Maryland Child Care Credential Program Helpful Hints

- READ the Child Care Credential Program Booklet prior to submitting your application
 - An application form must be submitted for all types of submissions:
 - New: First time applicant
 - o Renewal: Renewal of credentials within 30 days of your expiration date
 - Upgrade: Move to a higher level within your credential year
 - Update: To reactivate when expiration date has passed
- Write legibly:
 - \circ Your credential certificate is e-mail to you, make sure we can clearly read your e-mail address
 - You will use your phone number and date of birth to access information on our automated phone system, remember the phone number you placed on your application
- Send all required documentation with your application
 - Your application is not deemed complete until all required documentation is received
 - Submitting partial documentation lengthens processing time
 - Write your name and party id on all documentation
 - Do not send e-mails over the size of 15MB, send two e-mails if necessary and clearly indicate multiple e-mails are being sent
 - Pictures of documents are not acceptable and do not submit through an external drive
- Processing time
 - o It will take up to 30 days to process your application once a complete application is received
 - o The 30 days begins when all required documentation or information are received
- Missing Information
 - o If your application is missing information or documentation
 - A letter is e-mailed to the e-mail address provided on your application
 - Please check your e-mail and spam folder regularly
 - Send only the documentation requested, do not resubmit an application unless specifically requested in your letter
 - Write your name and party id on all documents submitted
 - You must be on your employers associated party list within the state automated tracking system prior to submitting your application. An employment letter does not mitigate this requirement.
 - **Note for Center Directors:** When you hire a new staff, please make sure that you contact the Licensing Regional Office.
 - Do not apply for the Maryland Child Care Credential program if you have not completed a staff evaluation with the Licensing Office.
 - Your child care experience must be listed within the state system
 - When submitting a college transcript, it must contain participant name, name of college/university and graduation date. Only grades C or better are acceptable.

• Inquiries regarding application

- Please include the following on all e-mail inquiries:
 - First and last name **submitted on the application**
 - Party id
 - Date of Birth
- Reach out to your Child Care Resource Center if you have any question about the program

Submission options:

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