The Roaring 20's: A Look at the FY21 Budget for Early Childhood

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Expanding Access
to High-Quality Early Childhood Education
Child Care Scholarships

July, 2018:
Provider Reimbursement Raised to the 20\(^{\text{th}}\) percentile

August, 2018:
Income Eligibility Level Increased to 65\% SMI

July, 2019:
Provider Reimbursement Raised to the 30\(^{\text{th}}\) percentile

July, 2020:
Provider Reimbursement Will Rise to the 60\(^{\text{th}}\) percentile
NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED IN
CHILD CARE SUBSIDY
FY2013 TO FY2020 (OCT)

FY13: 17,061
FY14: 18,594
FY15: 17,944
FY16: 15,194
FY17: 13,945
FY18: 13,381
FY19: 16,348
FY20 (Oct): 20,284
Public PreK

- Prekindergarten *Supplemental* Grants - $58 million

- Prekindergarten *Expansion* Grants - $26.6 million

  - Plus another $20 million in the Governor’s budget
NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED
PUBLIC
FY2013 TO FY2020

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Supporting the Early Childhood Workforce
Maryland Child Care Credential Program

- Recognizes child care educators for exceeding State licensing requirements through –
  - Professional development
  - Training
  - Earning degrees or certifications

- The program provides one-time or annual stipends

- 10,220 teachers and 210 administrators currently participate.

- $4 million in the Governor’s budget
Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund (CCCPDF)

- The program covers tuition for child care educators to pursue an Associate of Arts (A.A.) or Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree.

- 22 Maryland Colleges/Universities participate.

- 352 students pursuing an A.A. and 109 pursuing a B.A.

- $5 million in the Governor’s budget
  - Plus adding support for CDAs
Improving Program Quality
Maryland EXCELS

- Maryland's Quality Rating and Improvement System provides a pathway for continuous quality improvement.

- 4,659 licensed and registered child care facilities and public school PreK programs are participating.

- 57% of all child care programs in the state participate.

- $5 million in the Governor’s budget
Infants & Toddlers

- Family-centered system of early intervention services for young children with developmental delays and disabilities, and their families.

- In 2017, more than 68% of children who received early intervention services were enrolled in general education by third through sixth grade.

- 98% of families report that early intervention services have helped them understand their rights, communicate effectively about their child’s needs, and help their child develop and learn.

- $2 million more in the Governor’s budget.
Promoting
a 2-Gen Approach
Judy Center Early Learning Hubs (Judy Centers)

• 53 Judy Centers provide high-quality early childhood education programs and comprehensive support services for children birth through kindergarten and their families.

• Judy Centers are marking their 20th anniversary and holding celebrations throughout the year.

• Data shows students who participated in Judy Center activities do better on the KRA than those who do not.

• $2.5 million for 10 new Judy Centers.

• $4 million more for current Judy Centers.
Family Support Centers (FSC)

- 17 state-funded FSC make up a network of 24 across the state for pregnant families and children birth to age three.

- 2,000 families served annually in the Network.

- $2 million for 6 new FSC.

- $1 million more for current FSC.
Total Increase of $76.5 Million or 26% over FY20 Funding

Thank you!