

- Provides support to early childhood programs to integrate information on growth and development, learning patterns, diverse abilities, and multiple intelligences and applies to practice
- References best practices to encourage early childhood programs in shaping actions and interventions
- Identifies successes and strengths of programs to help promote best practice

Minimum Required Education

Requirement will vary according to the organization. To learn more information, contact the hiring organization.

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- Child Care Resource Centers such as the Maryland Family Network (www.marylandfamilynetwork.org)
- Non-profit organizations
- Private organizations

Maryland EXCELS Technical Assistance/Coach

About the Maryland EXCELS Program

Maryland EXCELS (EXcellence Counts in Early Learning and School-Age Care) is a quality rating and improvement system for early care and education programs that employs Quality Assurance Specialists. The program awards ratings to participating Child Care Centers, School-Age Child Care Programs, Family Child Care Homes, and Public PreKindergarten programs based upon nationally recognized quality standards and best practices. Maryland EXCELS is designed to increase awareness of

the elements of high quality care and education, to recognize and support those who are meeting those standards, and to educate families and the community about the importance of high quality child care and early childhood programs. The work of the Quality Assurance Specialists includes:

- Knowledge of trends, regulations, policies, and issues affecting education program improvement and school readiness gaps
- Knowledge of procedures and practices which ensure safe and sanitary conditions at child care facilities
- Skill in implementing and monitoring program evaluations
- Develop and initiate policies and procedures and the ability to present recommendations clearly and concisely
- Interpret and apply child care laws, regulations, and standards in their work with early childhood programs

Minimum Required Education and Experience

- Bachelor's degree in education, educational administration, or a closely related field
- Two (2) years professional administrative or teaching experience in an education program
- Experience monitoring child care programs

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