

On Track: All Aboard for Developmental Progress

Maryland's Early Care & Education Developmental Screening Program

In July of 2016, a regulation will take effect that will require all licensed early care and education programs (child care centers and family child care home providers) to take training on the Developmental Screening Overview and conduct developmental screening on children aged birth through five years.

Free online training can be accessed at Maryland Public Television's Thinkport website: <http://www.thinkport.org/Career/course/ece.tp>.

The initial cost for the developmental screening tool chosen by the child care facility will be covered by MSDE. Child care directors can apply for the program's developmental screening tool, at the above-listed website. **Directors must apply for the tool by December of 2015 in order for MSDE to cover the cost.** You will need the license or registration number of your program to apply. The developmental screening tools are available for review at your local Resource & Referral Network.

Face-to-face training on the Developmental Screening Overview and tool specific training can be found through Maryland's approved training network:
http://mdchildcare.org/mdcfc/for_providers/trcaldisclaimer.html