

MARYLAND EXCELS



Excellence Counts in Early Learning and School Age Care



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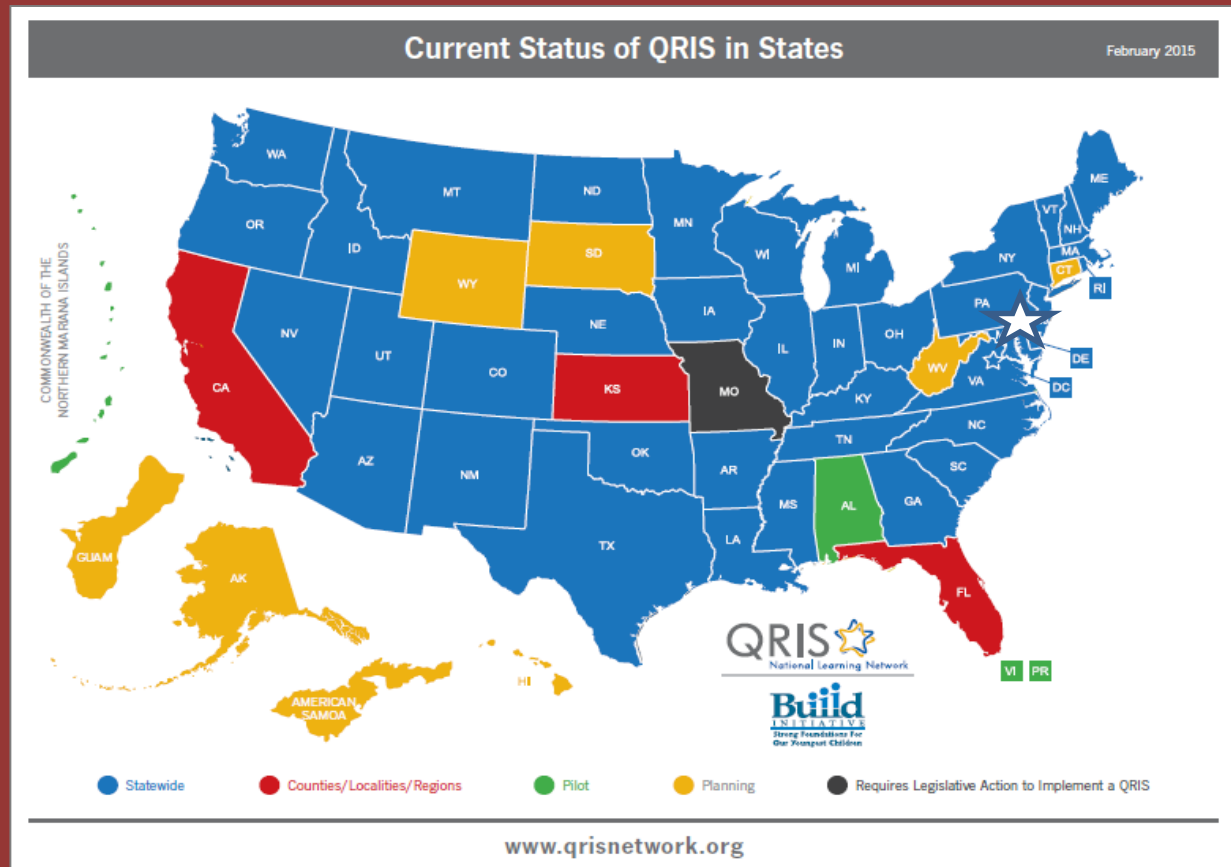
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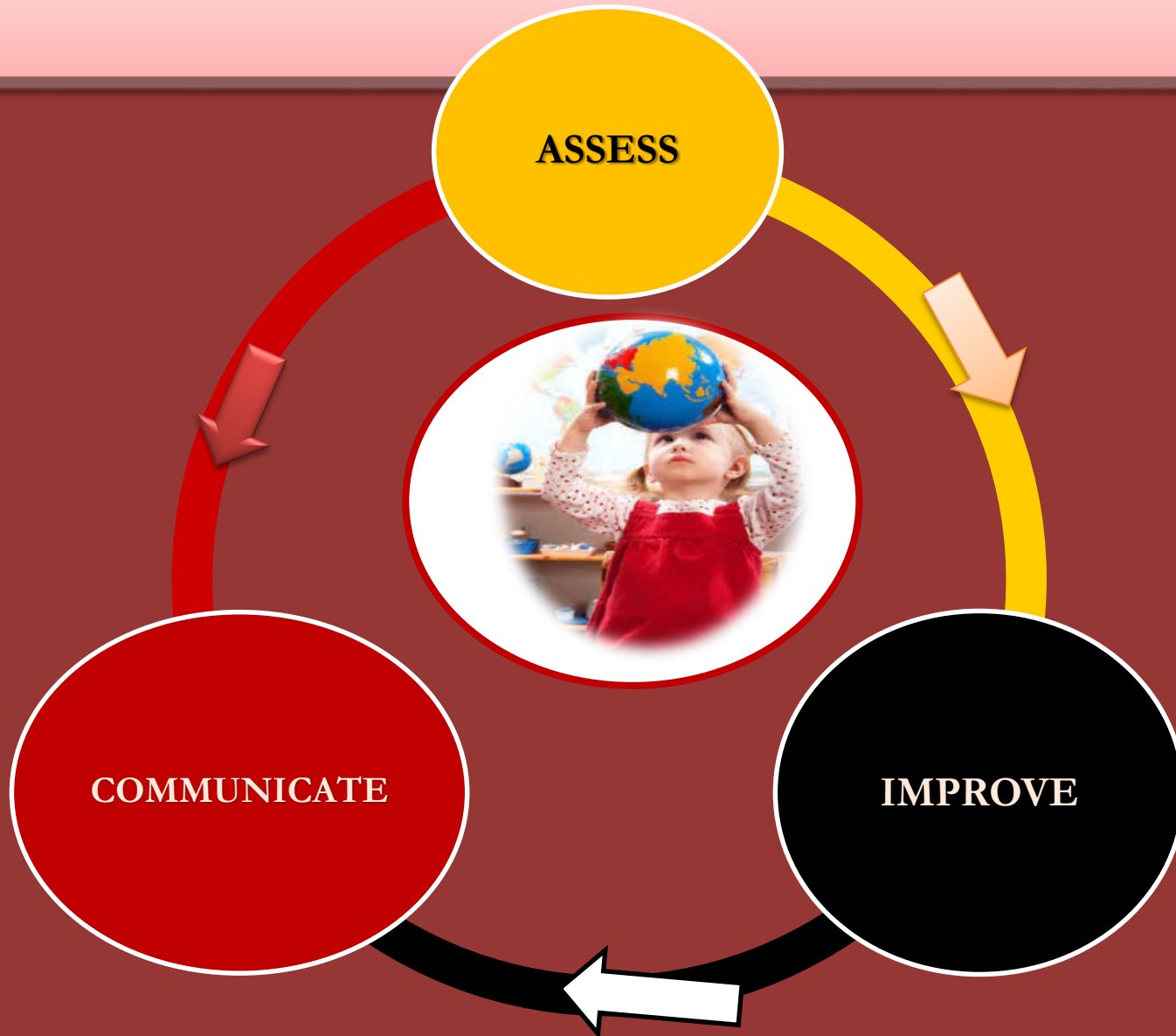
PREPARING WORLD CLASS STUDENTS

