Child Care and School Readiness

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CHILD CARE LABOR FORCE

Wages are low and benefits are rarely offered

Prince George's County 2025 Child Care Demographics, Maryland Family Network:

- Family Child Care Provider: $34,873
- Child Care Center Director: $41,322
- Center Staff/Teacher: $23,116
- Center Aide $15,778
- Public School Teacher: $85,565

CHILD CARE IN PRINCE GEORGE'S

39,438 Families with Children under 5
- 4,662 Below Poverty Level (11.8%)
- 7,311 Children under 5 Below Poverty Level (12.7%)

569 Family Child Care Programs
- **4,491 total child care slots**

347 Child Care Centers
- 21,545 total child care slots
- 122 Centers are licensed to accept infants with 927 total infant capacity

SCHOOL READINESS: BARRIERS

- Maryland Scholarship FROZEN
  - About 35% of children received the scholarship prior to freeze
  - Poor scholarship implementation
- Inadequate Supports for Child Care Providers
- Spotty connections with PGCPS
- Early Intervention for children with special needs
  - Knowledge about and access to screening tools
  - Referral Processes
  - Parental Supports

SCHOOL READINESS: SUPPORTS

- Unfreeze Maryland Scholarship
  - About 35% of children received the scholarship prior to freeze
  - Fix implementation
- Adequate Supports for Child Care Providers
- Connections with PGCPS
- Early Intervention for children with special needs
  - Knowledge about and access to screening tools
  - Referral Processes
  - Parental Supports

WHERE WE FIND SUCCESS: EXAMPLES

- Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Program
  - Referrals for Assessment
  - Parent Engagement
  - Child Care Provider Coaching

- PGCPS Early Childhood Partnerships with Child Care and Child Resource Connect
  - Community Based Pre-K

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