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Child Care in Baltimore City: A Presentation to the Education, Youth, and Older Adults Committee

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Maryland Family Network in Baltimore City

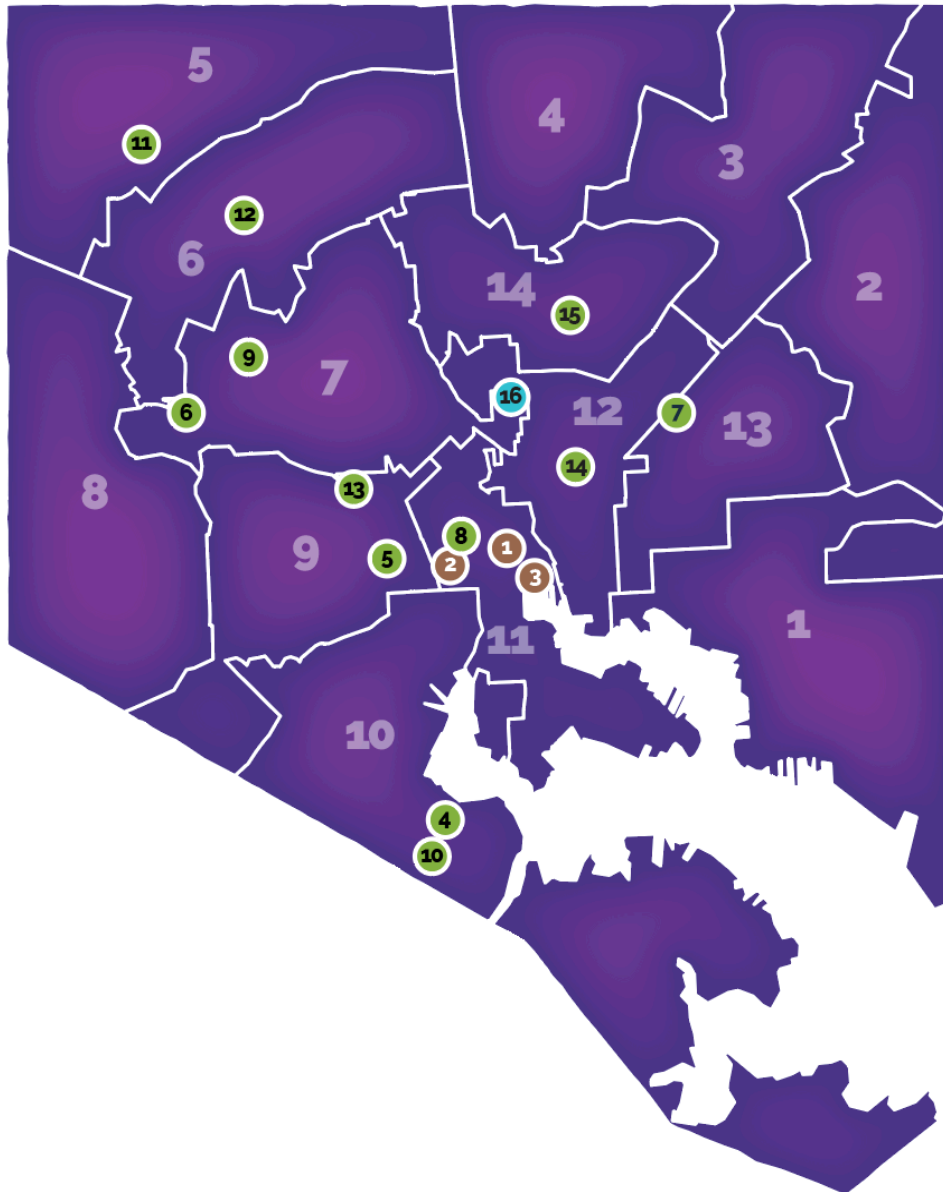
**MFN's Programs and
Where they Operate**






MFN in Baltimore City

Early Head Start Centers	Patty Centers	Child Care Resource Center
<p>What it is: Community based, two generation early childhood program</p> <p>Who it serves: Children ages 6 weeks to 3 years and their families. *Income Eligibility Requirement</p> <p>What it provides: Licensed, full-day child care with integrated health, early learning, and family supports</p>	<p>What it is: Community based, two generation family support program</p> <p>Who it serves: Expectant families and those with children under age five *No Income Requirement</p> <p>What it provides: On-site family support that advances education, economic mobility, and strong caregiving</p>	<p>What it is: A centralized support hub for home- and center-based child care professionals</p> <p>Who it serves: Licensed child care programs and early childhood professionals</p> <p>What it provides: Training, coaching, and technical assistance to strengthen quality and sustainability</p>

