

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:

1.
 - 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.
 1. b. 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.
 2. b. 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.