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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education  
**FROM:** Dr. Sylvia Lawson, Acting State Superintendent of Schools  
**DATE:** October 24, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** Blueprint Implementation Updates

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### **Purpose**

This presentation aims to provide a briefing to the State Board of Education about MSDE actions related to Blueprint implementation. This presentation is part of a recurring series during State Board of Education meetings that will highlight MSDE initiatives connected to the Blueprint for Maryland's Future.

### **Background/Historical Perspective**

The Blueprint for Maryland's Future is a historic opportunity to transform education and accelerate student achievement for students across Maryland. The Blueprint presents new programs and innovative approaches to catalyze a world-renowned education system that aims to eradicate achievement gaps and ensures opportunity for every student, regardless of family income, race, ethnicity, or ability.

### **Executive Summary**

The presentation will include:

1. Updates on Patty Centers
2. Updates on Judy Centers
3. The Blueprint for Maryland's Future's vision for Patty Centers and Judy Centers
4. Next Steps for Implementation

### **Action**

No action is required; this information is for discussion only.

### **Attachments**

Blueprint Implementation Update - Patty Centers and Judy Centers - October 2023.pdf

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# Blueprint Implementation Update: Patty Centers and Judy Centers

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# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

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# Overview

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*Both Patty Centers and Judy Centers provide multi-generational supports for families and their young children to thrive.*

# Supporting Maryland's Families through the Positive Development of Young Children in Multi-Generational Programs

*Patty Centers provide comprehensive services to support families and promote healthy child development, aiming to enhance family stability and self-sufficiency. The primary focus of the program is children from birth to age three and their families.*

*Judy Centers, on the other hand, aim to prepare young children for school and provide a strong educational foundation in collaboration with families. They primarily serve children from birth to age five and their families within a specific catchment area.*

# Multi-Generational Programs to Support Family Well-Being and Promote Positive Child Development

## Patty Centers

**Purpose:** To offer comprehensive services that support families, foster healthy child development, and facilitate family stability and self-sufficiency.

**Target Population:** Children ages birth through age three and their families.

## Judy Centers

**Purpose:** To promote school readiness and provide a strong foundation for young children's educational success in partnership with their families.

**Target Population:** Children ages birth through age five and their families within the designated catchment area.


# What is a Patty Center?

- Patty Centers (formerly named Family Support Centers) provide comprehensive services that promote positive outcomes for families, healthy development in children, and enable stability and self-sufficiency for the overall family.
- Services are provided to families with children from birth to age three.
- Families receive on-site services while their children are participating in an early care and education program at the same location.
- Maryland Family Network (MFN) serves as MSDE's intermediary and provides management of the State's network of community-based Patty Centers.
- Contracted organizations and/or government agencies operate 35 Patty Centers throughout the State.

# What is a Judy Center?

- Judy Centers (Judith P. Hoyer Center Early Learning Hubs) serve a vital function within the scope of early childhood education in Maryland.
  - Grant funds must be used to serve children, ages birth through age five, and their families within a catchment area by providing comprehensive early care and education services to promote continuous improvement toward child development and school readiness.
- Judy Centers are located in Title I and high-needs schools in every Maryland jurisdiction.
- Children with disabilities and their families are included in all services as part of the Individualized Education Program (IEP) and Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP).
- Much of the Judy Centers' work is accomplished through its participating partnerships.
  - The partnerships reflect professional collaboration and coordination by delivering a broad spectrum of early childhood education programs and family support services for children and families.



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# Patty Centers

*Patty Centers offer a wide range of services aimed at fostering positive family outcomes, supporting healthy child development, and facilitating family stability and self-sufficiency. These centers focus on families with children between birth and three years old.*

# Total Number and Location by Jurisdiction

There are 35 Patty Center sites for FY24.

COUNTY	# OF SITES	COUNTY	# OF SITES
Allegany	1	Howard	1
Anne Arundel	3	Kent	1
Baltimore City	13	Montgomery	1
Baltimore County	1	Prince George's	1
Caroline	3	Queen Anne's	1
Carroll	1	Saint Mary's	0
Cecil	1	Somerset	0
Charles	1	Talbot	1
Dorchester	1	Washington	1
Frederick	1	Worcester	1

In FY22, two Patty Center sites were added. In FY23, five sites were added.

