

# Maryland Accreditation Process

## Year One

- ✓ Participate in orientation
- ✓ Within 12 months of finishing orientation, register online and select "begin" in your binder
- ✓ Form Self-Appraisal Team
- ✓ Complete Initial Self-Appraisals and submit comments and required documentation in each indicator
- ✓ Continue program improvements by completing a Program Improvement Plan
- ✓ Request or decline Technical Assistance session

## Year Two

- ✓ Complete Final Self-Appraisal and submit comments and required documentation in each indicator
- ✓ At least 90 days before your accreditation or cycle expires, request a Validation Visit
- ✓ At least 30 days before expiration, host the Validation Visit
- ✓ Within 3 days of binder re-opening, upload comments, required evidence and pictures in response to validator's ratings
- ✓ Receive Accreditation Decision from MSDE
- ✓ Keep improving
- ✓ 18 months before new expiration, participate in orientation