

Maryland Rebuilds: Expanding Access to Quality Child Care



Strategy Information Session

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Agenda

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

- Welcome and Introductions
- Maryland Rebuilds: Grant Opportunity
- **Expanding Access to Quality Child Care**
 - Focus Areas & Key Activities
 - Inspiration from the Field
 - Additional Readings
 - Potential Applicants
 - Funding for this Strategy
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Expanding Access to Quality Child Care

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Affordable, accessible, and high-quality child care is vital for families residing in Maryland. Applicants will leverage historic new investments in the Child Care Scholarship program and connect families with safe and affordable high-quality child care.

Focus Area: *Create an early childhood regional technical assistance center(s) for families.*

Key activities must include:

- Increased participation of underrepresented children and underserved regions in the Child Care Scholarship program.
- Connect underserved populations, including multilingual families with services and support by:
 - Developing an outreach plan targeting underserved populations
 - Developing an assessment plan to ensure that campaign reaches the intended audiences
- Develop and implement training for Family Support Specialists who will work in the technical assistance center to:
 - Support families in applying for the Child Care Scholarship Program and other benefits
 - Provide multilingual support to families to ensure those families receive what they need
- Provide special needs and disability resources to families for their children.
- Assist families in locating child care providers participating in Maryland EXCELS.

Focus Area: *Develop a regional outreach & support program to increase child care provider participation in and advancement within the Maryland EXCELS system.*

Key activities:

- Increase child care provider participation in Maryland EXCELS.
- Connecting providers to accreditation and quality assurance support.
- Monitor outreach campaigns to ensure target audiences are being reached.
- Provide support and technical assistance to child care providers whose primary language is not English.
- Increase the number of child care providers moving up through Maryland EXCELS through professional development & capacity building. Additionally:
 - Professional learning opportunities can be delivered through partnerships with educational institutions or organizations).
 - The application must include an advancement timeline.
- Provide technical support for providers to complete Maryland EXCELS forms and documentation.

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Strategies to Build Effective Kinship Navigator Programs

(Child Trends)

- Kinship caregivers and their families deserve services that effectively meet their needs.
- Continued federal funding may depend on demonstrating that a kinship program is at least “promising” when it comes to improving outcomes.

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A Closer Look at Latino Access to Child Care Subsidies

(CLASP)

- The Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) helps low-income parents meet the high costs of child care so that they can work or go to school. To promote greater access for Latino families:
- Increase state and federal CCDBG investments
 - Assess impact of state policies on Latino children
 - Conduct outreach to, and create partnerships with Latino organizations.

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Kentucky's Child Care Resource and Referral Network

(ChildCare Aware of Kentucky)

- Assist with supports for professionals including child care providers and trainers, focused on:
- Quality
 - Health & Safety
 - Professional Development
 - Training

Additional Readings

- [Finding Child Care in Two Chicago Communities: The Voices of Latina Mothers \(University of Chicago\)](#)
- [Insights on Access to Quality Child Care for Children with Disabilities and Special Needs \(University of Chicago\)](#)
- [Child Trends' Evaluation of the Abriendo Puertas Program \(Child Trends\) & Abriendo Puertas | Opening Doors](#)
- [Meeting Families Where They Are: Child Care Navigation Supports Through Primary Care \(Children's Hospital of Philadelphia\)](#)
- [Child Care is Getting More Support from Some Private Companies \(NPR\)](#)

Potential Applicants

- Technical Assistance Centers
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Local Education Agencies (LEAs)
- Partnerships and collaborative entities

Funding for this Strategy

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- Amount available: \$4 Million
- Estimated number of grants awarded: 3-6
- Average range of award: \$500,000 - \$1 Million

Key Dates and Support

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Upcoming Session: **September 19, 2022, 10:00 AM**

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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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.

Questions?