In FY24, MSDE in collaboration with MFN will launch three additional sites.

## Impact of Patty Centers

Families served in FY23: 725

- 480 Referrals provided for outside services
- 86 parents participating in General Education Development (GED)/Adult Basic Education (ABE) classes
- 58 parents enrolled in alternate high school/teen parent program
- 169 parents enrolled in the employment readiness program
- 303 parents participating in a formal parenting education program
- 183 parents participating in family leadership classes
- 160 parents receiving mental health services
- 621 children enrolled in infant and toddler programming
  - 100% of children received developmental screenings
  - 100% of children are up-to-date on required immunizations
  - 120 children receiving mental health services



*Picture Kingdom Kare, Inc. Family Support Center (Patty Center) in Anne Arundel County.*



*Picture of Prince George's County Patty Center provided by Maryland Family Network.*

## Patty Centers in Action

- Ms. Karen Carcamo-Pineda shared her testimony with the Maryland General Assembly last year about the Annapolis Family Support Center. She states, “I am a mother of three toddlers, one year apart. I became a mother at the age of 16 and was still in high school. I don’t really have anyone to rely on other than my mother but then I got introduced to the Annapolis [Patty Center] Family Support Center. I’m thankful that I found the Center because they helped me steer my life in the right direction. They have so many resources to guide you through motherhood like food, necessities, activities for my family, and all kinds of classes. When I first joined, I have to admit that I was confused on how to raise my kids. They can be a handful and I did not have goals for my future. I was living day to day. Throughout high school, I always thought that I could not attend any college because I was not born in the United States. But the Center helped me, and I was able to [go] through a program the college offers. I am now attending school and have clear goals for my future and career path. I would not have been able to do this if it were not for the guidance from the Annapolis Family Support Center.”
- On March 6, 2023, the United Way Family Center at Excel Academy in the Poppleton Neighborhood Zone in Baltimore City celebrated its first anniversary. They serve 40 student-parents and 65 families. Student-parents have said, "The center is their saving grace as it helps them to become better women and better moms." It is exciting to watch the student-parents achieve their dreams.




*Picture of Annapolis Family Support Center (Patty Center) provided by Maryland Family Network.*



*Picture of the United Way Family Center (Patty Center) at Excel Academy's one-year celebration.*



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# Judy Centers

*Judy Centers play a crucial role in Maryland's early childhood education landscape, utilizing grant funds to provide comprehensive early care and education services and programs for children from birth to age five, along with their families, in a designated catchment area.*

# Total Number and Location

There are 86 Judy Center sites for FY24.

COUNTY	# OF SITES	COUNTY	# OF SITES	COUNTY	# OF SITES
Allegany	2	Charles	3	Prince George's	5
Anne Arundel	2	Dorchester	2	Queen Anne's	3
Baltimore City	14	Frederick	6	Somerset	2
Baltimore County	4	Garrett	4	St. Mary's	3
Calvert	2	Harford	3	Talbot	2
Caroline	2	Howard	1	Washington	3
Carroll	3	Kent	3*	Wicomico	2
Cecil	10	Montgomery	2	Worcester	3*

In FY 23 and FY 24, a combined total of 18 sites were added.

\*Kent County- Rock Hall Elementary – coming soon

\*Worcester- Buckingham Elementary – coming soon

## Impact of Judy Centers

- Judy Center Early Learning Hubs served 16,288 children from birth to age 5 in FY23.
- In FY23, Judy Center Early Learning Hubs made 36,966 referrals to community partners and agencies.
- 2,470 children with Individual Family Service Plans (IFSP) and Individualized Education Plans (IEP) were served by Judy Centers in FY23.
- In 2022-2023, children demonstrating readiness on the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment in Title I schools with prior Judy Center experience scored four percentage points higher (33%) than those in Title I schools without Judy Center experience (29%).
- Overall, schools with a Judy Center demonstrated a five-percentage point (28%- 33%) increase on KRA from their 2021-2022 scores.



