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Agenda

- **Welcome**
- **State Partners**
- **Building a Birth through Five System**
 - *Town Hall Discussion*
 - *Needs Assessment Survey*
- **Community Partners**



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Week of the Young Child
MSDE will be celebrating April 8-12, 2019 as Week of the Young Child™ (WOYC).

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2019 Regional Town Hall Meetings



The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), Maryland Department of Health (MDH), and the Maryland Department of Human Services (MSDH), in partnership with Ready At Five, will hold a series of regional town hall meetings on the State's early care and education system.

TOWN HALL MEETING MATERIALS

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“Just Like Me” Introductions

I am going to say a statement. If you agree with it, or if it is something that happens to you, raise your hand and say:

“Just like me.”



“Just Like Me” Introductions

Example

I am in Wye Mills, Maryland.



“Just Like Me” Introductions

Example

I don't care about children.



“Just Like Me” Introductions

I cheered when Spring finally arrived and the cold, dark winter was just a distant memory.



“Just Like Me” Introductions

I am a parent of a young child.



“Just Like Me” Introductions

I work as an early childhood educator.



“Just Like Me” Introductions

I work for a local human service agency.



“Just Like Me” Introductions

I work in the public education system as a teacher or administrator.



“Just Like Me” Introductions

I work in higher education.



“Just Like Me” Introductions

I work for an organization that advocates for young children.



“Just Like Me” Introductions

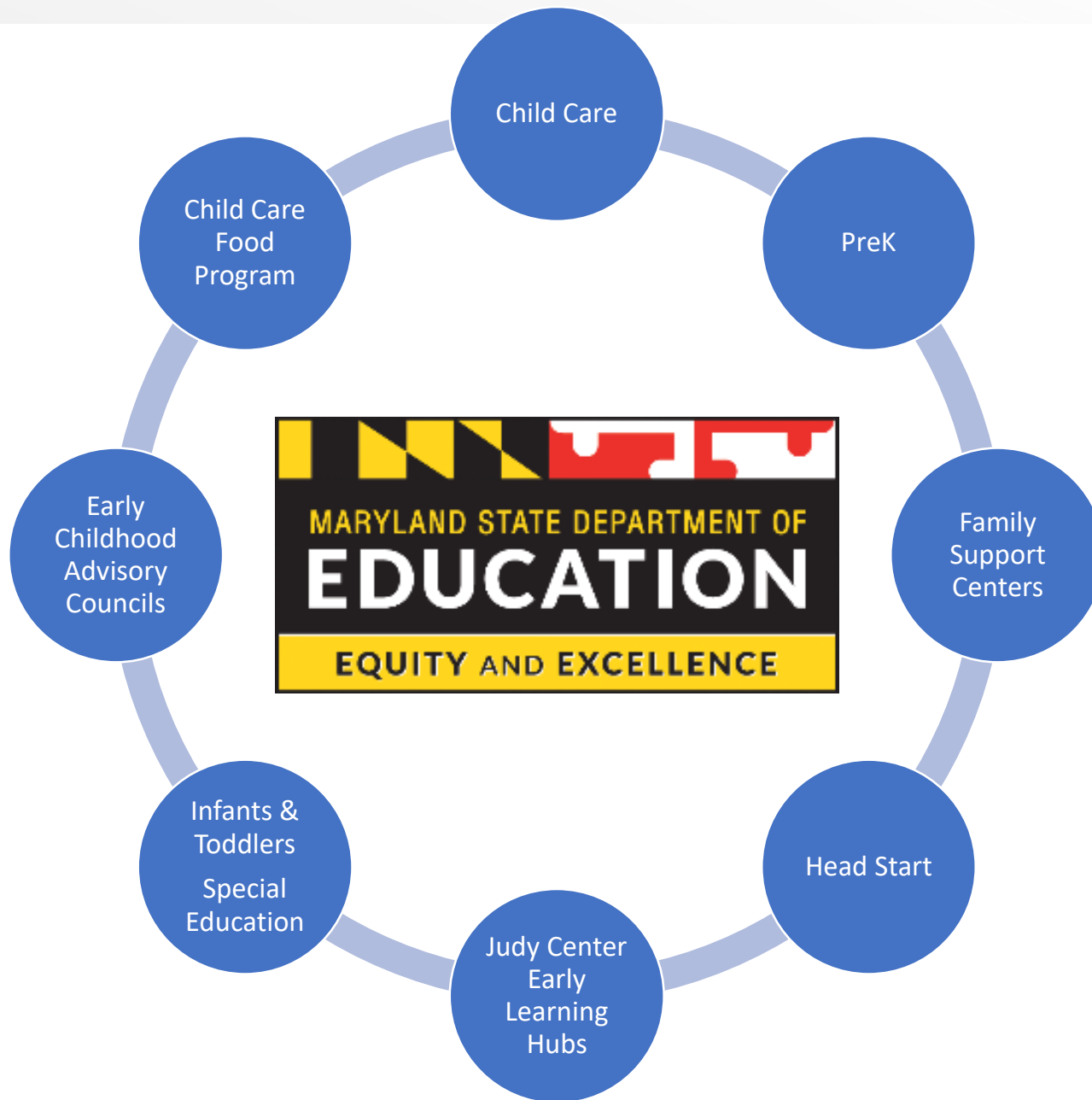
I work for or with the public libraries.