What is Maryland EXCELS?



Maryland EXCELS is a Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System, which awards ratings to child care and public prekindergarten programs that meet increasingly higher standards in key areas of quality.

What is Continuous Quality Improvement?



What are **Maryland EXCELS** Standards?

- ☑ Licensing and Compliance
- ☑ Rating Scales and Accreditation
- ☑ Staff Qualifications and Professional Development
- ☑ Developmentally Appropriate Learning and Practice
- ☑ Administrative Policies and Practices



Accreditation and Rating Scales (ACR)

ACR						CHECK LEVELS				Content Area	
Check Level		2		3		4					
ACCRREDITATION	ACR 1	ACR 1.2 Within the past 12 months, the Director or designated staff person has completed MSDE approved Accreditation Training.		ACR 1.3 Within the past 12 months, the Director or designated staff person has visited or had a conversation with a child care program accredited by an organization recognized by MSDE.		ACR 1.4 Accreditation self-study completed and validation visit requested.		ACR 1.5 Accreditation awarded by an organization recognized by MSDE and program remains in good standing with accrediting body.			
	Doc	Accreditation Reflection and Planning form		Accreditation Visit Verification form		Documentation from accrediting organization that visit has been requested		Letter or certificate of accreditation award, documentation from accrediting organization that annual report has been received			
RATING SCALE	ACR 2			ACR 2.3 Self-assessment conducted using ERS or CLASS for at least one classroom from each age group as defined by the scales.		ACR 2.4 ERS or CLASS conducted by an approved assessor according to the schedule established by MSDE for at least one classroom from each age group as defined by the scales.		ACR 2.5 ERS or CLASS conducted by an approved assessor according to the schedule established by MSDE for at least one classroom from each age group as defined by the scales.			
	Doc			Rating Scale Score Sheet(s)		Rating Scale Score Sheet completed by MSDE		Rating Scale Score Sheet completed by MSDE assessor			

Criteria

Category

Documentation

Online View of Standards

- ✓ Maryland EXCELS is a block rating system.
- ✓ Overall check level rating is based on the highest level achieved in each content area.

Licensing / Compliance

✓✓✓✓✓

Staffing and Professional Development

✓✓✓✓✓

Rating Scale and Accreditation

✓✓✓✓✓

Developmentally Appropriate Learning and Practice / Child Assessment

✓✓✓✓✓

Administrative Practices and Policies

✓✓✓✓✓

Licensing / Compliance

Criteria MetSubmitted for ReviewNew

Criteria	Evidence to Upload	Evidence / Comments	Status
Check Level: ✓			
OpenFully licensed	No evidence required	0 File(s) 0 Comment(s)	Criteria Met 09/30/2013
Check Level: ✓✓ A program must meet all of the standards in check levels 1 and 2 in order to satisfy check level 2			
OpenFully licensed	No evidence required	0 File(s) 0 Comment(s)	Criteria Met 09/30/2013
OpenNo substantiated complaints in the last 12 months.	No evidence required	0 File(s) 0 Comment(s)	Criteria Met 09/30/2013
OpenAdequate supervision as defined by COMAR	No evidence required	0 File(s) 0 Comment(s)	Criteria Met 09/30/2013
Check Level: ✓✓✓ A program must meet all of the standards in check levels 1 through 3 in order to satisfy check level 3			
OpenFully licensed	No evidence required	0 File(s) 0 Comment(s)	Criteria Met 09/30/2013
OpenNo substantiated complaints in the last 12 months	No evidence required	0 File(s) 0 Comment(s)	Criteria Met 09/30/2013
OpenAdequate supervision as defined by COMAR	No evidence required	0 File(s) 0 Comment(s)	Criteria Met 09/30/2013
Check Level: ✓✓✓✓ A program must meet all of the standards in check levels 1 through 4 in order to satisfy check level 4			

Achievements



Asthma Friendly Child Care



Health and Wellness



Quality Business Practices

Program Administration Scale (PAS)

Business Administration Scale (BAS)



Cultural and Linguistic Competency



Eco Friendly Program

www.MarylandEXCELS.org

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CHECK FOR QUALITY CHILD CARE AND PRE-K

Browse our complete list
of childcare facilities.

[FIND A PROGRAM](#)



PROGRAMS

Click here if you own or
operate a child care
program.



