

# AUGUST ADVOCACY IS ACTION

Advocacy is Action is NAFCC's annual campaign mobilizing family child care educators, allies, and advocates to drive real policy change during the Congressional recess. Beginning August 11, 2025, educators across the country will rise in unified action to protect and strengthen the future of family child care.

This year's campaign comes at a turning point. Family child care continues to be squeezed out of the system, despite being the backbone of early care in rural, multilingual, and underserved communities. With nearly 100,000 FCC programs lost since 2012, and more closures looming, the stakes are higher than ever.



FAMILY CHILD CARE EDUCATOR

**Tiffany Jones**

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## Appointed Roles

- Bainum Family Foundation WeVision EarlyEd Solutions Lab Site
- NAFCC Maryland State Rep
- NAFCC Policy Fellow 24-25
- Maryland Early Childhood Leadership Program (MECLP) Inaugural Cohort
- Endorsement in Early Childhood Leadership from University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC)
- Co-Founder, Maryland Family Child Care Collaborative
- President, Family Child Care Association of Montgomery County (FCCAMC)
- Board Member, Children's Opportunity Alliance (COA) Montgomery County's Early Care and Education Coordinating entity
- US Delegation for NAFCC Global Convening

## Impact

With nearly 20 years in the field, she is licensed to care for up to 7 children. Over the years, her program has positively impacted over 160 children and families.

## Advocacy and Leadership

### 2025 Maryland Legislative Session Highlights

- Mixed Delivery Model Viability Act (HB1475)
  - Co-created & supported bill to protect private pre-K providers – Passed
  - Child Care Regulatory Reform (HB477)
  - Successfully advocated for regulatory review – Passed
  - Health Insurance Access for Child Care Professionals (HB859)
  - Co-supported bill to increase outreach and access – Passed
  - Property Tax Incentives for FCCs & Centers (HB389/SB516)
- Signed into law April 22, 2025
- Zoning Protections for FCC Homes (HB785)

### 2025 Family Child Care Association of Montgomery County (FCCAMC) Highlights

- Increased FCCAMC Membership
- From 36 Members to over 100
- Applied & Awarded a Grant to provide Pre-K Peer Mentorship
- Assisting 18 FCC Educators to get ready to apply for Pre-K funding
- Building Community between FCC Educators
- Host regional meetings, Open House, luncheon, picnic, pool party
- Offer Workforce Supports
- Hosting a job fair for FCC Educators to hire teachers
  - Co-wrote an [in-depth analysis of the benefits, challenges, and strategic pathways for expanding pre-kindergarten education to enhance early learning outcomes for children, families, and communities in Maryland.](#)