



THE ARLINGTON COUNTY CHILD CARE INITIATIVE (CCI)

Presentation to the
Economic Development Commission
November 13, 2018

CCI BACKGROUND

- CCI included in County Manager's FY 2018 Proposed Budget Message and County Board's FY 2018 Adopted Budget Guidance
- Began Summer 2017
- Aims to promote the development of an **inclusive, integrated child care system** that effectively serves all Arlington County families, with a **priority focus on vulnerable populations**
- Efforts guided by CCI Action Plan, with three focus areas:
 - **Accessibility:** Increase access to child care in Arlington that is affordable at all income levels.
 - **Availability:** Increase the availability and utilization of child care slots.
 - **Quality:** Enhance the safety and quality of all child care in Arlington County.



REVIEW OF CHILD CARE REGULATIONS

Child care programs are regulated by:

1. Land Use Regulations

- Arlington County Zoning Ordinance

Enforced by →

Arlington County Department
of Community Planning,
Housing, and Development
(CPHD)

2. Local Licensing Regulations

- County Code Ch. 52 (Center-based)
- County Code Ch. 59 (Family-based)

Enforced by →

Arlington County
Department of Human
Services (DHS)

3. State Licensing Regulations

- Standards for Licensed Child Day Centers
- Standards for Licensed Family Day Homes

Enforced by →

Virginia Department of
Social Services (VDSS)



SHORT-TERM CCI ACTION STEPS

Per the CCI Action Plan and Implementation Plan, staff is currently evaluating the need to update County regulations related to:

Land Use

- Family Day Care Homes
 - Maximum number of children
 - By-right vs. Use Permit
 - Use standards
- Parking requirements

Local Licensing

- Center-based Child Care Programs
 - Group size requirements
 - Teacher-to-child ratio requirements
 - Lead teacher qualifications
- Family Day Care Homes
 - Teacher-to-child ratio requirements



NEXT STEPS

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- **Mid-Late December 2018**
 - Finalize staff recommendations
 - County Manager & County Board briefings
 - Present staff recommendations to CCI Work Group & CCI Leadership Roundtable
 - **January 2019**
 - Community Open House
 - Staff presentation via County Manager's Report
 - **February 2019:** Requests to Advertise
 - **March 2019:** Planning Commission and County Board hearings

