

Maryland Parents and Data

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Family Support Services in Maryland

- Integral part of the entire education system (birth – 21)
- Based on research that links family involvement to better developmental and educational outcomes for children
- Promotes parents and families as full partners in the developmental/educational process
- Parent-professional model



Family Support Services



- Family Support Network (birth – 3)
- Preschool Partners (3 – 5)
- Partners for Success (3 – 21)



Family Support Services



- Statewide Coordinators – Parents
- In all 24 jurisdictions
- 2 Statewide Centers
 - Maryland School for the Deaf
 - Maryland School for the Blind

Areas of Responsibility



- Direct Parent Support
- Workshops
- Newsletters
- Data Reporting
- Collaboration
- Lending Library
- Trainings
- Information Dissemination
- Family/Parent Survey
- Technical Assistance

Data Access to Parents



- Maryland Public Schools Website
- Meetings/Trainings
- Technical Assistance
- Indicator Results

How Do Parents Use the Data



- Address the weaknesses
 - Workshops
 - Newsletters
- Educate Other Parents