



# 2018 Policy Agenda

The Minnesota Association of Child Care Professionals has identified the following goals for the 2018 legislative session. Additional issues will be added as they arise.

1. **Repeal the requirement for our minor children age 13 – 17 to undergo fingerprint background checks as a condition of living in a family child care home.** MACCP has worked with bill authors Senator Kiffmeyer and Representative Scott on bill language that would prevent the DHS from requiring fingerprint background studies on 13-17 year old children without a significant justification (criminal history, multi-state offender, etc.). Senator Kiffmeyer has been working tirelessly on the language of this bill since last September.
2. **Expand access to homeowners insurance coverage for family child care providers.** MACCP continues to work with the insurance industry and lawmakers to prohibit denial of coverage for child care providers who carry liability insurance and operate within their licensing capacity.
3. **Eliminate the requirement for family child care providers to give parents/guardians annual notice of liability insurance.** Our bill would require initial notification at the time of enrollment and subsequent notification would be limited to a change in insurance status.
4. **MACCP will continue to support and advocate for exemption for family child care providers from the Positive Supports Rule.**
5. **MACCP is working with lawmakers to require the DHS to give full disclosure regarding the use, retention and scope of biometric data such as fingerprints.** Child care providers have the right to know who will receive our personal data, how long they will keep it and how it will be used.
6. **MACCP will introduce language to require DHS and/or the MN BCA to ensure our fingerprints are removed from the FBI database once we are no longer subject to background studies.** Only the agency that requested the background study can request the fingerprints be removed. Without this, the FBI will keep our fingerprints until we are 110 years old or have been dead for 7 years.
7. **MACCP will continue to advocate and fight for a fair and transparent oversight process that affords child care providers the due process we currently lack.** This includes fact-based and detailed correction orders and negative actions that are free from embellishment and include a provider's response to the allegation. Fair posting requirements on the DHS website that removes overturned negative actions and correction orders. Last, we need an outside entity for appeals that includes both corrective and negative actions. The Department of Human Services currently has the power to police their own actions. Naturally this means they often uphold their own orders. Child care providers deserve the right to appeal to an Administrative Law Judge who hears evidence from both DHS and the provider and makes a ruling based on evidence and law/rule. This ruling needs to be final.