

AN ACT

D.C. ACT 22-453

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

To establish a Healthy Steps Pediatric Primary Care Demonstration Program to be administered by the Department of Health to implement an interdisciplinary pediatric primary care program that uses a child development professional to assist families during well-child visits by providing guidance and information to promote healthy early childhood development and lactation support services, to establish a Help Me Grow Program to be administered by the Department of Health to serve as a comprehensive resource and referral system for child development and family support services, to require the Department of Health to conduct a comprehensive assessment of home visiting in the District, to establish a Home Visiting Program to be administered by the Department of Health to support the provision of home visiting services and home visit system activities, to require the Department of Health to issue grants to a nonprofit organization to enable the organization to provide services to homeless families with an infant or toddler residing in the DC General Family Shelter or DC General Family Shelter replacement units, and immigrant families, to establish a Lactation Certification Preparatory Program to be administered by the Department of Health in coordination with an institution of higher education and an existing provider of a lactation consultant preparatory course to provide instruction, assistance, and mentorship to individuals undertaking a career in lactation consulting, to require the Department of Health, in consultation with the Office of the State Superintendent of Education and the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department, to establish a community resource inventory program, and to require the Department of Health to expand the number of child development centers providing child and family-centered behavioral health care services to families with infants and toddlers or develop and implement another evidence-based program to provide those services in child development centers; to amend the Day Care Policy Act of 1979 to require the Office of the State Superintendent of Education to develop a competitive compensation scale for lead teachers and teaching assistants, and to expand income eligibility for District-subsidized child care services; and to amend the Pre-K Enhancement and Expansion Amendment Act of 2008 to require the Director of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs and the State Superintendent of Education to each designate at least one employee to serve as an Early Childhood Development Facility Coordinator, and to require the University of the District of Columbia to partner with

community-based child development centers to offer classes in the University of the District of Columbia's Early Childhood Infant and Toddler degree program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Birth-to-Three for All DC Amendment Act of 2018".

TITLE I. HEALTHY EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Sec. 101. Definitions.

For the purposes of this act, the term:

(1) "Adverse childhood experiences" means stressful or traumatic experiences experienced by infants and toddlers, including housing instability, childhood abuse, family instability, substance abuse, mental illness, and family criminal involvements.

(2) "CFSA" means the Child and Family Services Agency.

(3) "Child development center" shall have the same meaning as provided in section 2(2) of the Day Care Policy Act of 1979, effective September 19, 1979 (D.C. Law 3-16; D.C. Official Code § 4-401(2)).

(4) "Community-based social services" means services that address the social determinants of health and contribute to the well-being of families, communities, and populations.

(5) "Community health worker" means an individual who provides community navigation services.

(6) "Community navigation services" means the provision of assistance to individuals seeking to access health care services in the home and community by identifying and reducing barriers to obtaining health care services.

(7) "Community resource inventory" means a software platform accessible by health professionals and community-based social services providers, that consists of a web-based tool capable of screening individuals for trauma, developmental health, behavioral health, and social determinants of health needs.

(8) "DBH" means the Department of Behavioral Health.

(9) "DHCF" means the Department of Health Care Finance.

(10) "DHS" means the Department of Human Services.

(11) "DMHHS" means the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services.

(12) "DOH" means the Department of Health.

(13) "Early Head Start Home Visiting" or "Early Head Start" means a program established pursuant to section 645a of the Head Start Act Amendments of 1994, approved May 18, 1994 (42 U.S.C. § 9840a).

(14) "Healthy Futures Program" or "Healthy Futures" means the program administered by DBH that uses health professionals to provide child and family-centered behavioral health care services to families with infants and toddlers.