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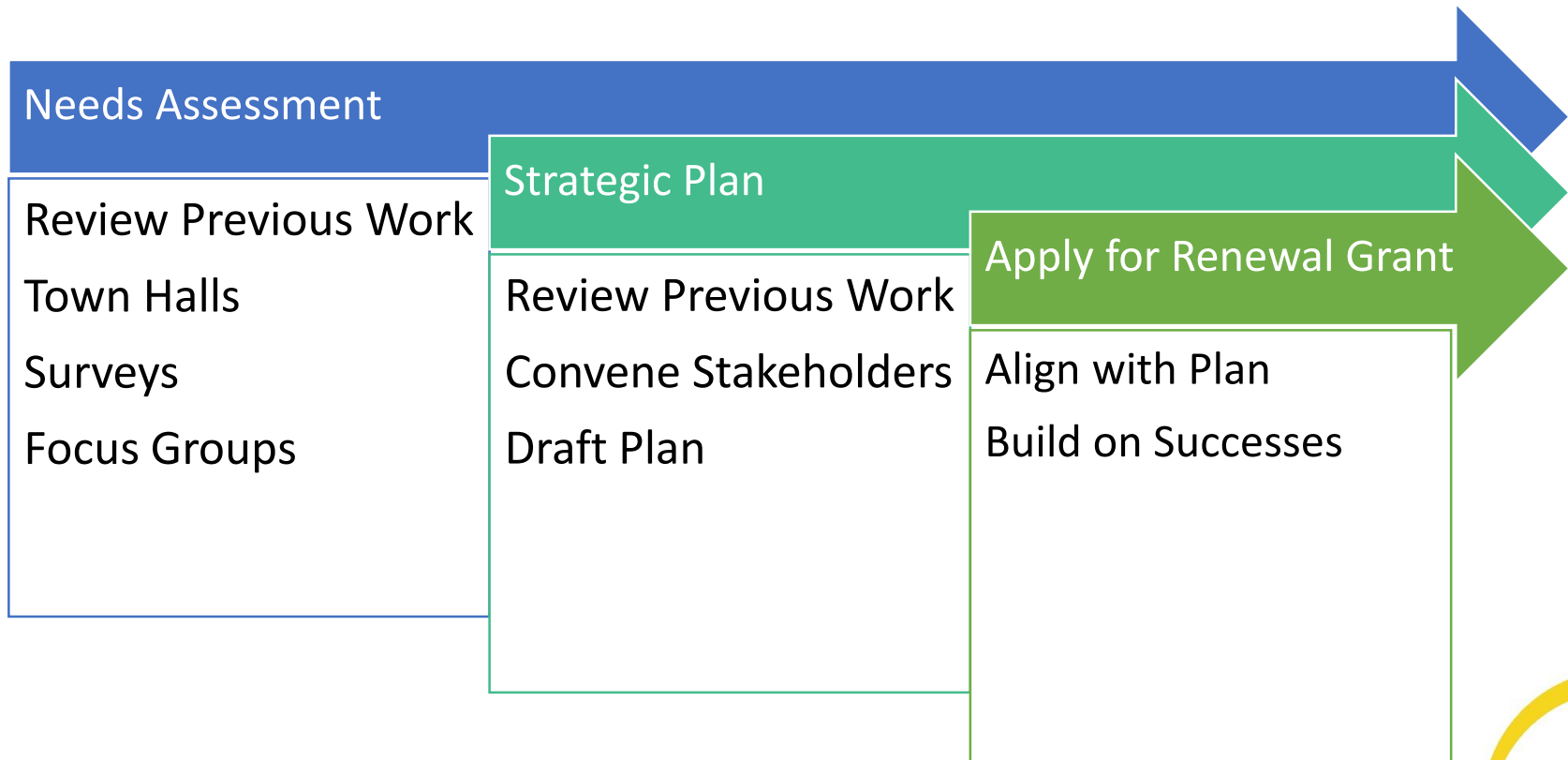
I want to make a positive difference in the lives of young children in Maryland by working to support their lifelong health and academic success.





