Excellence Counts in Early Learning and School Age Care
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?

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

Phone Number

Program Name

License Number

My computer is a

My internet browser is

A brief description of my issue/question:
Supporting High Quality

☑ Bonuses
☑ Credentialing Specialists
☑ Discounts
☑ Tiered Reimbursement
☑ Resource and Referral Staff
☑ Program Coordinators
☑ Quality Assurance Specialists
For a list of Quality Assurance Specialists, visit www.MarylandEXCELS.org

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

- 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

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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

Rating in Each Content Area

Overall Published Rating

Additional Achievements (if applicable)
Tools for Families

Maryland EXCELS
www.marylandexcels.org

Searching for quality child care and early education programs that promote school-readiness has never been easier, thanks to Maryland EXCELS!

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.

1. Licensed and inspected to determine safety, cleanliness, proper supervision of children, and staff qualifications
2. Activities support each and every child’s individual needs
3. Family-teacher conferences held at least once a year
4. Children’s developmental progress measured
5. Staff have higher levels of training and experience
6. Continuous quality improvement process informed by independent assessors
7. 4+ opportunities for families to engage in the program
8. Activities aligned with a state-recommended curriculum
9. Family-teacher conferences held at least twice per year
10. Licensed and inspected to determine safety, cleanliness, proper supervision of children, and staff qualifications
11. Activities support each and every child’s individual needs

Flyers, Brochures, Handouts

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.
Maryland EXCELS Videos

For Providers and Programs

For Families