



What do you think about early care and education in Maryland?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



- Are you a parent or a caregiver of a child ages zero to five?
- Are you an early childhood provider or teacher of children zero to five?
- Are you a member of the community who cares about early childhood education?

Maryland was recently awarded a **\$10.6 million birth-through-five grant** to further strengthen the State's early care and education system.

The Division for Early Childhood at the Maryland State Department of Education in partnership with Together-*Juntos* at MAEC, Inc. is conducting a stakeholder survey to collect information about your particular views and experiences .

Please take 5 minutes to answer a survey and let us know your thoughts.

To take the survey point the camera on your smart phone to the QR code on the flyer, or type in the address below into the web browser on your phone.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/B2five

If you have questions please email kasia@maec.org



Teachers', Child Care Providers' and Administrators' Survey

This is a survey for teachers, child care providers, administrators and other staff who work in an early child care and education program prior to kindergarten. **Your responses will help to guide efforts to improve services and results for children, and families.** For each statement below, please select one of the following response choices: strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, or I don't know. In responding to each statement, think about your experience with the program where you work. Your responses are strictly confidential and anonymous. Thank you for your cooperation in completing this form.

The early child care and education program where I work:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know
1. has qualified staff to teach children.	4	3	2	1	0
2. addresses the cognitive developmental needs of children.	4	3	2	1	0
3. addresses the social emotional developmental needs of children.	4	3	2	1	0
4. addresses the physical development needs of children.	4	3	2	1	0
5. addresses the language development needs of children.	4	3	2	1	0
6. uses developmentally appropriate activities to teach children.	4	3	2	1	0
7. uses activities that represent different cultures to teach children.	4	3	2	1	0
8. promotes the development of good nutrition and healthy habits in children.	4	3	2	1	0
9. provides a nurturing and healthy environment.	4	3	2	1	0
10. addresses the needs of children who are English Learners.	4	3	2	1	0
11. addresses the needs of children with special needs.	4	3	2	1	0
12. provides a safe and age-appropriate facility for working with children.	4	3	2	1	0
13. provides a safe and appropriate facility for working with children of different abilities.	4	3	2	1	0
14. provides a variety of educational materials to support children's learning.	4	3	2	1	0
15. communicates with families about their children's progress and areas of development.	4	3	2	1	0
16. provides materials and information to families in a language they can understand.	4	3	2	1	0
17. provides families with information about what to expect in their child's next early childhood program or in kindergarten.	4	3	2	1	0
18. provides families with information about what they need to do to register for their child's next early childhood program or kindergarten.	4	3	2	1	0
19. provides children with the skills they need to succeed in kindergarten upon exiting the program.	4	3	2	1	0
20. provides families with opportunities to learn how to support child development at home.	4	3	2	1	0
21. provides families with opportunities to connect to other organizations that provide support to families.	4	3	2	1	0
22. is enrolled in Maryland EXCELS, the state's quality rating and improvement system or is accredited by the Maryland State Department of Education.	4	3	2	1	0

In the jurisdiction where I work:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know
23. there are many early child care and education programs for children under the age 3.	4	3	2	1	0
24. there are many early child care and education programs for children between the ages of 3-5.	4	3	2	1	0
25. the early child care and education programs available are affordable.	4	3	2	1	0
26. the early child care and education programs have convenient hours for families.	4	3	2	1	0
27. the early child care and education programs are of high quality.	4	3	2	1	0
28. the early child care and education programs have waiting lists of parents hoping to access services.	4	3	2	1	0
29. I am aware of home visiting services in the community.	4	3	2	1	0
30. there are enough home visiting programs to meet the needs of families in the community.	4	3	2	1	0
31. there are enough resources in the community to meet the needs of families and children (housing, food, medical, and supplemental services).	4	3	2	1	0
32. there are sufficient health resources and health professionals in the community to meet everyone's needs.	4	3	2	1	0

29. Which of the following are the most important reasons families choose an early care and education program? (circle up to three choices):

cost	state accreditation	distance from home or work	EXCELS rating	physical space (cleanliness and/or square footage)
administration	friends with a child at the center	hours of operation	teacher quality	other:

Demographics

1. Please circle the response which best describes your role:

Family child care provider	Teacher/care giver at a private child care center	Teacher at a public child care center	Administrator at a private child care center	Administrator at a public child care center	Home Visiting program provider
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Other: _____

2. Please circle the highest level of education that you completed:

Less than high school diploma	High school diploma or GED	Associate's degree or some college	Bachelor's degree	Master's degree	Doctorate or professional degree
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Other: _____



3. Please circle the county in which the early child care and education program where you work is located:

Allegany County	Anne Arundel County	Baltimore City	Baltimore County	Calvert County	Caroline County
Carroll County	Cecil County	Charles County	Dorchester County	Frederick County	Garrett County
Harford County	Howard County	Kent County	Montgomery County	Prince George's County	Queen Anne's County
St. Mary's County	Somerset County	Talbot County	Washington County	Wicomico County	Worcester County

4. Approximately how many children are enrolled in your early care and education program?

Ages under 3 _____ Ages between 3 and 5 _____

5. Is there anything else you want to share with us about the needs of families and children in your community?

Thank you for your participation!

