





Let's Advocate TOGETHER. Join an Advocacy Pod.

What is an Advocacy Pod?

An Advocacy Pod is a group of early learning practitioners (child care providers, parents, Family, Friend & Neighbor caregivers, BrightSpark staff and board members, and partners from early learning organizations) who all live in the same legislative district. The BrightSpark advocacy team organizes opportunities for groups to meet with their district legislators and to directly share with them the challenges and changes needed to support the children in our communities. This is an opportunity to share what is on your mind with those who are elected to create change! Advocacy Pod members will receive regular invitations to share their stories and participate in advocacy.

Why should I join?

It is an opportunity to come together in community and speak directly to legislators about the challenges and changes we need to see within our early learning system. Your voice is a powerful tool for change! We also hope you develop strong relationships with other advocates in your community and gain new knowledge and experience as an advocate.

Who can join?

You! We want our community of child care providers (center-based and Family Child Cares), parents, Family, Friend & Neighbor (FFN) caregivers, BrightSpark staff and board members, community partners and early learning professionals to join our Advocacy Pods.

What are the expectations?

No prior advocacy experience is necessary – you are welcome exactly as you are! We ask that you bring your whole self and a willingness to share your experiences as a parent, provider, caregiver, community member or early learning professional. Please do your best to attend the virtual Advocacy Pod meetings (typically 30 minutes) with your legislator(s), as well as meet with other members of your group (virtually for 20-30 minutes) to prepare for the meeting beforehand.



