

Element Detail 1d

Element: Expand **Judy Centers and Family Support Centers** to provide and coordinate access to education and support services for at-risk young children ages 0-5 and their families

Design Assumptions:

1. Maryland will expand the number of Judy Centers over time to match the number of Title I elementary schools
2. Maryland will expand the number of Family Support Centers over time, with the goal of ensuring that every underserved neighborhood has a Family Support Center or similar set of programs and services.

Implementation ~~Considerations~~ Decisions:

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 - a. The expansion of Judy Centers will be phased in over ~~time (timeline to be determined by working group)~~ 10 years, with priority in opening new Judy Centers going to the neediest communities. MSDE will be required to consider geographic diversity when selecting a Title I school to locate a new Judy Center and coordinate placement of new Judy Centers in order to serve multiple, closely located Title I schools in a high needs area or region.
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 - a. There are currently 556 centers and more than 300 Title I elementary schools (a Judy Center costs about \$3320,000 annually). The State's goal should be to reduce the gap of 245 by half and scale up the number of centers over time so that one-third (42) of the new Judy Centers open in the first 5 years and two-thirds (80) open in the next 5 years. By fiscal year 2029, there will be 122 new Judy Centers.
 2.
 - a. The expansion of Family Support Centers will be phased in over ~~time~~ 10 years, with priority in opening new Family Support Centers going to ~~on the most underserved~~ neediest communities. MSDE will be required to consider geographic diversity when selecting regions to locate a new Family Support Center and coordinate placement of new Family Support Centers in order to serve multiple, closely located counties or areas in need of a Family Support Center. There are currently 9 counties (Calvert, Charles, Garrett, Harford, Howard, St. Mary's, Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester) where there are no Family Support Centers.
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 - a. There are currently 256 Family Support Centers (the State contribution towards a Family Support Center costs about \$250330,000 annually). The State's goal should be to open 3 new centers a year so that by fiscal year 2029, there will be 30 new Family Support Centers.