FAMILIES

Click here if you are
looking for child care or
need more information
about child care quality.



STAFF

Click here if you are a staff
member or working in a
child care program.



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Click here for information
about how you can support
Maryland EXCELS in your
community.

Tech Support



Technology Support



Phone Support

For 24/7 technology support, please call 443-872-9250



Email Support

Please complete this form to email technical support. All fields are required to help us better support you.

First Name

Last Name

Email Address A copy of this email will be sent to you at this email address.

Phone Number

Program Name

License Number (or check this box ☐ if you do not have a License Number)

My computer is a

My internet browser is

A brief description of my issue/question:

Supporting High Quality



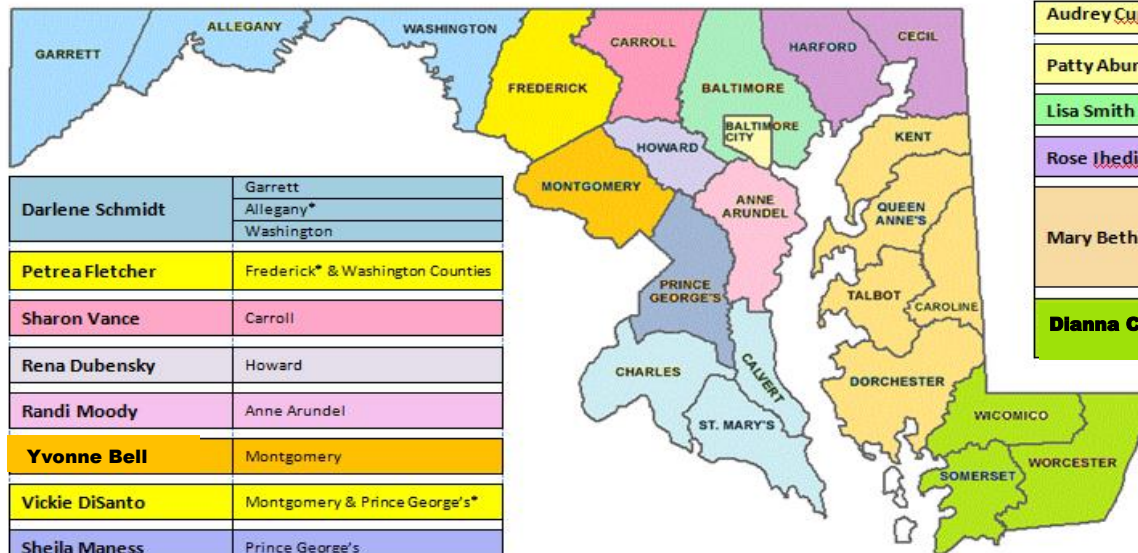
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- ☑ Bonuses
- ☑ Credentialing Specialists
- ☑ Discounts
- ☑ Tiered Reimbursement
- ☑ Resource and Referral Staff
- ☑ Program Coordinators
- ☑ Quality Assurance Specialists

Quality Assurance Specialists

For a list of Quality Assurance Specialists, visit www.MarylandEXCELS.org



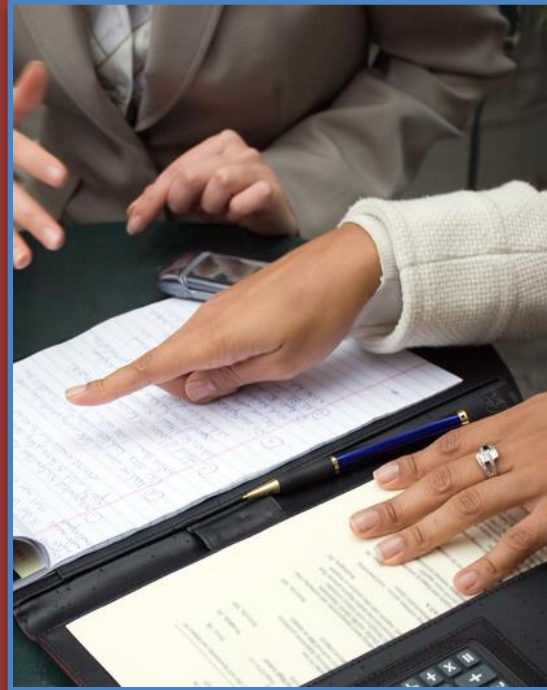
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Rena Dubensky	Howard
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Yvonne Bell	Montgomery
Vickie DiSanto	Montgomery & Prince George's*
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	Calvert
	St. Mary's