Parent and Caregiver Survey

This is a survey for parents/caregivers who have a child from birth to age five in an early child care and education program prior to kindergarten. **Your responses will help to guide efforts to improve services and results for children, and families.** For each statement below, please select one of the following response choices: strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, or I don't know. In responding to each statement, think about your experience with the program attended by your child. **IMPORTANT!** Please complete this survey for the **youngest** child you have in an early childhood program. Your responses are strictly confidential and anonymous.

My early child care and education program/setting:		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know
1.	has qualified staff to teach my child.	4	3	2	1	0
2.	uses developmentally appropriate activities (activities designed for my child's age and abilities) to teach my child.	4	3	2	1	0
3.	uses activities that represent different cultures to teach my child.	4	3	2	1	0
4.	promotes the development of good nutrition and healthy habits for my child.	4	3	2	1	0
5.	provides a nurturing and healthy environment.	4	3	2	1	0
6.	provides a safe and age appropriate facility for addressing the developmental needs of my child.	4	3	2	1	0
7.	provides a variety of educational materials to support my child's learning.	4	3	2	1	0
8.	communicates with me about my child's progress and areas of development.	4	3	2	1	0
9.	provides materials and information to me in a language I can understand.	4	3	2	1	0
10.	provides me with information about what to expect for the next year's early childhood program or kindergarten.	4	3	2	1	0
11.	provides me with information about what I need to do to register my child for the next year's early childhood program or kindergarten.	4	3	2	1	0
12.	provides my child with the skills he/she needs to succeed in the next year's early childhood program or kindergarten upon exiting this program.	4	3	2	1	0
13.	provides me with opportunities to learn how to support my child's learning and development at home.	4	3	2	1	0
14.	provides me with opportunities to connect to other organizations that provide support to families.	4	3	2	1	0
15.	is enrolled in Maryland EXCELS, the state's quality rating and improvement system or is accredited by the Maryland State Department of Education or other entity.	4	3	2	1	0
In the jurisdiction where my child attends a child care and education program:						
16.	there are many early care and education options for children under the age 3.	4	3	2	1	0
17.	there are many early care and education options for children between the ages of 3-5.	4	3	2	1	0
18.	the early care and education programs available are affordable.	4	3	2	1	0
19.	the early care and education programs have convenient hours for families.	4	3	2	1	0
20.	the early care and education programs are of high quality.	4	3	2	1	0
21.	the early care and education programs have waiting lists of parents hoping to access services.	4	3	2	1	0
22.	I am aware of home visiting services.	4	3	2	1	0
23.	there are enough home visiting programs to meet the needs of families in the community.	4	3	2	1	0
24.	there are enough resources in the community to meet the needs of families and children (housing, food, medical, and supplemental services).	4	3	2	1	0
25.	there are sufficient health resources and health professionals in the community to meet everyone's needs.	4	3	2	1	0

26. Which of the following are the most important reasons you chose your early care and education program? (circle up to three choices):

Cost	State accreditation	Distance from home or work	EXCELS rating	Physical space (cleanliness and/or square footage)
Administration	Friends have a child enrolled at the center	Hours of operation	Teacher quality	Other:

27. If there are things that you could change about your current child care provider, what would they be? (circle one)

Improve the facility/make physical space nicer	Change the curriculum	Provide the teachers with more training	Make the teachers more sensitive to my child's needs	Provide more information about my child's development and what I can be doing at home
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28. If the cost of child care was not an issue, would you change your current child care provider to a different one? (circle one)

Yes

No

Demographics

1. Please circle the county in which the early child care and education program attended by your child is located.

Allegany County	Anne Arundel County	Baltimore City	Baltimore County	Calvert County	Caroline County
Carroll County	Cecil County	Charles County	Dorchester County	Frederick County	Garrett County
Harford County	Howard County	Kent County	Montgomery County	Prince George's County	Queen Anne's County
St. Mary's County	Somerset County	Talbot County	Washington County	Wicomico County	Worcester County

2. How many children do you have between 0-5?

Number of children: _____

3. What is the age of your youngest child?

Age of child: _____

4. Please circle the language that you primarily speak in your home.

English

Spanish

French

Mandarin

Amharic

Other: _____

5. Please circle your race/ethnicity.

Black/African
American

Asian

Hispanic

White/Caucasian

American Indian
or Alaskan

More than one
race

Other: _____

6. Please circle the type of early care or education program you use for your child?

Publically
funded pre-K

Nursery
school
(private)

Licensed
child care
center

Head
Start

Family
child care

At Home with a
relative or in
informal care

Home visiting
program

7. Does your child have any special needs (circle one)?

Yes

No

8. Is your child an English Learner? In other words, does your child currently speak any language better than they speak English? (circle one)

Yes

No

9. What is your annual household income? (circle one)

I prefer not to
answer

Less than
\$25,000

\$25,000 to
\$49,999

\$50,000 to
\$74,999

\$75,000 to
\$99,999

\$100,000 to
\$124,999

Over \$125,000

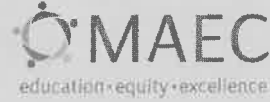
10. Is there anything else you want to share with us about the needs of families and children in your community?

