

# Maryland Accreditation Video

## Welcome to Maryland Accreditation

### Transcript and Video Description

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MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (MSDE) LOGO

WELCOME TO MARYLAND ACCREDITATION

NICOLE JOHNSON, ACCREDITATION SPECIALIST

**Narrator:** Hello, my name is Nicole Johnson. I'm the Accreditation Specialist for the Maryland State Department of Education's Division of Early Childhood. I'm committed to helping Maryland early childhood programs define high-quality as they work toward continuous improvement and achieving Maryland Accreditation.

CHILDREN AT A COMPUTER LAB

**Narrator:** Maryland Accreditation is a voluntary program for licensed child care centers and public prekindergarten to demonstrate their commitment to providing high-quality learning environments. Programs accomplish this by demonstrating and verifying their program's effectiveness through continuous improvement using the Maryland Accreditation Standards.

MISSION AND VISION

**Narrator:** Our vision statement for Maryland Accreditation is that: Maryland accredited programs provide the highest quality learning environments for children, families and the community.

Our mission statement is that: We prepare and support programs through the continuous quality improvement process.

ABOUT MARYLAND ACCREDITATION

[HTTPS://MARYLANDEXCELS.ORG/MARYLAND-ACCREDITATION/](https://marylandexcels.org/maryland-accreditation/)

[HTTPS://MARYLANDEXCELS.ORG/MARYLAND-ACCREDITATION/FREQUENTLY-ASKED-QUESTIONS/](https://marylandexcels.org/maryland-accreditation/frequently-asked-questions/)

**Narrator:** Programs working toward Maryland Accreditation for the first time have two years to complete the accreditation process.

#### MARYLAND ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATE

**Narrator:** Once a program successfully completes this process, they are accredited for three years.

#### ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

[HTTPS://EARLYCHILDHOOD.MARYLANDPUBLICSCHOOLS.ORG/CHILD-CARE-PROVIDERS/MARYLAND-EXCELS/MARYLAND-ACCREDITATION](https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/child-care-providers/maryland-excels/maryland-accreditation)

**Narrator:** The first step to becoming accredited is to attend an orientation session. You can find more information about these orientation sessions on the Maryland Accreditation page on MSDE's Division of Early Childhood site.

#### A TEACHER AND CHILDREN AT A CHILD CARE CENTER

**Narrator:** Participating programs have access to the Accreditation Support Fund, which helps with reimbursement of instructional materials associated with pursuing Maryland Accreditation.

#### THANK YOU

**Narrator:** Thank you for your commitment to providing high-quality programs for your children, families, and staff.

DO YOU HAVE MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT MARYLAND ACCREDITATION? CONTACT US AT [ACCREDITATION@MARYLANDEXCELS.ORG](mailto:ACCREDITATION@MARYLANDEXCELS.ORG)

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