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**Somerset, Wicomico & Worcester Counties  
Town Hall**

**Wor-Wic Community College  
Salisbury, Maryland  
April 25, 2019**

# 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).

**WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD®**

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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

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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

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## *Example*

I am in Salisbury, 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

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I am a parent of a young child.





# “Just Like Me” Introductions

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I work as an early childhood educator.



# “Just Like Me” Introductions

I work for a local human service agency.



## “Just Like Me” Introductions

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



# “Just Like Me” Introductions

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I work in higher education.



## “Just Like Me” Introductions

I work for an organization that advocates for young children.



# “Just Like Me” Introductions

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I work for or with the public libraries.

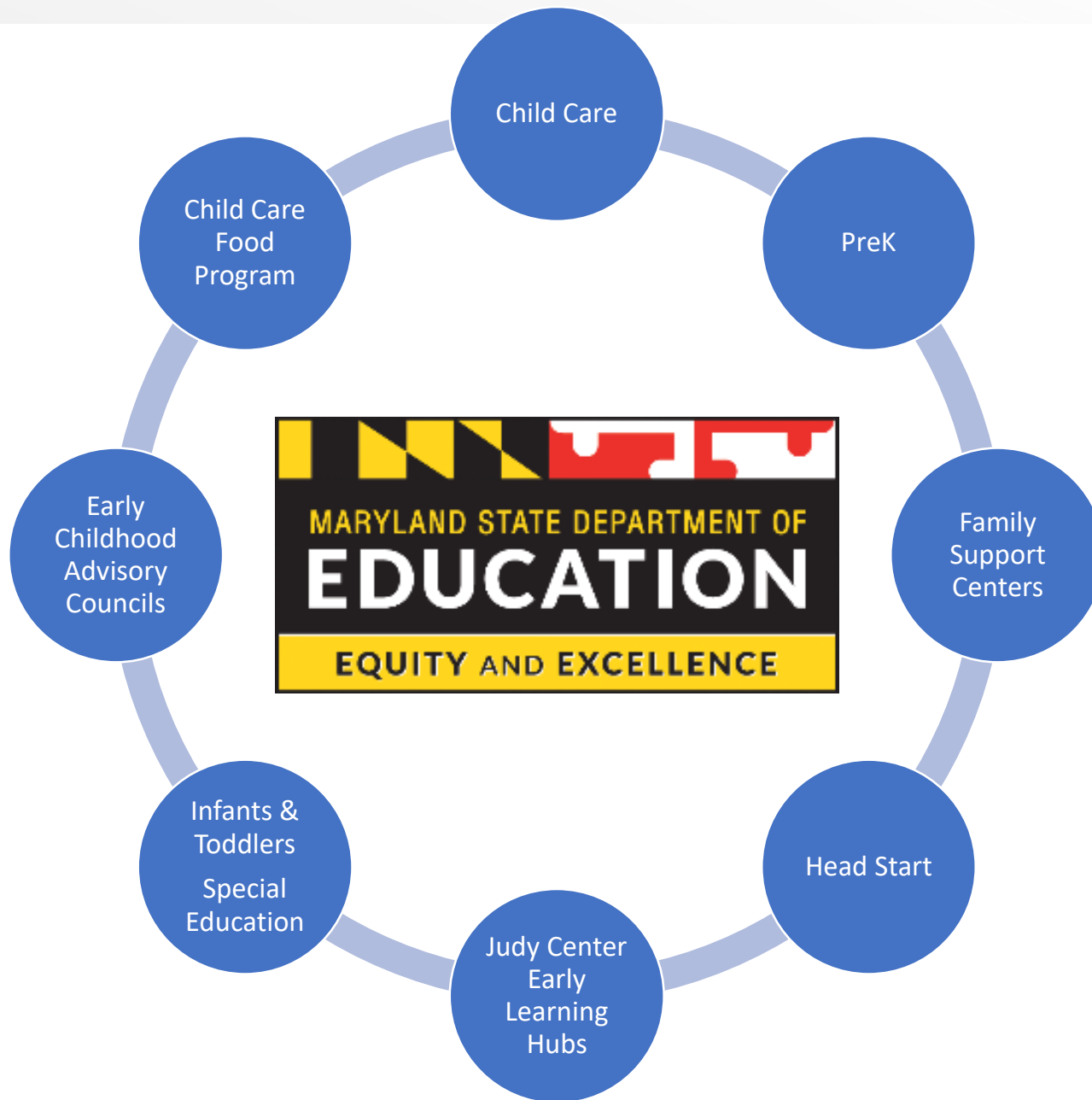


## “Just Like Me” Introductions

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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.