MFN Sites by Baltimore City Council Districts



- 1 RISE Early Learning and Family Support Center | 940 Madison Ave
- 2 United Way at Excel Academy | 1001 West Saratoga St
- 3 Goodwill Excel Drop In Family Support Center | 222 E Redwood St
- 4 St. Vincent de Paul Early Head Start – Arundel | 2400 Round Rd
- 5 Bon Secours Family Support Center – Early Head Start | 26 N Fulton Ave
- 6 Coppin State University Child Development Center – Early Head Start | 2500 W North Ave
- 7 Henderson-Hopkins Early Head Start Center | 2100 Ashland Ave
- 8 University Center – Early Head Start (DBCC) | 237 Arch St
- 9 Dukeland Early Head Start | 2803 N Dukeland St
- 10 Our House Early Head Start | 2707 Sethlow Rd
- 11 St. Vincent de Paul Early Head Start – (Arlington Elementary School) | 3705 W Rogers Ave
- 12 St. Vincent de Paul Early Head Start – Pimlico | 4330-D Pimlico Rd
- 13 St. Vincent de Paul Early Head Start at Sarah's Hope | 1114 N Mount St
- 14 Southeast Baltimore Early Head Start Center | 1101 Valley St
- 15 Waverly Early Head Start Center of Goodwill | 829 Montpelier St
- 16 Baltimore City Child Care Resource Center – The Family Tree | 2108 N Charles St

-  Patty Center-Family Support Program
-  Early Head Start
-  Child Care Resource Center

Baltimore City's Patty Centers

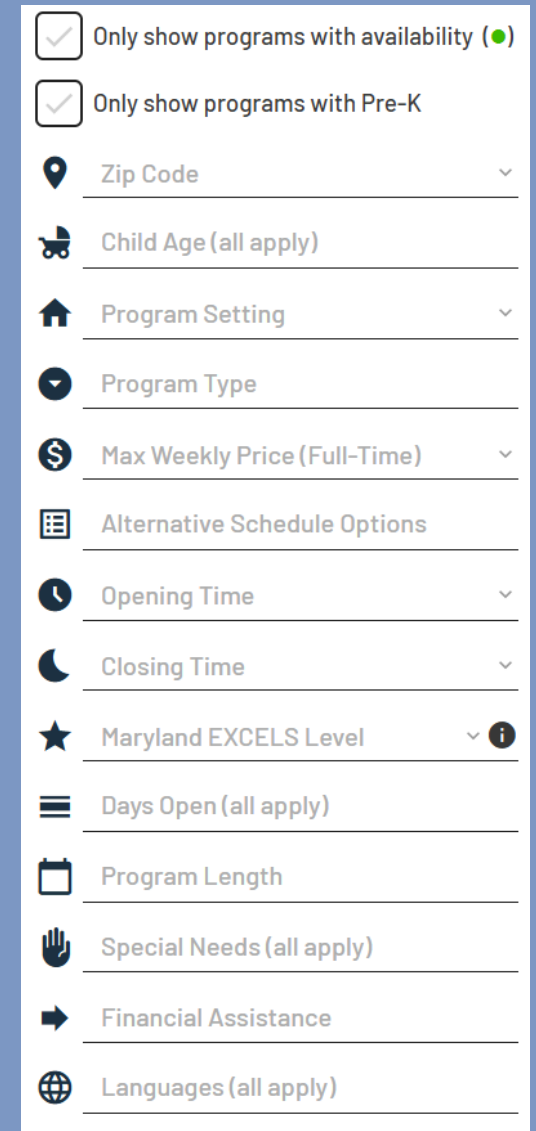
- **United Way Excel Academy** (2022): Designed to meet the needs of teen parents and their young children who are enrolled in this alternative high school in the Poppleton neighborhood in west Baltimore. Wrap around Family Support services remove the barriers that lead to many teen parents dropping out of school.
- **RISE Early Learning and Family Support Center** (2023): Operates under the umbrella of the Center for Restorative Change within the UMD School of Social Work. In collaboration with Family Connections Baltimore and B'More for Healthy Babies the center acts as a community hub to support multi-generational caregivers and their children to support the safety, stability and growth of children and families in the community.
- **Goodwill Excel Center Adult High School** (2024): Located in downtown Baltimore, Goodwill Excel provides family support services to those enrolled in the Adult High School. This center provides a robust workforce development and post-secondary track for parents upon diploma completion.