Maryland's Vision for a B-5 Early Childhood System

A well-coordinated and integrated system of programs, supports, and services for children and families



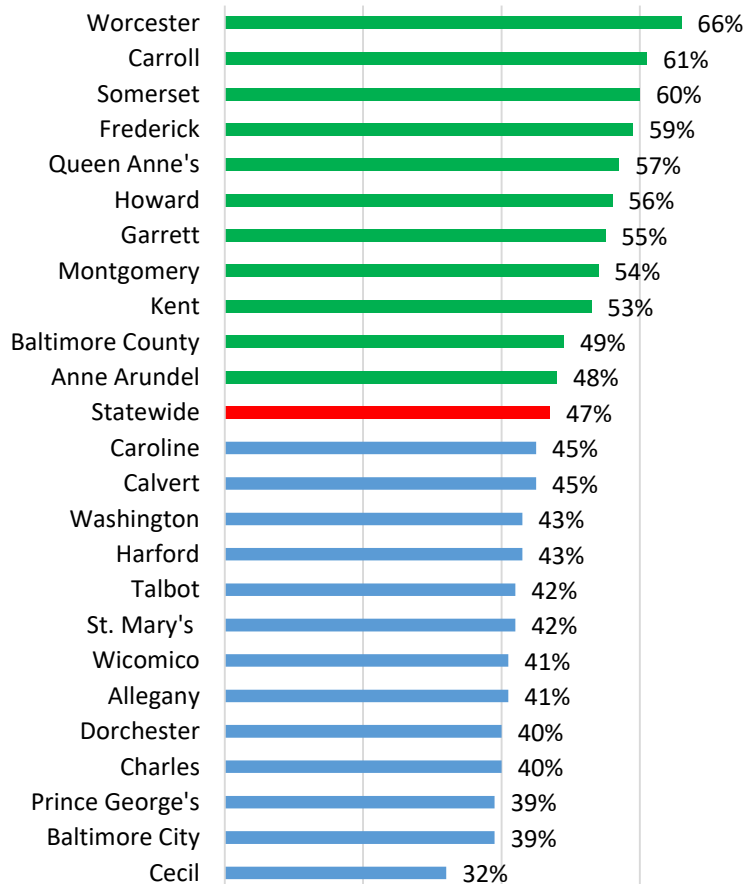
B-5 Grant Selected Projects

- Grants to all 24 local Early Childhood Advisory Councils
- Training/coaching for 200 teachers on *Children Study their World*
- Modernization of the early childhood data system
- Supporting higher levels of quality in Maryland EXCELS
- Expanding family engagement activities
- Grants to libraries to support early childhood education
- Professional Learning to address the needs of English Learners

