



## Unlocking Opportunities Subcommittee

Topic: Virtual Session on Child Care Use

Time Allotment: 1 hour

Audience: We recommend no more than 15 people. The goal is to talk to working parents about their child care use. This will allow for participants play an active role during hour allotment.

Format: introduction/purpose of MWC's Child Care Use Survey and moderated discussion of 3 questions assessing current and future childcare needs/challenges among working Michiganders. Virtual platform to be identified between host organization and MWC.

Survey: we will post a survey in the chat box that we encourage all participants to fill out and spread to their networks. We can also provide this in any other format for dissemination at the request of the host organization. The survey link can be found here: [Unlocking Opportunities Child Care Use Survey](#)

Program Details: we will start off with the host organization welcoming their membership with an intro to the Michigan Women's Commissioner moderating/explaining the set up of the hour. The facilitating Commissioner will lead a discussion surrounding the following 3 questions:

1. What are you doing now for child care?
2. What would make you feel comfortable using child care outside the home during pandemic?
3. If we had a magic wand, what would child care look like after the pandemic?

We will do our best to get to as many participants as possible, but if we cannot – we highly encourage the utilization of the survey.

Data Collection Notes: we have interns that collect the findings during the conversation. We also record the session so we are able to use it as reference for future policy development and if we need to get in touch with specific participants to follow up on ideas/resources. We will not share these recordings publicly unless the host organization/participants grant permission.

Our Commitment: we will share our policy platforms and movements with you as we move forward. The request of this virtual listening tour on child care use has come to us from the Governor's team. We are collecting this point in time data in order to understand better how families across Michigan are handling child care during the pandemic now and what support they forsee needing in the future.

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