LOCATE: Child Care

- Maryland's only formal, statewide child care resource and referral system based on up-to-date licensure data.
- Maryland Family Network's free service that connects families to trusted, regulated child care and supports providers with free marketing to fill openings.
- For more than 30 years, it has anchored Maryland's child care infrastructure and given policymakers real-time data on supply and demand.

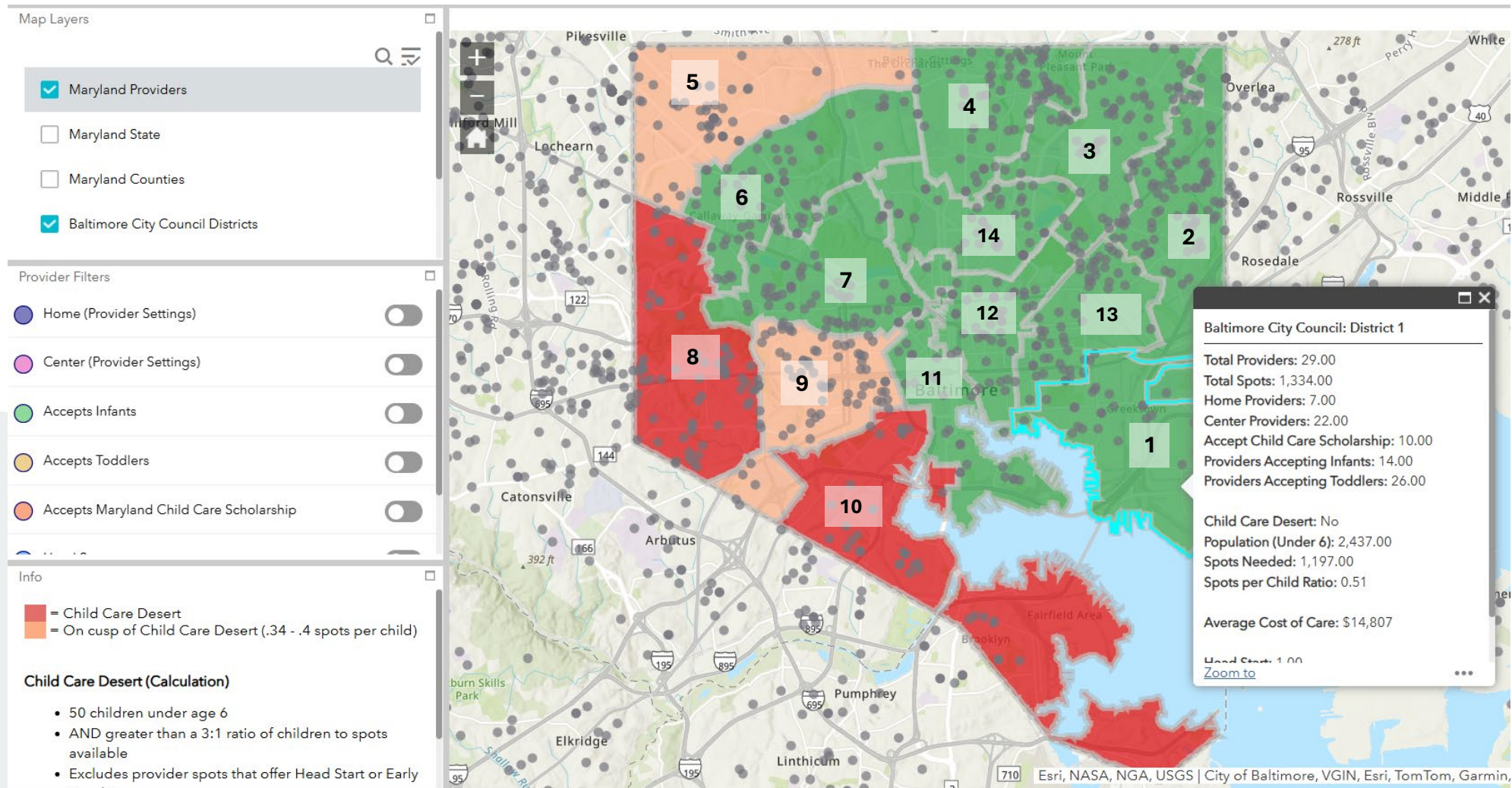
<https://locatesearch.marylandfamilynetwork.org/>



