Q: **What are the benefits of participating in both Maryland Accreditation and Maryland EXCELS?**
A: The benefits for participating in both Maryland Accreditation and Maryland EXCELS are:
- Both Maryland Accreditation and Maryland EXCELS promote continuous quality improvement.
- Programs who are Maryland Accredited achieve higher quality ratings in Maryland EXCELS.
- Access to resources including Quality Assurance Specialists to support programs through the process of Maryland Accreditation and Maryland EXCELS.

Q: **What is Maryland EXCELS?**
A: Maryland EXCELS is a voluntary program for licensed child care and early education programs and there is no cost to participate. However, programs accepting [Child Care Scholarship](#) reimbursement are required to participate. All programs benefit from a commitment to providing quality care and early education.

Q: **What are some frequently asked questions from programs about Maryland EXCELS?**
A: [Frequently Asked Questions for Programs](#)