Thank you for your participation!

Community Partners Survey

This is a survey for community partners and service providers who work with or advocate for at least one early child care and education program. **Your responses will help to guide efforts to improve services and results for children and families.** For each statement below, please select one of the following response choices: strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, or I don't know. In responding to each statement, think about your experience with the early child care and education program(s). Your responses are strictly confidential and anonymous. Thank you for your cooperation in completing this form.

The early child care and education program(s) in my community:		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know
1.	have qualified staff to teach children at public child care centers.	4	3	2	1	0
2.	have qualified staff to teach children in private child care centers.	4	3	2	1	0
3.	have qualified staff to teach children at family child care centers.	4	3	2	1	0
4.	provide children with the skills they need to succeed in kindergarten.	4	3	2	1	0
5.	collaborate with community partners to address the needs of children who are English Learners.	4	3	2	1	0
6.	collaborate with community partners to address the needs of children with special needs.	4	3	2	1	0
7.	collaborate with community partners to support families' ability to meet their needs.	4	3	2	1	0
8.	collaborate with community partners to support children and families' health and wellness.	4	3	2	1	0
9.	collaborate with community partners to provide families with educational opportunities.	4	3	2	1	0
10.	participate in Maryland EXCELS or are accredited by the Maryland State Department of Education or other body.	4	3	2	1	0
11.	keep track of the community services their children and families are using.	4	3	2	1	0
In the jurisdiction where I work:		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know
12.	there are many early child care and education programs for children under the age 3.	4	3	2	1	0
13.	there are many early child care and education programs for children between the ages of 3-5.	4	3	2	1	0
14.	public child care and education providers prepare children for success in kindergarten.	4	3	2	1	0
15.	private child care and education providers prepare children for success in kindergarten.	4	3	2	1	0
16.	family child care providers prepare children for success in kindergarten.	4	3	2	1	0
17.	the early child care and education programs available are affordable.	4	3	2	1	0
18.	the early child care and education programs have convenient hours for families.	4	3	2	1	0
19.	the early child care and education programs are of high quality.	4	3	2	1	0
20.	the early child care and education programs have waiting lists of parents hoping to access services.	4	3	2	1	0
21.	the early child care and education programs in my community collaborate and coordinate services with each other.	4	3	2	1	0
22.	I am aware of home visiting services in my community.	4	3	2	1	0
23.	there are enough home visiting programs to meet the needs of families in the community.	4	3	2	1	0
24.	there are enough resources in the community to meet the needs of families and children (housing, food, medical, and supplemental services).	4	3	2	1	0
25.	there are sufficient health resources and health professionals in the community to meet everyone's needs.	4	3	2	1	0



Demographics

1. Please circle the response which best describes your role:

- Local politician
- Family advocate
- Community service provider
- Director or employee of a local non-profit
- Director or employee of a state or national non-profit

Other: _____

2. Please circle the highest level of education that you completed.

- Less than high school diploma
- High school diploma or GED
- Associate's degree or some college
- Bachelor's degree
- Master's degree
- Doctorate or professional degree

Other: _____

3. Please circle the county (or counties) where the early child care and education program(s) with whom you work is (are) located.

Allegany County	Anne Arundel County	Baltimore City	Baltimore County	Calvert County	Caroline County
Carroll County	Cecil County	Charles County	Dorchester County	Frederick County	Garrett County
Harford County	Howard County	Kent County	Montgomery County	Prince George's County	Queen Anne's County
St. Mary's County	Somerset County	Talbot County	Washington County	Wicomico County	Worcester County

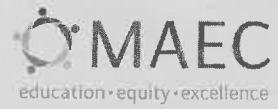
4. Please circle the number of early child care and education programs with whom you work directly

- 0 programs
- 1 program
- 2-5 programs
- 6-10 programs
- 11-15 programs
- 16+ programs

5. What types of programs do you work with directly? Circle all that apply

- Family child care providers
- Private child care centers
- Public child care centers
- Head Start or other federally funded programs
- Home visiting programs

Other: _____



6. Is there anything else you want to share with us about the needs of families and children in your community?

A large, empty rectangular box intended for handwritten or typed responses to the survey question.

Thank you for your participation!