



**Additional Testimony from Child Care Providers in Support of
HB 993 “Child Care Capital Support Revolving
Loan Fund – Established”
Submitted to the House Ways & Means and Appropriations Committees
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Position: **SUPPORT**

In addition to our organizational testimony in support of HB 993, Maryland Family Network presents the public comments of child care providers from all over our state who strongly support this legislation. Many of them share their own experiences and describe how access to a capital loan fund would help them invest in and improve their physical environment. We urge a favorable report for HB 993.

Capital funds would help with marketing, upgrading equipment and operating cost.
Rhonda Darrell Watson, Columbia

We want to put up permanent dividers between our classrooms, being an open space center. The rolling bulletin boards are becoming unsafe as children have knocked them over onto other children. We need work on our playground to improve the safety of the grounds and equipment, especially sunshade to protect the children and staff from skin cancer. So many things...

Flora Gee, Prince George’s County

We would be able to expand with purchasing updated equipment.
Amy Heger, Salisbury

Our income can't afford to renovate and improve our physical environment.
Josephine Chan, Gaithersburg

With a no-interest capital loan, I would extend the present location, fix up the items needing help and make sure the correct staff is hired.
Millis Gregory, Prince George’s County

I can put a playground in my backyard and will be able to buy much needed materials for our young children. Also expand the rooms in our daycare.
Lisa Tate, Baltimore

I am a family childcare provider. I love what I do each and every day, by shaping the minds of our children. I am looking to move my daycare in my 2-car garage in the near future.
Maria Rosella Franklin, Baltimore County

[Access to a no-interest capitol loan] would provide a clean, safe environment.
Delores Robinson, Fort Washington