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Patty Aburn	Baltimore City and Statewide Credentialing Liaison
Lisa Smith	Baltimore County
Rose Hedigbo-Franklin	Harford
	Cecil
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	Queen Anne's
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	Dorchester
Dianna C. Aguirre	Wicomico
	Somerset
	Worcester

- ☑ Information to programs and groups about Maryland EXCELS
- ☑ Regional and on-site consultation and support
- ☑ Monitoring visits for Maryland EXCELS programs

How Continuous Improvement Happens

Programs and providers...



- ✓ Learn what quality looks like
- ✓ Develop and Implement a Program Improvement Plan
- ✓ Have ratings verified and receive support when needed

Family Outreach

Get on the Maryland EXCELS bus . . .



The banner features a smiling young child on the right side. The text "MARYLAND EXCELS when I do!" is prominently displayed in the center, with a large red checkmark over the word "EXCELS". Below this, it says "Searching for quality child care and early education programs that promote school-readiness has never been easier thanks to Maryland EXCELS!". At the top right, it says "Find quality care and early education online or download the App for your mobile device!". Logos for the Maryland State Department of Education, Johns Hopkins University School of Education, and a Center for Technology in Education are at the bottom.

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- ✓ Flyers in English and Spanish, distributed in hard copy and online
- ✓ FREE Maryland EXCELS Mobile App
- ✓ Articles in local newspapers and organizational newsletters
- ✓ Bus, Metro, and light rail ads in several counties

Expanded View for Families

www.marylandexcels.org/4541

My Baby and More Family Child Care Center - Colleen Newman (Owner/Lead Teacher)

<http://www.mybabyandmore.com>

Carroll

Westminster, MD 21158

443-605- 8313

Family Provider | 04/16/2015

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Rating Details

Licensing and Compliance (LIC)	✓✓✓✓✓
Staff Qualifications and Professional Development (STF)	✓✓✓✓✓
Accreditation and Rating Scales (ACR)	✓✓✓✓✓
Developmentally Appropriate Learning and Practice (DAP)	✓✓✓✓✓
Administrative Policies and Practices (ADM)	✓✓✓✓✓

Achievements

- Health and W
- Quality Business Practices
- Asthma Friendly Child Care

Overall
Published
Rating

Rating in
Each
Content
Area

Additional
Achievements
(if applicable)

Tools for Families

Flyers, Brochures, Handouts

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Quality matters! The early years are critical when it comes to building social, emotional, thinking, and learning skills. Children with these skills are more likely to succeed in school and in life.

Maryland EXCELS builds upon the foundation of the State's rigorous child care licensing requirements. Every licensed program is inspected by the State at least once each year to ensure compliance with Maryland regulations.

Maryland EXCELS provides the opportunity for programs to demonstrate achievements that exceed state licensing requirements.

Upon review and verification, programs publish a rating from 1 to 5 (with 5 being the highest quality level) on the online Find a Program portal and in the Quality Finder mobile App.

Publishing a rating at any level, including level 1, demonstrates a program's commitment to continuous quality improvement.



