## MISSION

The mission of Maryland's B-5 Early Care and Education (ECE) system is to develop a well-coordinated and integrated system of programs, supports, and services where each child in the state has the opportunity to access a high-quality early childhood experience, arriving at school with a healthy body, healthy mind, and the foundational knowledge and skills needed to succeed; and that every family has access to the resources needed to be effective as their child's first and most important teacher and advocate. A child's access to quality ECE experiences and the positive outcomes that result will not be contingent on income, race, zip code, disability status, nor English language proficiency. This vision and mission has guided the development of the strategic planning goals and actions, policies, and investments to benefit all of Maryland's families and communities.

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