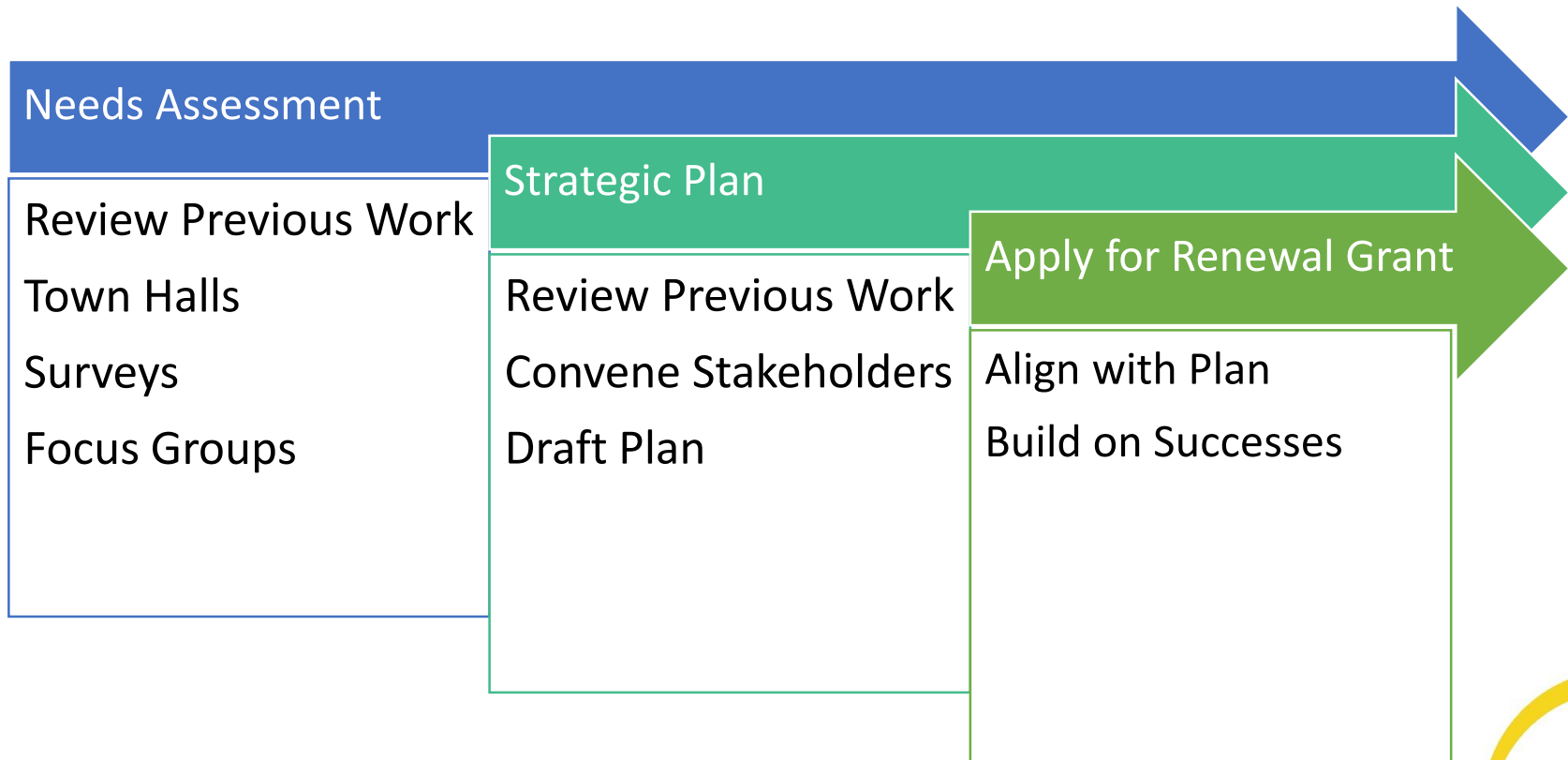






# Maryland's Vision for a B-5 Early Childhood System

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



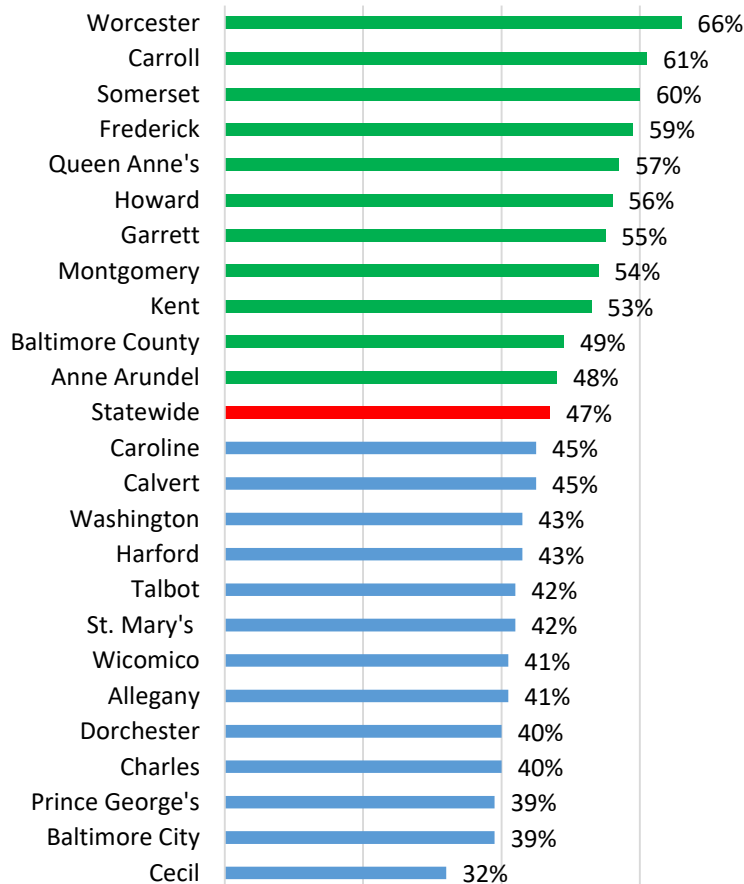
## B-5 Grant Selected Projects

- 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

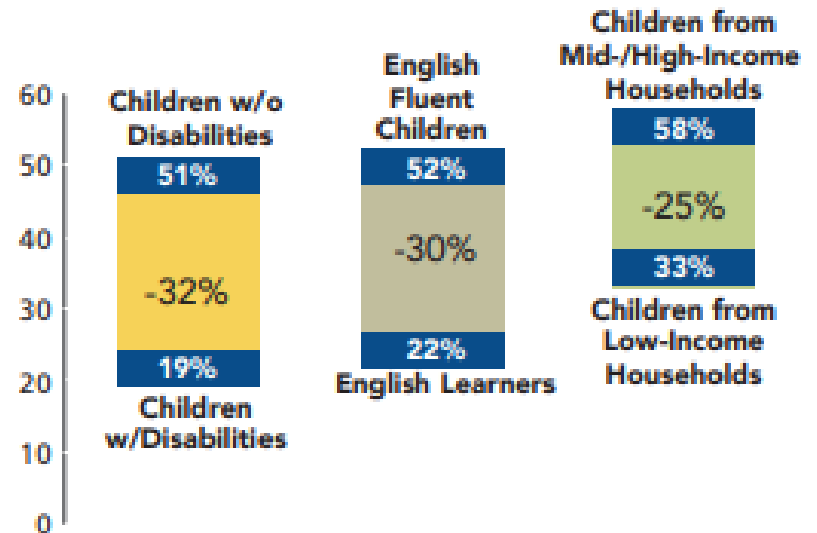


# Maryland 2018-19 School Readiness Results

## % Demonstrating Readiness 18-19



## Subgroup DEMOGRAPHICS & READINESS



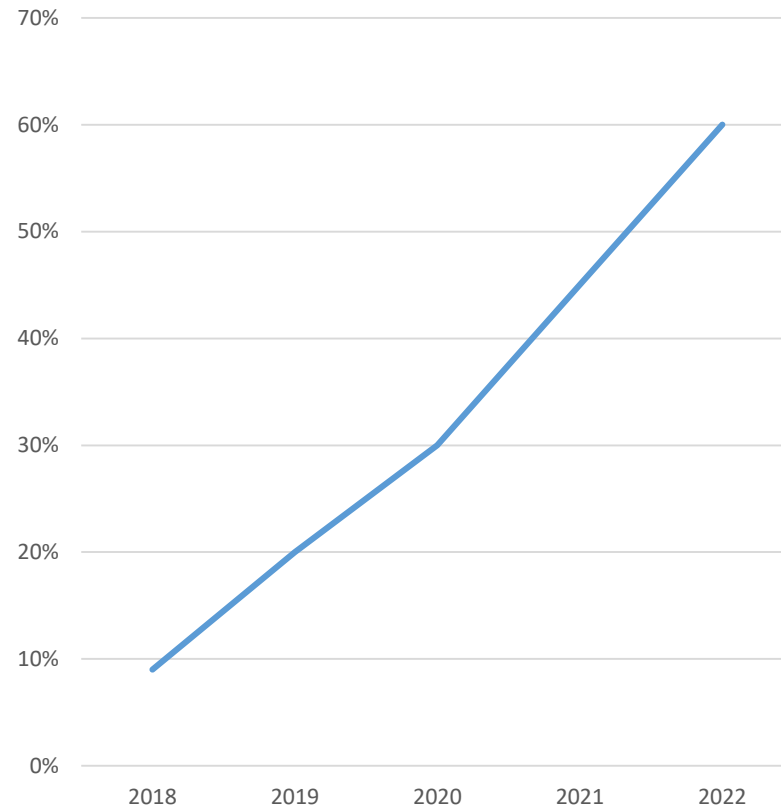
# Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program

## 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<br>March 2019 |               |
|--|---------------|
| Quality Rating                                       | # of Programs |
| 1  | 2,731         |
| 2  | 394           |
| 3  | 542           |
| 4  | 64            |
