



commission information

Vision

All Rhode Island children and youth will be safe, healthy, well-educated, employable, and valued contributors to their communities.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Permanent Legislative Commission on Child Care in Rhode Island is to advise the Governor and Legislature on the issues, problems, and solutions related to affordable, quality child care in Rhode Island; and to advocate for the availability of safe, quality, and affordable child care.

Organization

The Commission on Child Care in Rhode Island was created in 1985 to address the issues, problems, and alternative solutions that are critical to the development of accessible, affordable, and quality child care services [10-S 3007 (R-316)]. The Commission on Child Care in Rhode Island reports the critical concerns and issues impacting the availability of quality child care, and identifies the programs, projects, and activities which the commission will undertake regarding those issues.

The Commission on Child Care is comprised of at least 23 and no more than 35 members, including five members from the Legislative Assembly, who also serve as voting members. Two legislative members are appointed by the Majority Leader, not more than one from the same political party and three legislative members are appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, not more than two from the same political party.

Appointed members and legislators serve for two-year terms. The Speaker of the House designates the chairperson of the commission to serve for a term of two years.

Balanced membership from the following constituencies is desired:

- State agencies and offices (6-10 members)
- Provider Associations/Provider Networks
- Advocates/Research Organizations
- Resource Organizations (Referral, Professional Development, Higher Education)
- Business/Economic Policy
- Funders
- Families/Youth