

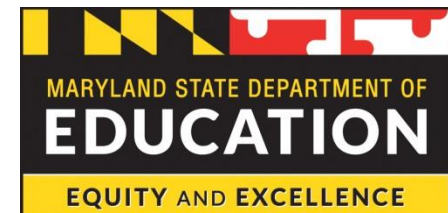
MARYLAND EXCELS

CHECK FOR QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD
AND SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS



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Increasing Quality in Maryland

Programs participating in Maryland EXCELS for October 2019: **4,644**

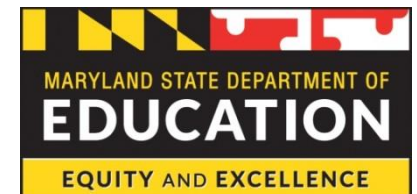
This is an increase of 147 programs from October 2018.

Quality Rating	# of Programs
1	2,658
2	402
3	580
4	74
5	376
TOTAL	4,090

58% of all eligible child care programs are participating in Maryland EXCELS.

Quality Rated 3 programs increased by **51** and Quality Rated 5 programs increased by **41** since October 2018.

Quality Assurance Specialists (QAS) help programs increase and maintain their quality. Two QAS joined our team this fall: **Urceal Cook** - Prince George's County and **Stacie Burch** - Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties.



The Year of Bonuses

Over 1000

bonuses were paid to Maryland EXCELS programs



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Year of Bonuses!
"Getting Published Pays"

Bonuses will be paid to Maryland EXCELS participating programs that publish a first-time quality rating 1 through 5, or republish a quality rating 5, from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

For more information, visit www.marylandexcels.org/bonus



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Outreach and Professional Development for Child Care Programs

- Free training and work groups — *over 100 quarterly*
- Conferences focusing on key provider-related topics



Maryland EXCELS inclusive practices training at Lakeshore Learning in Towson.



Military Pilot Program

- The Department of Defense is expanding access to quality child care for eligible military families through its fee assistance program Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood-PLUS.



Outreach to Families

- A Purple Evening at M&T Bank Stadium on October 14 drew nearly 4,000 women
- Judy Center fairs and other family-focused events



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