A screenshot of the LOCATE search filters interface. It features a vertical list of filter categories, each with an icon and a text label. The first two filters are checked with a green checkmark in a box. The remaining filters have a grey checkmark in a box. The filters are: 'Only show programs with availability' (with a green dot icon), 'Only show programs with Pre-K', 'Zip Code' (with a location pin icon), 'Child Age (all apply)' (with a baby carriage icon), 'Program Setting' (with a house icon), 'Program Type' (with a downward arrow icon), 'Max Weekly Price (Full-Time)' (with a dollar sign icon), 'Alternative Schedule Options' (with a calendar icon), 'Opening Time' (with a clock icon), 'Closing Time' (with a moon icon), 'Maryland EXCELS Level' (with a star icon and an information icon), 'Days Open (all apply)' (with a horizontal bars icon), 'Program Length' (with a calendar icon), 'Special Needs (all apply)' (with a hand icon), 'Financial Assistance' (with a right arrow icon), and 'Languages (all apply)' (with a globe icon).

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Child Care Providers and Deserts



Access the interactive child care map here: <https://bit.ly/4rOsslb>

Growing Opportunities for Family Child Care (GOFCC)

Building Maryland's child care supply—one provider at a time.

- GOFCC is an innovative initiative that builds child care supply in high-need communities where there are too few licensed child care by helping aspiring providers build stable, high-quality child care businesses.

The Process

1. Targeted Recruitment

Outreach in child care deserts and high-need communities

2. Licensing Navigation

One-on-one coaching through all Office of Child Care licensing requirements

3. Business Foundations

Training in contracts, policies, marketing, fee structures, and taxes

4. Quality & Sustainability

Support for Maryland EXCELS, Child Care Scholarship, and technology tools

IMPACT

261+

new programs

1854+

child care slots

417

infant/toddler slots
(the hardest to find care in the state)

45%

of all new family child care openings in participating counties (FY24)

When child care works, Maryland works.

Shared Services Alliance (SSA)

As a program of Maryland Family Network, the SSA helps child care programs save money, save time, and strengthen quality by sharing resources and operational support. When providers spend less on administration, they can invest more in the people who care for children.



Purchasing Discounts

Save hundreds of dollars on commonly used products and services!

- Access to exclusive discounts on Amazon Business
- 50% off Amazon Business Prime membership
- Discounts through Lakeshore Learning
- Additional savings coming soon!

MARYLAND Early Childhood CAREER HUB

Statewide Jobs Board

Unlimited FREE job postings on a job board dedicated to Maryland ECE Professionals

- Jobs automatically listed on Google Jobs
- Built in application tool OR accept resumes via email
- Search profiles of job seekers to actively recruit top candidates



Resource Library

Access tools and templates to strengthen business practices & promote sustainability

- Budget template
- Tuition calculator
- Self-assessments with personalized follow-up
- Sample policies
- And much more!

How to Support the SSA:

INVEST in membership and core services to providers in high-need communities can join and benefit

OFFER vendor discounts on critical goods and services in return for direct outreach and marketing to the over 7000 licensed providers

CONTRIBUTE tools, templates, and other supportive materials to the Resource Library and promote the career hub

www.shareservices.marylandfamilynetwork.org

APPENDIX:

