

MARYLAND EXCELS

CHECK FOR QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD
AND SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS



Excellence in Care and Education

MARYLAND
ACCREDITATION



Increasing Quality—Maryland EXCELS

Programs participating in Maryland EXCELS for August 2019: **4,602**

This is an increase of 110 programs from August 2018.

Quality Rating	# of Programs
1	2,730
2	397
3	554
4	69
5	361
TOTAL	4,111

55% of all eligible child care programs are participating in Maryland EXCELS, an increase of 2% from August 2018.

Quality Rated 3 programs increased by **41** and Quality Rated 5 programs increased by **36** since August 2018.

Maryland EXCELS is filling two Quality Assurance Specialist vacancies in Prince George's and Southern Maryland who will join our team to provide support to programs with increasing and maintaining their quality.



Increasing Quality—Maryland Accreditation

Number of Maryland Accredited Programs as of July 2019: 368

*This is an increase of **40** programs from July 2018.*

The Maryland Accreditation Decision Committee July 2019

- **81** Programs were reviewed by the Committee
- **73** Programs were fully accredited for 3 years
- **6** Programs were provided with 12 months to make improvements
- **2** Programs were not accredited



Maryland Accreditation Validators and Rating Scales Assessors

Maryland EXCELS and **Maryland Accreditation** have contracted with **91** individuals and organizations to conduct Maryland Accreditation Visits and Rating Scales Assessments through December 31, 2020.

Maryland EXCELS Rating Scales Assessors **35**

Maryland Accreditation Validators **56**

Quality Assurance Specialists dual-trained as Validators: **8**
(Included in the total number of Validators)



Outreach to Child Care Programs

- Postcard for participating programs
- Flier motivating non-participating programs to join Maryland EXCELS
- Giveaways to baseball games at Camden Yards
- Family Fun Day at Camden Yards



Community Outreach

- Minor League Baseball
 - Bowie Baysox
 - Delmarva Shorebirds
 - Frederick Keys
 - Southern Maryland Blue Crabs
- Tots@10 in White Marsh
- FamFest in Baltimore City



Family Child Care program wearing Maryland EXCELS sunglasses at Tots@10.

