

Maryland Rebuilds: Advancing a Coordinated Prekindergarten Enrollment System



Strategy Information Session

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Agenda

Primary Resource: [Maryland Rebuilds Guidance Document](#)

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 - Focus Areas
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Advancing a Coordinated Prekindergarten Enrollment System

Design a coordinated prekindergarten enrollment system, strengthen the participation of private providers through parent choice, and support alignment of the birth to age 8 early childhood system.

Advancing an Equitable Early Childhood System: Focus Areas

- Create a countywide or regional approach to a unified and common prekindergarten enrollment mixed-delivery system that includes options for families to enroll their 3-year-old or 4-year-old in private child care, Head Start, or a school-based program
- Provide a robust community engagement plan that includes plans for direct engagement with families and details for how families will be made aware of all the prekindergarten options available
- Identify what supports will be provided to families through the enrollment process such as how to select an appropriate setting to meet their child's needs and to complete applications required documentation

Advancing an Equitable Early Childhood System: Focus Areas

- Articulate a plan to address racial and socioeconomic integration in prekindergarten classrooms, as indicated in the Blueprint for Maryland's Future.
- Provide support for the implementation of a coordinated, unified enrollment system between early childhood and school systems and a coordinated birth to age 8 early childhood system through creating guidance, providing technical assistance, and hosting joint professional learning opportunities.

System Guidelines

- The system must meet Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.1 Level AA)
- The system must be available in other language for families whose primary language spoken at home is a language other than English

Applicants must address all focus areas

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[Coordinated Enrollment Across Early Care and Education Settings](#)

(Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center)

- Multiple ECE service providers, including Head Start, state preschool, and child care programs develop a joint application and work with families on selection and enrollment.
- Coordinated enrollment reduces parents burden; helping families learn what services they are eligible for and choose from options within their communities

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[Creating Integrated Early Childhood Education in New York City](#)

(The Century Foundation)

- Policy recommendations to promote integration in programs for children under age three
- Simplify systems to encourage providers receiving Early Head Start funding and other funding streams to blend their programs
 - City, state, and federal leaders should work to expand access toward having public programs with universal eligibility

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[A Guide to Unifying Enrollment: The What, Why, and How for Those Considering It](#)

(CRPE)

- Typical considerations include start-up need which include the following costs:
- Building the case for change
 - Stakeholder engagement
 - Design the school choice policies
 - Build the technology to support the policies
 - Educate families

Additional Readings

- [Creating Integrated Early Childhood Education in New York City \(The Century Foundation\)](#)
- [Enroll Indy \(Enroll Indy\)](#)
- [Coordinating Eligibility & Enrollment \(Child Care Technical Assistance Network\)](#)
- [Dozens of Indianapolis Schools, One Application \(The 74\)](#)

Potential Applicants

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- Non-Profit Organizations
- Partnerships and collaborative entities

Funding for this Strategy

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- Amount available: \$5 Million
- Estimated number of grants awarded: 2-3
- Average range of award: \$1 Million - \$3 Million

Strategy Session Dates

Strategy	Dates/times
Expanding Access to Quality Child Care	September 6 and September 19 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Early Learning Models of Excellence	September 6 and September 19 from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Expanding Mental Health Supports and Services	September 7 and September 20 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Growing a Highly-Effective Child Care Workforce	September 7 and September 20 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Boosting Family Child Care	September 9 and September 21 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Advancing a Coordinated Prekindergarten Enrollment System	September 9 and September 21 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Key Dates and Support

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Upcoming Session:

September 21, 2022, 1:00 PM

Submission Deadline:

October 10, 2022 at 11:59 PM

Support from MSDE

Individual Appointments

Grantee may schedule an individual appointment with MSDE staff at any time throughout the process by emailing

Marylandrebuilds.msde@maryland.gov.

The Grantee sets the agenda.
(Appointments are optional)

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Questions?