Data and Outcomes

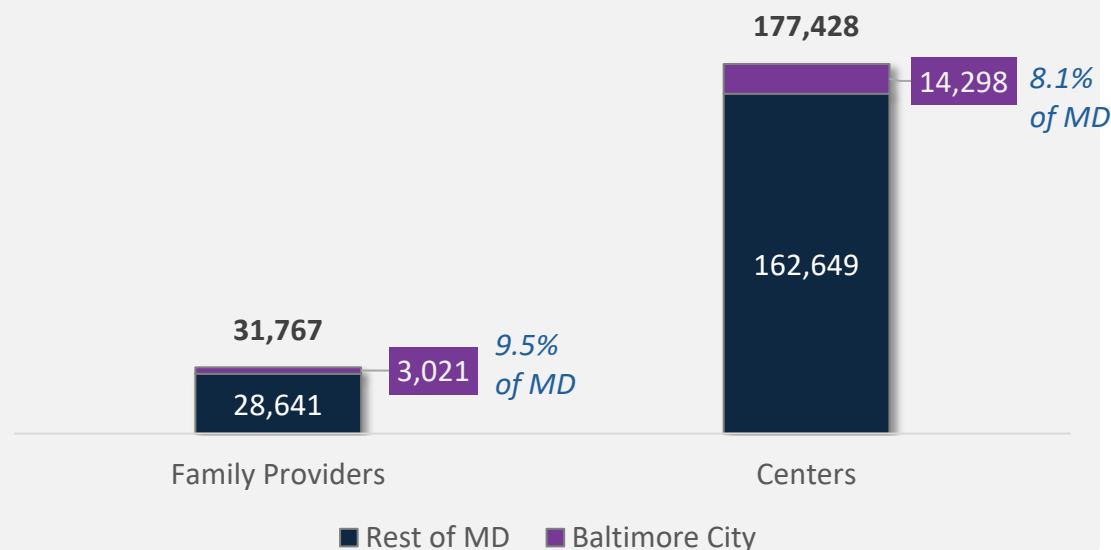


Providers & Capacity in Baltimore City

- Baltimore City represents 9% of total child care capacity in the state of Maryland and 10% of all providers

Total Child Care Capacity by Provider Type

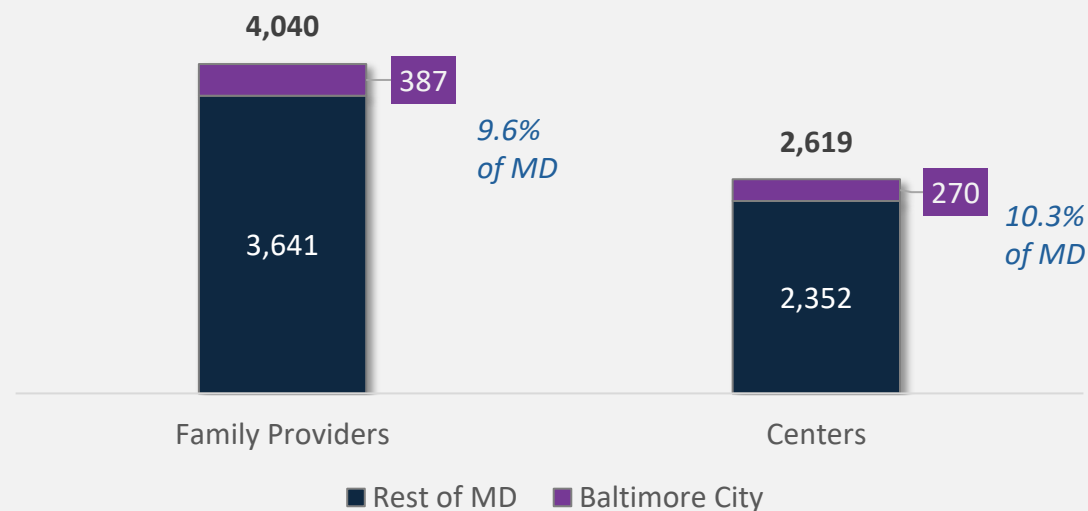
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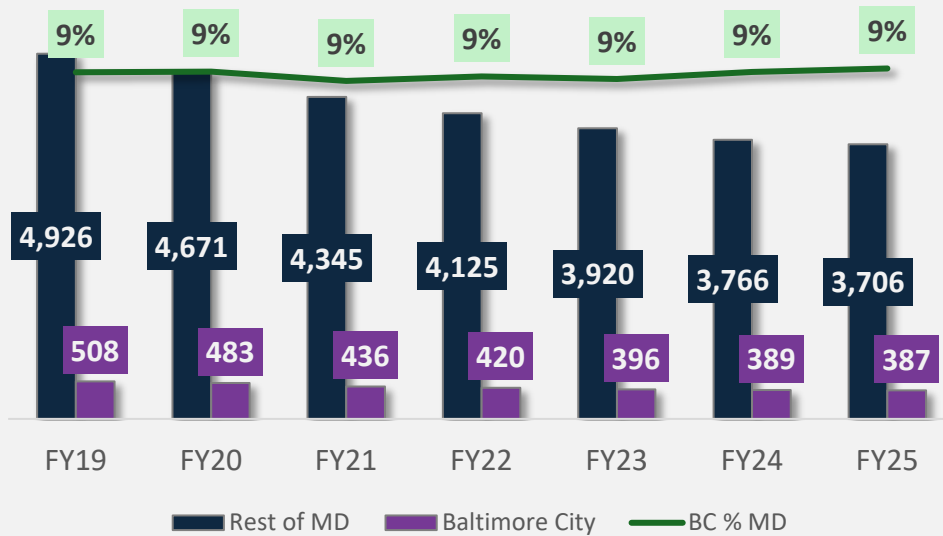
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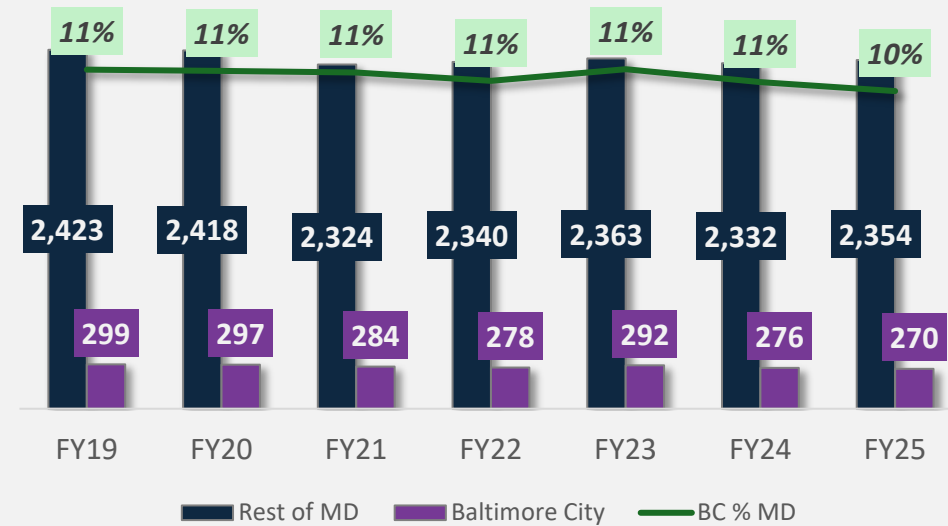
Number of Active Family Providers by Year

