

Maryland Accreditation Overview

Video Transcript

Title Screen: Maryland Accreditation Overview. Teacher engaging with children playing instruments. Maryland State Department of Education logo.

Narrator: The Maryland State Department of Education is pleased to offer Maryland Accreditation to child care centers, school-age only programs, and public Pre-K. This video will provide an overview of the accreditation process and what is required of your program once it has achieved Maryland Accreditation.

The Maryland Accreditation process includes five main components:

- Completing self-appraisals with a team of staff
- Implementing a Program Improvement Plan
- Optional remote and onsite technical assistance
- Hosting a Validation Visit and receiving an evaluation
- And the rating of documentation and observations

Screen: The Maryland Accreditation Process: 24-month calendar with arrow pointing to “accreditation decision.”

Narrator: The 24-month process ends in receiving an accreditation decision.

Screen: Maryland Accreditation 5 Year Status. A cycle describing the following:

- Maryland Accreditation is awarded.
 - The date of the award becomes the anniversary date.
- Years 1-3: Submit an Annual Update.
 - This simple form will be submitted each year, near your anniversary date.
- Begin re-accreditation.
 - You may begin the Maryland Accreditation Orientation 24 months before your expiration date.

Narrator: Programs that are awarded accreditation or re-accreditation maintain that status for a period of five years by submitting an Annual Update and beginning re-accreditation 24 months before the expiration date.

During the first three years of accreditation, programs must submit an Annual Update by provided due dates. The Annual Update should include:

- Your license number
- Information about program operations and licensing compliance
- Updated Program Improvement Plans and Staff Qualification Forms

Concluding Screen: A woman smiling at her laptop screen. Arrow pointing to the website address.

Narrator: For more information, visit our website at tinyurl.com/maryland-accreditation.