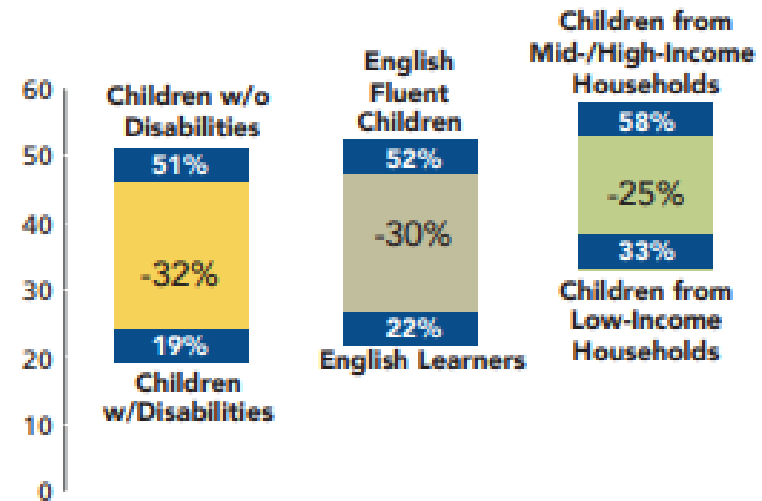


Maryland 2018-19 School Readiness Results

% Demonstrating Readiness 18-19



Subgroup DEMOGRAPHICS & READINESS



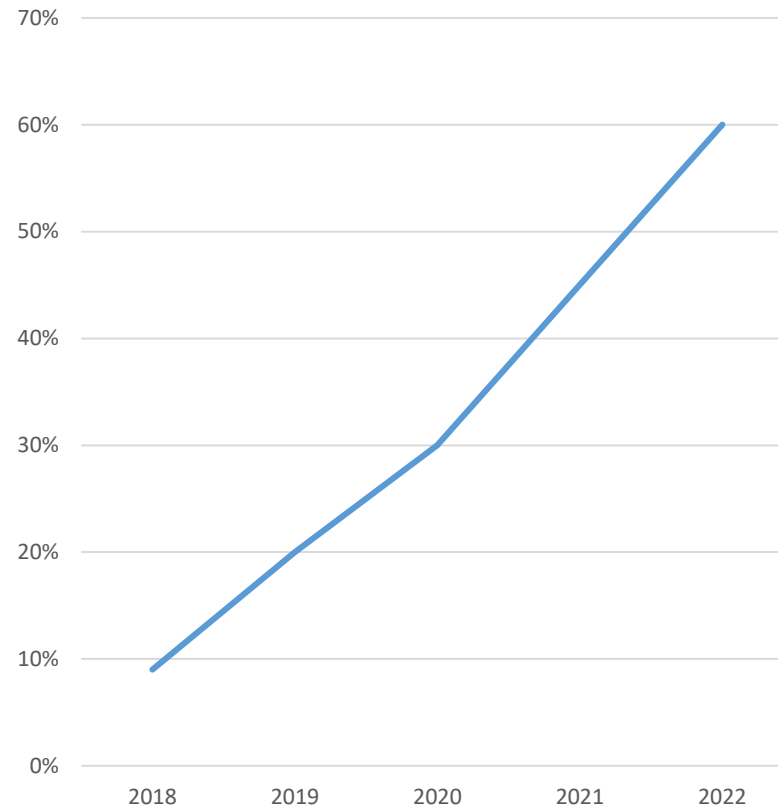
Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program

Income Eligibility Levels

Family Size	Gross Countable Income
Family of 2	\$48,637
Family of 3	\$60,081
Family of 4	\$71,525
Family of 5	\$82,969
Family of 6	\$94,413
Family of 7	\$96,558
Family of 8	\$98,704
Family of 9	\$100,850
Family of 10	\$102,996

Eligible children are younger than 13 years old without a disability, or younger than 19 years old with a disability.

Scholarship Value (% of Market Rate)



Only 56% of all eligible child care programs are participating in Maryland EXCELS

Maryland EXCELS Quality Rated Programs March 2019	
Quality Rating	# of Programs
1	2,731
2	394
3	542
4	64
5	342
Total	4,073



Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

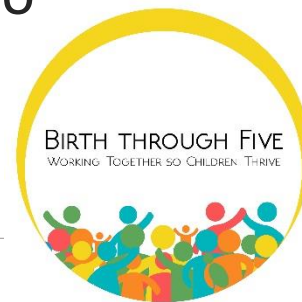
- Provides nutritionally balanced meals contributing to the wellness, healthy growth, and development of young children, as well as older adults and chronically impaired disabled persons
- USDA-funded and administered by the Office of School and Community Nutrition Programs (OSCNP)
- Reimburses child and adult care agencies for meals and snacks
- For more information on participation in CACFP, contact OSCNP at (410) 767-0199





Evidence-Based Home Visiting

- Strategy in the early childhood system of care to address maternal, child and family health and achievement outcomes
- Support prenatally and throughout the child's first two to five years
- Voluntary program for at risk families
- Evidence-based models have been shown to improve maternal and child outcomes by connecting families to essential community services
- 5 evidence-based home visiting models in MD



Evidence-Based Home Visiting

Regular home visits ensure:

- Improve maternal health
- Strengthen parent-child relationships
- Promote healthy development of children's cognitive, physical and social-emotional growth
- Reduce the risk factors for child abuse and neglect



Maryland in Numbers

Maryland	Number	Source
Women of Child Bearing Age	1,647,570	*
Children Under Five	366,750	*
Families in Poverty	1,469,830	**
Families enrolled in home visiting in 2017	4,602	***
Children age zero to five enrolled in home visiting in 2017	3,947	***