*Picture of Come Learn With Me - Parent and Child Playgroup at Robert Moton Elementary in Carroll County.*

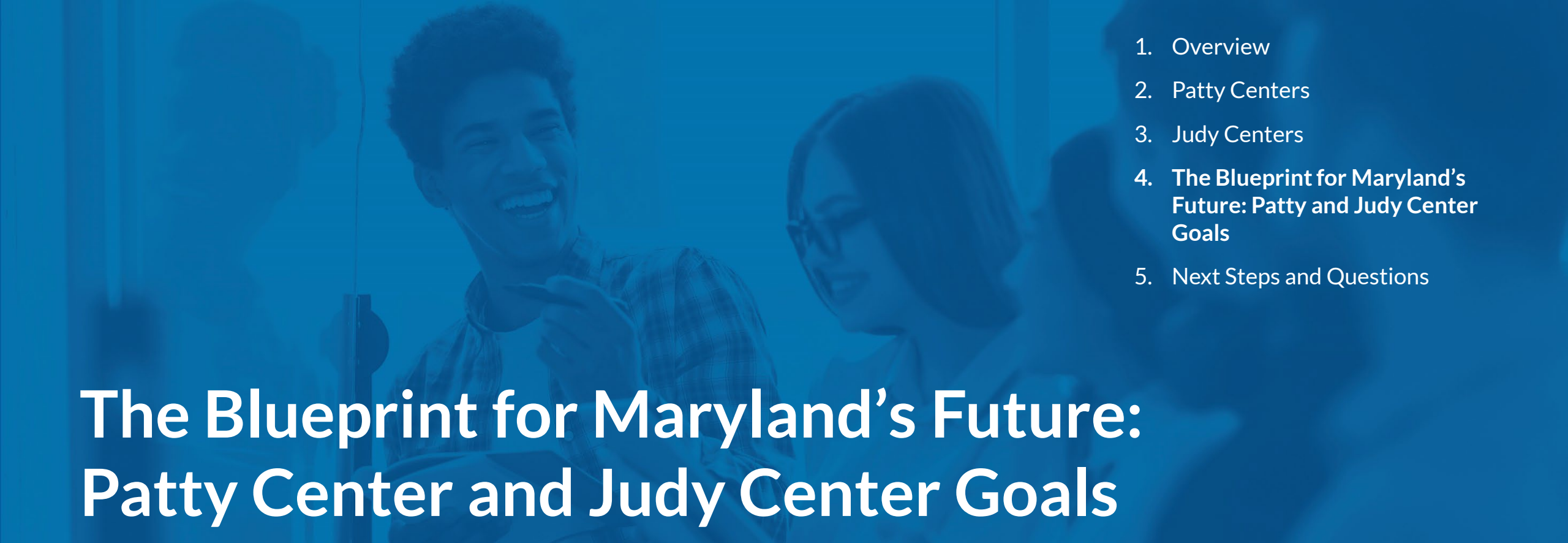
# Judy Centers in Action

- Dorothy I. Height Elementary School and the DRU Judy Center in Baltimore City hosted a Million Father March and breakfast on Friday, September 15, 2023. Fathers, uncles, cousins, brothers, and other male figures were asked to walk their children to school. In addition to the male father figures, male partner volunteers from Literacy Lab-Leading Men Fellows, Center for Urban Families, St. Francis Neighborhood Center, and the University of Maryland 4-H greeted the students in the morning. Fathers and volunteers were offered breakfast before marching through the school for the Million Father March.
- Bradbury Heights Elementary and Rosa L. Parks Elementary in Prince George's County were awarded grants in FY23 to open two new Judy Center sites. Each site had a grand opening ceremony and ribbon cutting in September. Families, community members, community partners, school staff, school board members, and MSDE Judy Center staff were in attendance.



