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 programs 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/](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/](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](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](https://onestop.md.gov/forms/msde-application-for-maryland-accreditation-support-616997c46538850287f377f5)
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 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