Baltimore City vs. Rest of Maryland



Number of Active Center Providers by Year

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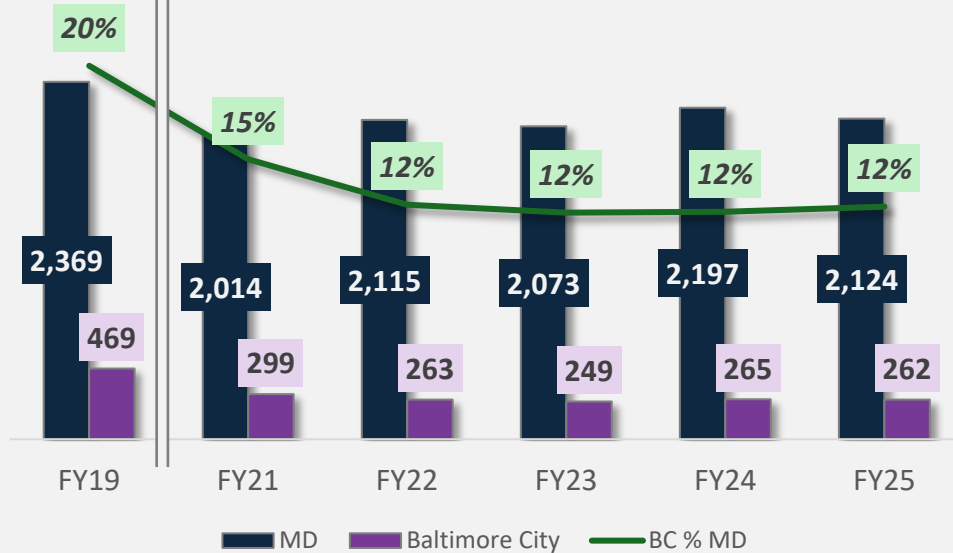


Early Head Start in Baltimore City

- Baltimore City represents 12% of total EHS capacity in the state of Maryland and 22% of all EHS providers