| 5  | 342           |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>4,073</b>  |



# Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

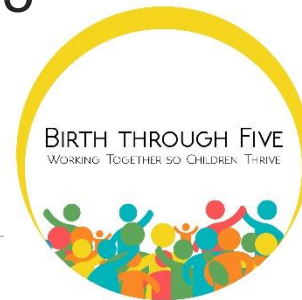
- Provides nutritionally balanced meals contributing to the wellness, healthy growth, and development of young children, as well as older adults and chronically impaired disabled persons
- USDA-funded and administered by the Office of School and Community Nutrition Programs (OSCNP)
- Reimburses child 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 |
|--|-----------|--------|
| <b>Women of Child Bearing Age</b>                                  | 1,647,570 | *      |
| <b>Children Under Five</b>   | 366,750   | *      |
| <b>Families in Poverty</b>   | 1,469,830 | **     |
| <b>Families enrolled in home visiting in 2017</b>                  | 4,602     | ***    |
| <b>Children age zero to five enrolled in home visiting in 2017</b> | 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

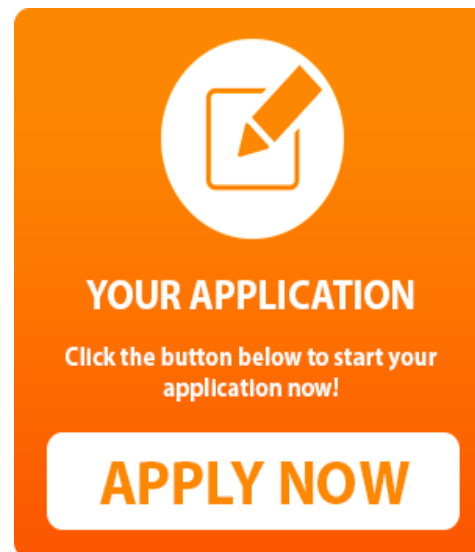
Number of Families Served EUSP  
(Electric) Benefits- 94,655



## 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:**

**SOMERSET COUNTY:**

Department Of Social  
Services  
30397 Mt Vernon Road  
Princess Anne, Maryland  
21853  
Ph:(410) 677-4200 Fax:  
(410) 677-4300

**WICOMICO COUNTY:**

Department Of Social  
Services  
201 Baptist St. #27  
Salisbury Md 21801  
Ph (410) 713-3900  
Fax (410) 713-3910

**WORCESTER COUNTY:**

Department Of Social  
Services  
299 Commerce Street  
Snow Hill, MD 21863



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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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