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- ✓ Licensed and inspected to determine safety, cleanliness, proper supervision of children, and staff qualifications

- ✓ Activities support each and every child's individual needs

- ✓ Family-teacher conferences



2

- ✓ Children's developmental progress observed
- ✓ 2+ opportunities for families to engage in the program
- ✓ Activities informed by early learning guidelines
- ✓ Family-teacher conferences held at least once a year

- ✓ Licensed and inspected to determine safety, cleanliness, proper supervision of children, and staff qualifications

- ✓ Activities support each and every child's individual needs



3

- ✓ Children's developmental progress measured
- ✓ Staff have increased training and experience
- ✓ 3+ opportunities for families to engage in the program
- ✓ Activities informed by early learning guidelines
- ✓ Family-teacher conferences held at least once a year

- ✓ Licensed and inspected to determine safety, cleanliness, proper supervision of children, and staff qualifications

- ✓ Activities support each and every child's individual needs



4

- ✓ Children's developmental progress measured and linked to curriculum
- ✓ Staff have higher levels of training and experience
- ✓ Continuous quality improvement process informed by independent assessors
- ✓ 4+ opportunities for families to engage in the program
- ✓ Activities aligned with a state-recommended curriculum
- ✓ Family-teacher conferences held at least twice per year

- ✓ Licensed and inspected to determine safety, cleanliness, proper supervision of children, and staff qualifications

- ✓ Activities support each and every child's individual needs



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- ✓ Children's developmental progress assessed with multiple measures and linked to curriculum
- ✓ Staff meet highest levels of training and experience
- ✓ Continuous quality improvement process informed by independent assessors
- ✓ State or national accreditation achieved
- ✓ 5+ opportunities for families to engage in the program
- ✓ State recommended curriculum used
- ✓ Family-teacher conferences held at least twice per year

- ✓ Licensed and inspected to determine safety, cleanliness, proper supervision of children, and staff qualifications

- ✓ Activities support each and every child's individual needs

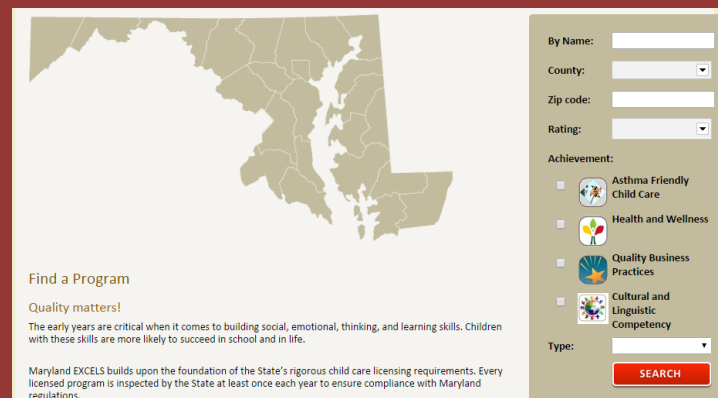


Quality Finder Mobile App



Find a Participating Program

- ✓ Click on Find a Program on www.marylandexcels.org
- ✓ Download the Maryland EXCELS mobile app and click on Find a Program
- ✓ Visit Maryland Family Network's LOCATE Child Care site at www.marylandfamilynetwork.org or call toll-free 877-261-0060.



The screenshot shows a web interface for finding child care programs. On the left is a map of Maryland with county boundaries. Below the map, the text reads: "Find a Program", "Quality matters!", "The early years are critical when it comes to building social, emotional, thinking, and learning skills. Children with these skills are more likely to succeed in school and in life.", and "Maryland EXCELS builds upon the foundation of the State's rigorous child care licensing requirements. Every licensed program is inspected by the State at least once each year to ensure compliance with Maryland regulations." On the right is a search form with the following fields: "By Name:" (text input), "County:" (dropdown menu), "Zip code:" (text input), "Rating:" (dropdown menu), "Achievement:" (checkboxes for "Asthma Friendly Child Care", "Health and Wellness", "Quality Business Practices", and "Cultural and Linguistic Competency"), "Type:" (dropdown menu), and a red "SEARCH" button.

Find a Program

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Achievement:

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- ☐ Health and Wellness
- ☐ Quality Business Practices
- ☐ Cultural and Linguistic Competency

Type:

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For Providers
and Programs



For Families