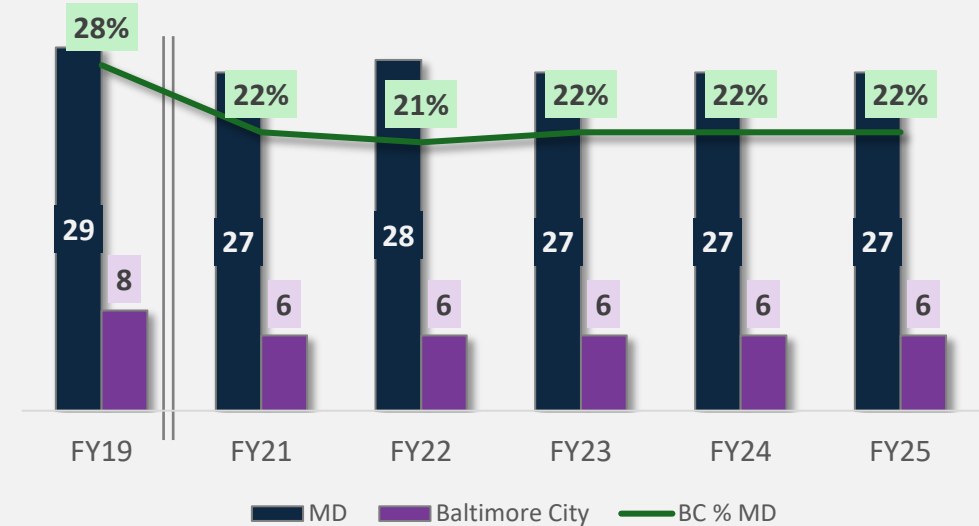
Early Head Start Enrollment by Year*

Baltimore City vs. Maryland State



No. Active Early Head Start Providers by Year*

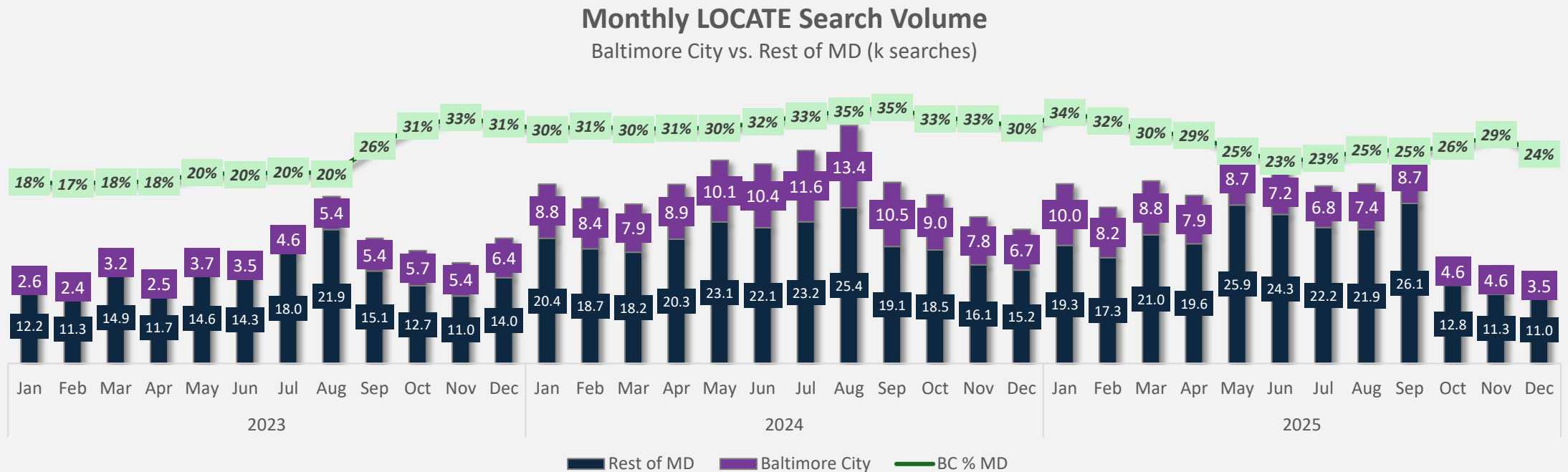
Baltimore City vs. Maryland State



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LOCATE Search Traffic in Baltimore City

- Baltimore City represents roughly *one third* of all LOCATE search volume in the last nine months, with searches spiking in September 2025



