



Child Care Scholarship Branch

- Increase in Income Eligibility Scale
 - From 65% of State Median Income (SMI) to 75% of SMI
- Increase in Child Care Provider Reimbursement
 - From up to the 60th percentile of provider reimbursement based on the Child Care Provider Market Rate Survey (MRS) to the 70th percentile of the MRS

Maryland EXCELS

- In April 2022, 82% of all licensed child care programs and 56% of all registered family child care homes are participating in Maryland EXCELS.
- Since January 2022, 34 Maryland EXCELS programs have published first time quality 3, 4, or 5 ratings.
- Maryland EXCELS Bonuses will be awarded in FY2023 for programs who publish a first time quality rating, a higher quality rating, and republish a quality rating 5. Be on the look out for more information
- Continuous Quality Improvement Visits are being conducted by Maryland EXCELS Quality Assurance Specialists. Visits are scheduled and provide Maryland EXCELS quality rated 1, 2, and 3 programs an opportunity to receive feedback and resources for ongoing program improvement from their Quality Assurance Specialists.
- Maryland EXCELS Toolkit has a new look and new resources. To visit the new and improved Maryland EXCELS Toolkit go <https://marylandexcelstoolkit.org/>.

Maryland Accreditation

- 359 child care centers, school-age only programs, and public prekindergarten hold Maryland Accreditation.
- 665 programs are participating in Maryland Accreditation.
- Register for upcoming Maryland Accreditation Orientation at <https://marylandexcels.org/maryland-accreditation/orientation-schedule/>.
 - Upcoming Maryland Accreditation Orientation dates:
 - June 16, 2022 10:00am-12:00pm
 - July 14, 2022 1:00pm-3:00pm
- To access the Accreditation Support Fund visit:
 - National Accreditation Support Fund <https://onestop.md.gov/forms/msde-application-for-national-accreditation-support-616997c46538850287f378be>
 - Maryland Accreditation Support Fund <https://onestop.md.gov/forms/msde-application-for-maryland-accreditation-support-616997c46538850287f377f5>



Licensing

HB 664 MD Infant and Toddlers Program-Information & Assistance

Beginning July 1, 2023, at least once each calendar year, child care programs shall make the the following information available to parents/guardians of each child under the age of 3:

1. Information about the MD Infant and Toddlers Program
2. Contact information for the agency responsible for the administration of the MD Infant and Toddlers Program

Information may be provided:

1. A personal message to the parent guardian, including by email
2. A document for which the parent/guardian acknowledges receipt, or
3. A text message

Inspection surveys:

All providers will be provided with a customer service survey after each initial inspection, conversion inspection, mandatory and full inspections. The survey will be sent with a copy of the inspection report.

Workforce Advancement

Training Approval

- The 2022 Trainers Conference is currently being planned. The date of the virtual conference will be October 18, 2022. The title is Spectrum of Opportunities: It Starts With Us and will focus on supporting the adult learner.

WIDA Early Years

- The 2022 WIDA Annual conference will be in Nashville, Tennessee this September 28-30, 2022. This premier event for educators of multilingual learners from early childhood through grade 12. The theme of this year's conference is: Advancing Learning Together.

Maryland Child Care Credentialing:

- Total number of credentialed providers: **Center Staff – 7,360** and **Family Providers 839**
- Applications must be submitted directly to Child Care Central by Email: cccredential@conduent.com Fax: 410-229-0145 and Mail: Child Care Central, PO Box 598 Baltimore Maryland 21203



- Applications are processed within 30 days.
- Help desk telephone number: **1-877-355-1229**

Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund

Continuation student

- The deadline to submit an application for continuation students is June 30th 2022.
- Child Care Career and Professional Development student must meet with the college coordinator before submitting an application via Maryland OneStop

New Student

- A total of 109 students applied for the fund. Currently working on new student approvals.

Enrollment Data

- FY22 - 385 students are enrolled in the program.
- FY 21 - 74 students graduated with a Bachelors/Associates degree.
- FY 21 - \$2,565,055.89 paid towards tuition, books, fees, and learning device.

Private Universities

- Starting FY23, Maryland State Department of Education will no longer pay tuition on private university self determined rate.

Coppin Online Degree

Online Degree (Coppin State University)

- Coppin State University online ECE degree program will launch in the fall 2022.
- Please contact Benjamin Simmons (Education recruiter and Marketing Coordinator) E: besimmons@coppin.edu to learn more about the program.

Training Voucher and Reimbursement

- Continuing Education units(CEUs) are required to verify attendance at virtual and in person national conferences. Verification will be required for credentialing and training reimbursement.



Child Development Associate (CDA)

- The Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Early Childhood provides funding to support child care providers with obtaining their Child Development Associate® (CDA)Credential™ from the Council for Professional Recognition.

Who is eligible for CDA funding?

- Registered Family Child Care Providers
- Licensed Child Care Center Staff

What is covered under the fund?

- \$425-Initial online assessment fee
- \$125-Renewal online application fee
- \$33- Child Development Associate® National Credentialing Program and CDA® Competency Standards

For more information, please visit, <https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/CDA>