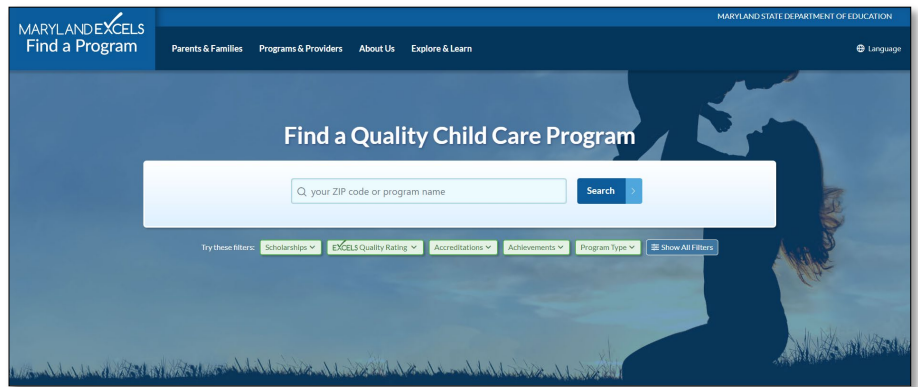# MARYLAND EXCELS

## Using the Find a Program Directory

The **Find a Program Directory** is a free service to help Maryland families find quality, affordable child care. Programs participating in Maryland EXCELS exceed state licensing requirements and are committed to continuous quality improvement and providing quality care for all children throughout the state.
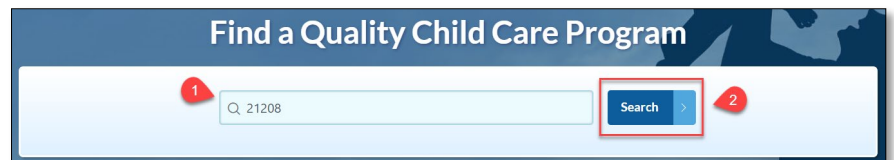
**STEP 1**

Access the **Find a Program Directory** at findaprogram.marylandexcels.org.
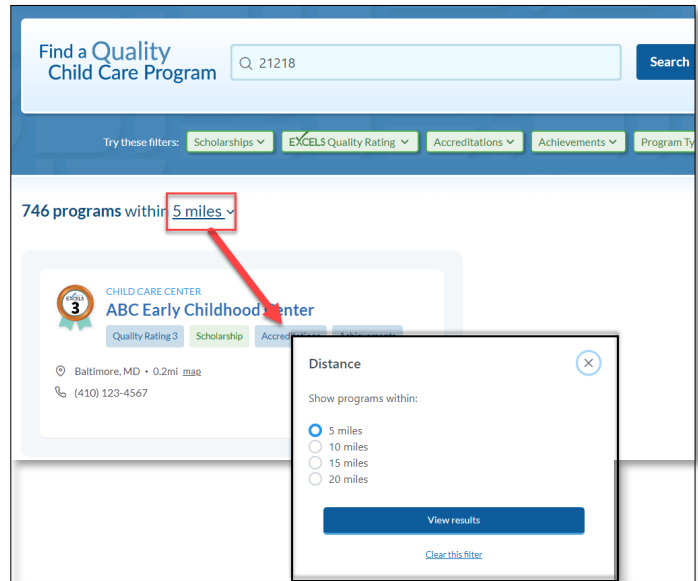


**STEP 2**

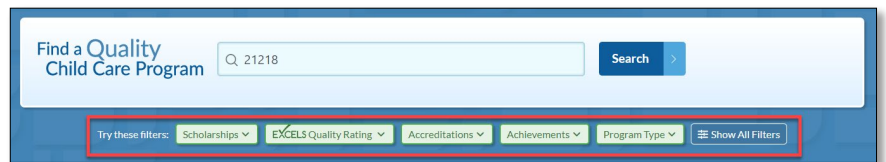Enter a zip code or program name and select **Search** for a list of programs matching your search criteria.

**STEP 3**

When searching by zip code, you can widen or narrow your search parameters by selecting programs within 5, 10, 15 or 20 miles.
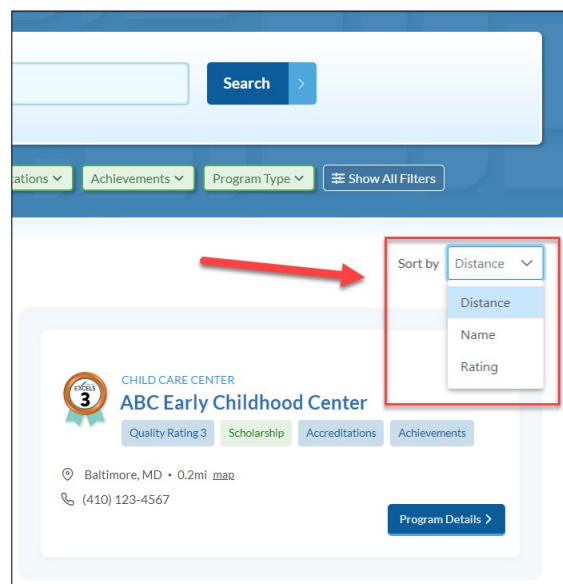


