Mayor's Office of Children & Family Success provides staff support to MBK Baltimore.¹

MBK Baltimore, as stakeholder and advocate in the work to expand the success of Baltimore's boys and young men of color, is positioned in its ally-ship to the *Baltimore Children's Cabinet*.²

¹ The Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success Website

² Ibid



The Baltimore Children's Cabinet convenes city and state agencies and key external partners to align the city's collective youth-serving efforts to seven priorities:³

1. Increase early childhood development
2. Decrease youth food insecurity
3. Decrease youth homelessness
4. Increase youth literacy
5. Increase trauma-informed care for youth
6. Increase youth diversion practices
7. Break down historical barriers to success for black boys and young men

Progress Update on the Children's Cabinet⁴

- **October 2019** – *Baltimore Children's Cabinet launched*
- **January 2020** – Seven priorities established
- **February 2020** – Community stakeholders come together to form seven (7) priority workgroups
- **March-July 2020** – Workgroups meet virtually to share community resources and best practices with the goal of determining how to improve outcomes for children and youth
- **August-September 2020** – Workgroups participate in Results-Based Accountability process to identify root causes of challenges and strategies to drive change
- **October-November 2020** – Children's Cabinet and workgroups seek public comment on action plan strategies through online surveys
- **October 2020-April 2021** – Workgroups host Town Hall meetings for each priority area
- **December 2020** – Children's Cabinet and workgroups leverage survey results to draft the 2021 Children's Cabinet Action Plan
- **January 2021** – *Children's Cabinet begins to execute the 2021 Action Plan*

On Thursday, March 4, 2021, representatives from the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success will come before the Committee to give an update on *the Children's Cabinet 2021 Action Plan*.

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³ Ibid

⁴ Ibid