



Baltimore City Awards \$300,000 to Expand Parenting and Child Care Support Through Family League Partner Network

Investment strengthens the Baltimore City Childcare Resources Center's work supporting families, providers, and early childhood professionals citywide

Baltimore, MD (August 10, 2026) – Baltimore City has awarded \$300,000 to expand parenting and child care support across the city, funding that will flow through The Family Tree to strengthen the Baltimore City Child Care Resource Center (BCCCRC). The funding, approved by the Board of Estimates and secured through budget negotiations between the Baltimore City Council and the administration of Mayor Brandon M. Scott, will flow to The Family Tree to support the Baltimore City Child Care Resource Center (BCCCRC).

BCCCRC serves as Baltimore's hub for early childhood care and education, offering free classes on healthy parenting, nutrition guidance, child development education, and direct access to child care professionals, along with training for early educators on intervention and coaching. The Family Tree is a funded partner of Family League within its perinatal health portfolio, and BCCCRC works in close partnership with the Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) of Baltimore.

"This investment reflects what happens when the city shows up for the people who show up for our children every day," said **Demaune Millard, President and CEO of Family League**. "Child care is the infrastructure that lets parents work, lets children thrive, and lets our neighborhoods grow stronger. We're proud to stand alongside The Family Tree and BCCCRC as they put these resources directly into the hands of Baltimore families."

The grant arrives as families across the city continue to navigate the rising cost of raising children in Baltimore, among the most expensive cities in the country to do so. It also builds on years of collaborative work between Family League, The Family Tree, and the broader early childhood network to close gaps in access to affordable high-quality care.

"It's been amazing to see this work evolve over the years," said **Jenee Tucker, Senior Director of Community Impact at Family League**. "This investment will support incredible work happening across Baltimore, strengthening systems that families rely on long before a child ever sets foot in the classroom."

The announcement also marks a moment of recognition for the partners who help coordinate early childhood strategy across the city. ECAC Baltimore has been invited to attend the grant signing at BCCCRC, scheduled for Tuesday, August 11. "This is very exciting news for our early childhood community," said **Yolanda Jenkins, Program Director of School Readiness at Family League**. "Having ECAC at the table for the grant signing is a reminder that this work only succeeds when providers, advocates, and the city leaders are aligned around the same goal: giving every child in Baltimore a strong start."

City leaders echoed that sentiment when the grant was approved. Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen said the resource center fills essential gaps in early childhood education and development, and that the funding will help improve outcomes for Baltimore residents and their families. Mayor Brandon M. Scott noted that the investment is designed to reach families who may lack the resources or support networks to access consistent, high-quality childcare on their own.

Family League will continue working with The Family Tree, BCCCRC, and ECAC Baltimore to ensure support translates into expanded programming, broader provider training, and greater support for families across every neighborhood in the city.



--

About The Family Tree

The Family Tree works to strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect through education, support, and direct services, including operation of the Baltimore City Child Care Resource Center (BCCCRC).

About BCCCRC

The Baltimore City Child Care Resource Center serves as the hub for issues relating to the care and education of young children in Baltimore City. A member agency of the Maryland Child Care Resource Network, BCCCRC serves parents, childcare providers, the business community, and others interested in early care and education, with a commitment to improving the quality, accessibility, and affordability of child care in Baltimore City.

About ECAC Baltimore

The Early Childhood Advisory Council of Baltimore brings together providers, advocates, and city leaders to coordinate strategy and advance early childhood outcomes across Baltimore City.

About Family League of Baltimore

Family League of Baltimore is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and the designated Local Management Board for the City of Baltimore. Since 1991, the organization has worked collaboratively to support data-informed, community-driven solutions that align resources to dismantle the systemic barriers which limit the possibilities for children, families, and communities. Guided by core values of stewardship, performance, trust, respect, innovation, and equity, Family League has invested \$21.6 million to 64 community-based partners in the 2025 fiscal year, benefiting more than 16,000 children, youth, and adults in Baltimore.

For more information, visit www.familyleague.org.

Contact:

Zanes E. Cypress
communications@familyleague.org