*Picture of a participant child at the Million Father March held at Dorothy I. Height Elementary School in Baltimore City.*



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# The Blueprint for Maryland's Future: Patty Center and Judy Center Goals

*The Blueprint for Maryland's Future outlines specific goals for the expansion of both Judy Centers and Patty Centers.*

# The Blueprint Five Pillars

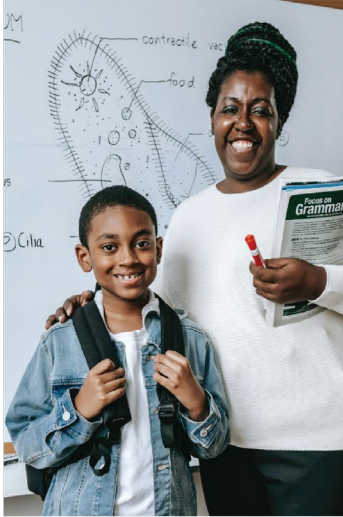
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BLUEPRINT  
PILLARS

The Blueprint encompasses five pillars, each including key initiatives aimed at transforming the quality of education in Maryland, and narrowing and closing opportunity and achievement gaps.



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

- Support more families to access no cost, high-quality Pre-K
- **Scale the impact of Patty & Judy Centers**
- Expand family options through public/private Pre-K Partnerships



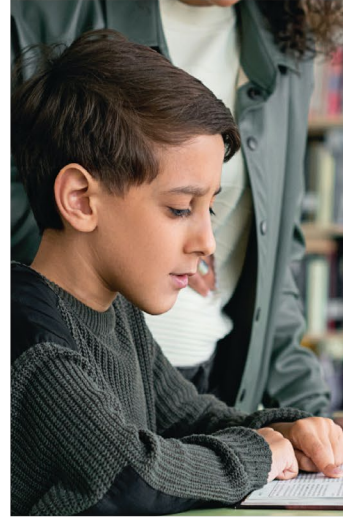
HIGH-QUALITY & DIVERSE TEACHERS & LEADERS

- Increasing starting salary to minimum \$60,000
- New career ladder and incentives for National Board Certified Teachers up to \$17,000
- Raising expectations for teacher preparation and induction



COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

- New college and career readiness standard by 10th grade
- Aligned curriculum resources and assessments
- College and career readiness and support pathways
- Expanded career and technical education system



MORE RESOURCES FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

- Community Schools and School-based Health Centers expansion
- Concentration of Poverty grants
- Targeted supports for historically underserved students



GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY

- Expert Review Teams
- Accountability and Implementation Board
- Local education agency Implementation Plans
- Maryland State Department of Education monitoring and technical assistance

# Blueprint Goals for Patty Centers


- b) [Patty Centers] shall provide parents and their children with a hospitable and constructive environment and services that:
  - (1) Improve parenting skills;
  - (2) Develop the family as a functioning unit; and
  - (3) Promote the growth and development of their children.
  
- c) (1) (i) For FY2021, the State shall provide funding for six additional centers.
  - (ii) For each FY2022 through FY2029, the State shall provide funding for three additional centers per fiscal year.

*MD Code, Education, §9.5-1002*

# Blueprint Goals for Judy Centers

- b) (2) The purpose of the Program is to promote school readiness through the development and expansion of collaborative approaches to the delivery of high quality, comprehensive, full-day early childhood education programs and family support services.
- c) (3)(i) For each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025, the State shall provide funding for nine additional Judy Centers per year.
  - (ii) For each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030, the State shall provide funding for 18 additional Judy Centers per year.
  - (iv) The State shall prioritize increasing the number of Judy Centers in communities with Title I schools.

*MD Code, Education, § 5-230.*

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# Next Steps and Questions

*To achieve the set targets in the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, additional supports are needed to support the creation of new Patty Centers and Judy Centers that align to the fidelity model.*



# Next Steps: Planning Grants and Targeted Technical Assistance

- **Patty Center Planning Grants:** In partnership with Maryland Family Network, MSDE allocated funding for planning grants so that programs that wanted to create a Patty Center would have the financial support needed to help them build-capacity to run a Patty Center that adhered to the model. New programs that are in the planning phase need funding to support the implementation of core operation activities.
- **Judy Center Technical Assistance:** Recognizing the need for more comprehensive technical assistance and support for Judy Centers, in FY24, MSDE began providing monthly comprehensive technical assistance and program support to each of the Judy Center sites. This increased support will lead to positive outcomes for families and continued program fidelity. Programs needing additional support will be offered targeted technical assistance as needed.

# Questions