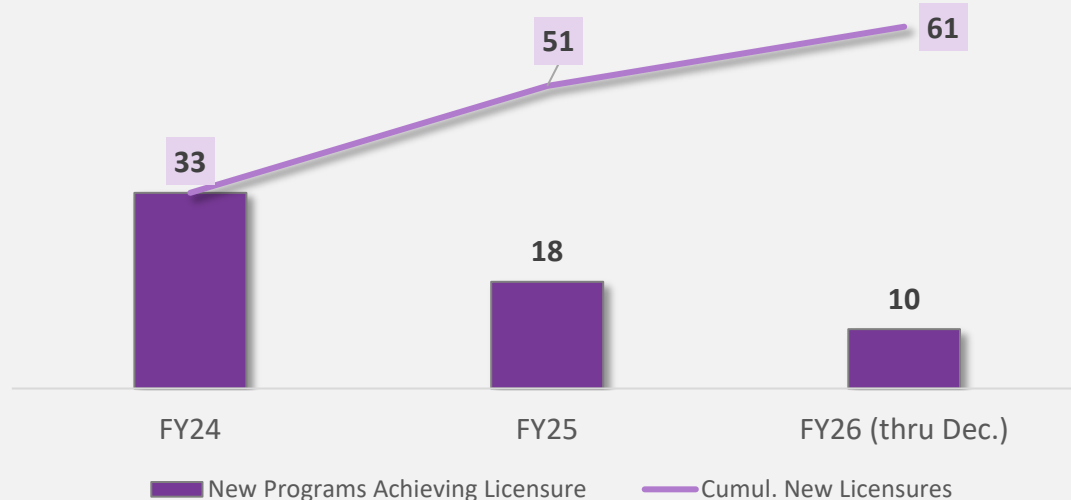
MD EXCELS in Baltimore

Metric	Baltimore City	Rest of MD	Total Maryland
Total Providers (Family + Center)	656	6,003	6,659
Number of Providers with MD EXCELS Rating	553	3,978	4,531
Share of Providers with MD EXCELS Rating	84%	66%	68%
Average MD EXCELS Rating (out of 5) <i>Excludes Providers with no MD EXCELS Rating</i>	1.9	2.1	2.1

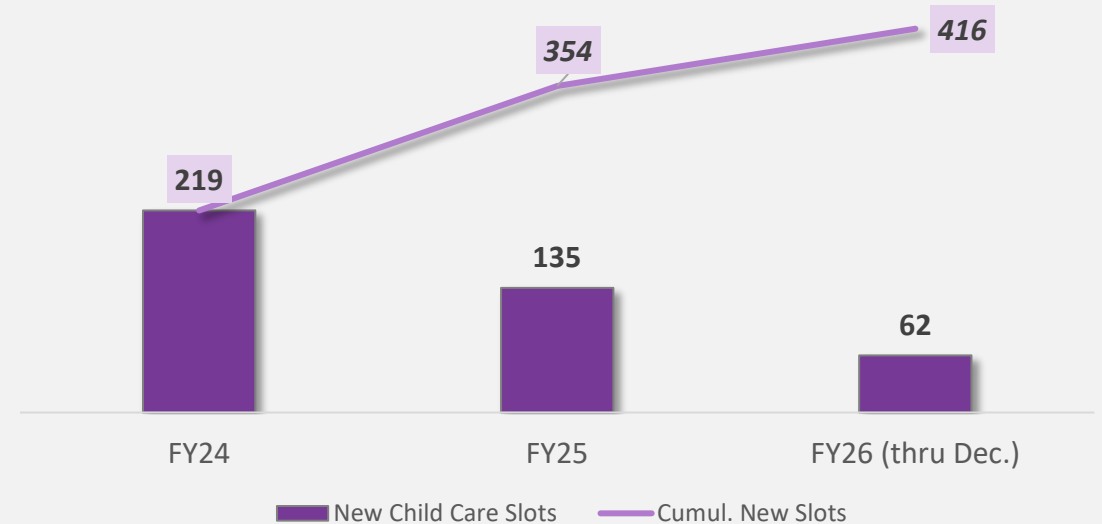
Programs Receiving Licensure in Baltimore City

- 61 new programs have received licensure in Baltimore City, creating 416 seats of additional child care capacity since July 1, 2024

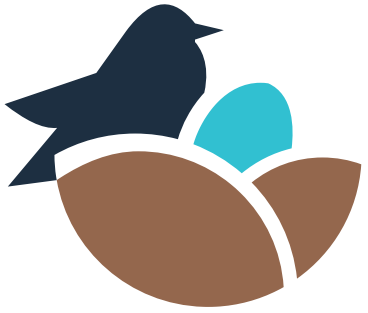
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