

Maryland EXCELS Video

Tip 4

Transcript and Video Description

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TIP 4: CHOOSING A PROGRAM

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Narrator: Now that you've searched the Maryland EXCELS Find A Program directory, interviewed providers and visited programs, you're well on your way to choosing a high-quality program that's right for your child.

TAKE TIME TO REFLECT

Narrator: This is an important decision, so take time to reflect on how well the potential providers meet your expectations.

CONSIDER VISITING A PROGRAM AGAIN

ASK ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Narrator: If you are still weighing your options, you may want to visit a program again or ask additional questions.

SPEAK WITH OTHER FAMILIES ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES

Narrator: It may also be helpful to speak with families of children already attending a program you're considering. Their experiences could provide helpful perspectives. Ask the provider to connect you with a few parents. Choosing a child care or early education program is a decision you will make with your head and your heart.

THE RIGHT PROGRAM IS WHERE YOUR CHILD IS SAFE AND HAPPY

AND YOU ARE AN EQUAL PARTNER

Narrator: The program you choose will offer a safe and healthy learning environment for your child, while also making you feel comfortable and confident. It is a place where your child will be happy and where you will be welcome as an equal partner in your child's care and education.

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SEARCH "CHILD CARE TIPS"

For more information about choosing quality child care and early education programs, visit Maryland EXCELS [dot] org and search child care tips.

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