**STEP 4**

You can also filter your search using any combination of scholarship eligibility, Maryland EXCELS Quality Rating, Accreditations, Achievements and Program Type.
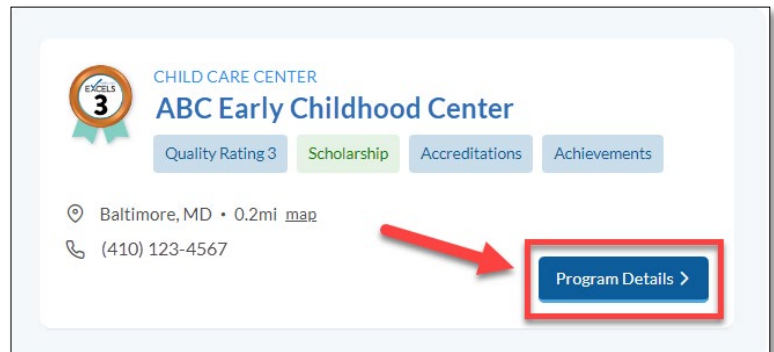


**STEP 5**

After your search parameters populate, you can then sort the list by distance, name or by the program's Maryland EXCELS Quality Rating.
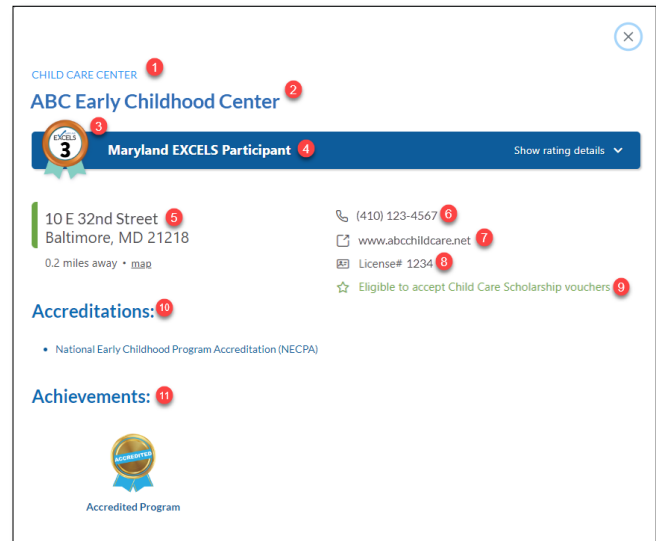
**STEP**

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To view additional information for a specific program, select the **Program Details** button.
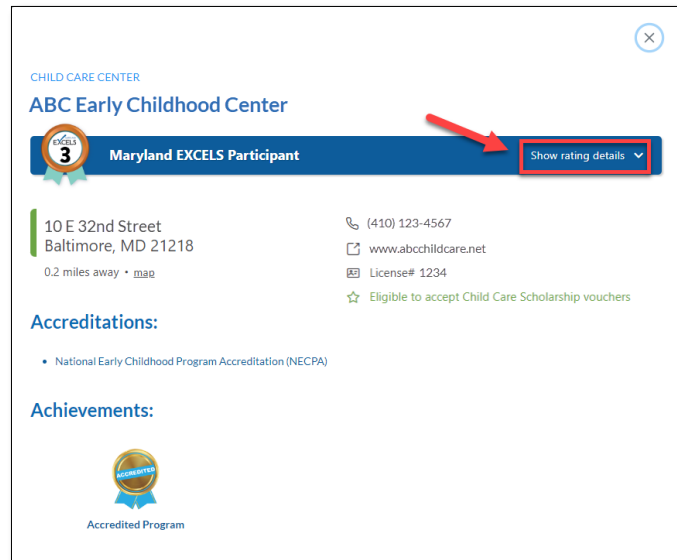


**STEP**

**7**

The following information is available when reviewing a program's details:

1. Program Type
2. Name
3. Quality Rating
4. If the program is a Maryland EXCELS Participant
5. Address
6. Phone
7. Website
8. License Number
9. If the program is eligible to accept Child Care Scholarship vouchers
10. Accreditations earned
11. Achievements earned

**STEP 8**

To view a program's rating details, select the **Show rating details** button.



**STEP 9**

The rating details provide the level the program achieved by each of the following Content Areas:

- Licensing and Compliance
- Staff Qualifications and Professional Development
- Accreditation and Rating Scales
- Developmentally Appropriate Learning and Practice
- Administrative Policies and Practices



If you have questions about this process or are having trouble using the **Find a Program Directory**, please email info@marylandexcels.org or, for 24/7 technology support, please call 443-872-9250.