*2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

**2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

***2017 MD Governor's Report on Home Visiting



Child Health Measures

From 2017 state home visiting survey:

- 95 percent of children are up to date with most recent well-child visit
- 74 percent of children are screened for child development; 72 percent for social emotional development
- 14 percent of children screened suspected of developmental delay; four percent suspected of social emotional delay
- Five percent of children served receive IDEA Part B or C services



Health Measures for Moms

Maternal and family health measures from 2017 state home visiting survey include:

- 73 percent of women screened for maternal depression
- 92 percent of women screened for substance use
- 85 percent of women screened for high parenting stress
- 72 percent of women have improved parent-child relationship
- 94 percent of women screened for intimate partner violence



Maryland Legislation

Home Visiting Accountability Act of 2012

- Aligns Maryland state funding of evidence-based home visiting with federal policy
- Requires a biannual report to the governor on the outcomes related to state-funded home visiting







Mission

The Maryland Department of Human Services (DHS) is the state's primary social service provider, serving over one million people annually. Through our 24 local departments of social services, we aggressively pursue opportunities to assist people in economic need, provide preventive services, and protect vulnerable children and adults in each of Maryland's 23 counties and Baltimore City.



Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)



**SFY 2018
Monthly Average**

Number of Children Served- 280,312

Number of Families Served- 346,312



Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)



SFY 2018

Number of Children Served- 34,400

Number of Families Served- 18,512



TANF Initiative

Transitional Support Services Program

Effective SFY 20 and in response to the Two-Gen Commission's recommendation, the Governor's Allowance includes \$6.3 million to continue TANF customer benefits for three months after the participant obtains employment. This initiative rewards TANF customers who obtain employment and also assists families with their transition from welfare to work as it lessens the effect of the benefit cliff immediately upon obtaining employment.



Office of Home Energy Programs OHEP



SFY 2018

Number of Families Served
MEAP (Heating) Benefits- 97,477

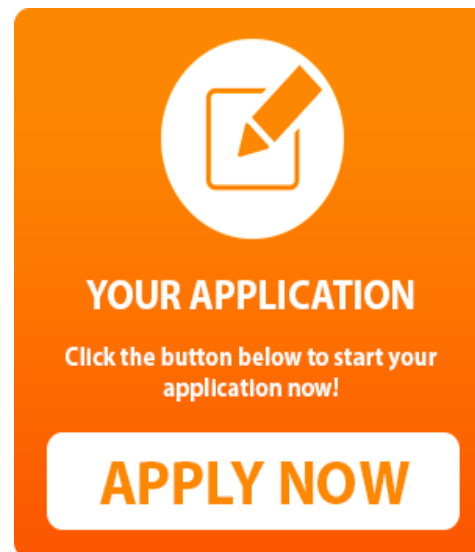
Number of Families Served EUSP
(Electric) Benefits- 94,655



Applying for Benefits

Applications may be submitted online at:

<https://mydhrbenefits.dhr.state.md.us/dashboardClient/#/home>



Applying for Benefits

Customers may submit applications in-person at the following locations:

<p><u>Caroline County</u> <u>LDSS and OHEP Office</u> Caroline County DSS 300 Market Street Denton, MD 21629-1229</p>	<p><u>Dorchester County</u> <u>LDSS and OHEP</u> 627 Race Street P.O. Box 217 Cambridge, MD 21613</p>	<p><u>Kent County</u> <u>LDSS and OHEP Office</u> 350 High Street P.O. Box 670 Chestertown, MD 21620</p>
<p><u>Queen Anne's County</u> <u>LDSS and OHEP Office</u> Queen Anne's County DSS 125 Comet Drive Centreville, MD 21617</p>	<p><u>Talbot County LDSS Office</u> 301 Bay Street Easton, MD 21601</p> <p><u>Talbot County OHEP Office</u> Neighborhood Service Center, Inc. 126 Port Street Easton, MD 21601-2631</p>	



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Stakeholder Survey

- 3 Ways to Access the Digital Survey:
 - **Iphone:** point the camera to the QR code on your agenda
 - **Other Smartphones:** download the QR app
 - Type in the link in your web browser: <http://bit.ly/B25Survey>
- If you don't have a phone, or prefer a ***paper survey***, please let us know.
- For each statement, please select:
strongly agree / agree / disagree / strongly disagree or *I don't know*
- Your responses are strictly confidential and anonymous.



Thank you for Helping to Create Maryland's Birth to Age 5 Early Care and Education System



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