

Family Child Care in the News

Welcome to NAFCC's Bi-Monthly News Update--your source for news updates on the family child care industry nationwide. Please feel free to send suggestions for our next edition to bzemberi@nafcc.org.

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03/02 Oregon State Health Committee considers **SB 422** that would allow parents to opt their children out of vaccines for their children for medical reasons only. [Read Complete Article Here](#)

03/03 Pennsylvania Governor Wolf's Budget focuses on improving availability and quality of child care by budgeting \$13.4 in QRIS incentives; and \$3.9 million for an increase in child care inspections staff as a result of the Child Care and Development Block Grant program. [Read Complete Article Here](#)

03/04 California State lawmakers proposed legislation that would require all child care and pre-school workers to get vaccinated against several contagious diseases. [Read Complete Article Here](#)

03/05 Washington The Freedom Foundation has filed a lawsuit on behalf of four family child-care providers who object to being forced to pay union fees. [Read Complete Article Here](#), [Read WSFCCA's Position Statement on Unionization Here](#)

03/05 Kansas Kansas State Legislators propose legislation that would make obtaining subsidies for child care more difficult. [Read Complete Article Here](#)

03/08 Minnesota With a nearly \$2 billion projected budget surplus, Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton is pressing ahead on an ambitious goal to provide universal access to prekindergarten for all 4-year-olds in the state. One way would be through expanding scholarship opportunities, a proposal with support from education committee chairs in both the GOP-led House and DFL-led Senate. [Read Complete Article Here](#), [Read MLFCCA's Position Statement on Scholarships Here](#)

03/09 Ohio The Butler Township Fire Department responded to Grandma's Child Development Center on North Dixie Drive. They found high levels of Carbon Monoxide when they got there. One adult and three children were taken to the hospital to get checked out, but fire crews say everyone got out before they felt too sick. [Read Complete Article Here](#)

03/09 Florida A bill that would make clear national groups like the Boys and Girls Clubs are exempt from Florida licensing requirements is stalled in a legislative committee, sparking a clash between two state senators. [Read Complete Article Here](#)

Early Head Start - Child Care Partnerships Survey

Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships are an exciting new opportunity for family child care providers. NAFCC members play a crucial role for infants and toddlers, and we'll be working together this year to raise awareness about the difference you make every day.

Because you're a member of NAFCC, we have a [few quick questions](#) for you and we really appreciate your response by March 20th.

Here's the scoop: In 2014, organizations and community-based providers across the country got together to apply for a new opportunity: [Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships](#). Applications were developed locally to meet the particular needs of communities, and proposals included strategies working with child care centers as well as family child care homes. In December 2014, the first wave of [preliminarily selected grantees](#) were announced. Is a grant coming to your community?

NAFCC, partners and agencies are eager to hear what NAFCC members think! Thank you for participating in our [quick survey](#) about Head Start and Early Head Start in your community.

Important Immunization Information for Parents & Families

We have been asked by *the Administration for Children & Families* to [disseminate more information](#) about immunizing children against measles. We encourage you to read this information and share it as necessary.



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