

# Maryland EXCELS Video

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### Transcript and Video Description

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TEACHER SMILING AT THREE PRESCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

MARYLAND EXCELS QUALITY RATING 5 BADGE

**Narrator:** "The bonuses let our staff know that their efforts are noticed and appreciated. Additionally, the funds have given us the ability to invest in our program with more confidence. They provided the additional income to purchase high-quality learning materials and support salary increases." - Mount Aviat Academy Preschool, Cecil County

PRESCHOOL-AGED CHILD LAUGHING WITH TEACHER

MARYLAND EXCELS QUALITY RATING 4 BADGE

**Narrator:** "I spent my bonus funding on hiring a qualified additional staff member. The one I received for achieving a quality rating 4 actually kept my doors open. I was about to close, and that gave me just enough of a boost to get me through." - Siobhan Lewis-Roach, a family child care provider in Allegany County.

CLASSROOM WITH CUBBIES AND COLORFUL DECORATIONS

MARYLAND EXCELS QUALITY RATING 5 BADGE

**Narrator:** "The bonuses were a huge economic relief for my program. They allowed me to purchase new furniture and learning materials that I couldn't afford otherwise. It helped a lot in improving the quality of care in my program." - Omaira Marino, a family child care provider in Montgomery County.

CLASSROOM WITH SMALL FURNITURE AND A BICYCLE

MARYLAND EXCELS QUALITY RATING 5 BADGE

**Narrator:** “These bonuses provided a wonderful opportunity to improve the quality of our furniture and learning materials. We were able to replace broken chairs and cubbies, and replace nap mats for multiple classrooms. We also purchased new bikes for the children.” - Little People’s Place, a child care center in Carroll County.

TEACHER READING TO PRESCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

MARYLAND EXCELS QUALITY RATING 4 BADGE

**Narrator:** “Bonuses have allowed me to purchase better quality materials than I could otherwise afford. This time, I was able to purchase things that will help me achieve accreditation”  
- Margaret Coursey, a family child care provider in Queen Anne’s County.

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