



In 2023 Ready At Five brought valuable education and resources to Early Care and Education professionals so that they were empowered to advance the school readiness of Maryland's children. Our vision is that every child in Maryland has the foundational skills needed for success in school, career and life. The early childhood professionals and families who nurture these children are invaluable in this endeavor and it is our goal to support them in their important work.

We supplied educators in all jurisdictions with our popular and enriching learning materials, professional development, community partnerships and family engagement. Hosting in-person events while also offering several virtual learning sessions provided our audience with a variety of ways to engage and interact with us and each other.

#### **Engagement, Partnerships, and Professional Development**

Ready At Five values the partnerships that enable us to impact the work of early childhood professionals and the children and families that they serve in Maryland. We believe that families are their children's first teachers and the best way for us to reach families is through child care providers and PreK teachers. Our learning materials continued to be downloaded or purchased on our website, and shipped to various child care programs, libraries, schools and families throughout the state. We were proud to continue to partner with Arts for Learning on their Early Learning Video Portal - which provides access to a growing library of Early Learning videos that engage young children and child care providers in joyful arts experiences and instruction by Wolf Trap teaching artists. We were happy to partner with MDAEYC on the "Each and Every Child: Teaching Preschool with an Equity Lens" Educator and Administrator Cohorts. The Month of the Young Child was celebrated in April jointly with several other organizations such as: Arts for Learning Maryland, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Chesapeake Arts Center, the Delaplaine Arts Center, Irvine Nature Center, MDAEYC, Maryland Family Network, Maryland Hall, Maryland Head Start Association, Maryland State Library Agency, MSCCA, Maryland State Family Child Care Association, Port Discovery Children's Museum, Prince George's County Memorial Library System, and Strathmore. We offered the second cohort of LETRS Trainings which commenced in September 2023 and finished in March 2024. Our continued participation in the Giant Food Community Bag Program enabled us to raise funds all year long.

A close-up photograph of a young girl with dark skin and curly hair, wearing a bright pink, textured short-sleeved shirt. She is smiling broadly, showing her teeth, and looking slightly to the right of the camera. The background is softly blurred.

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## Trainings & Events 2023-2024

- **May 23rd:** SRS – Trauma-Sensitivity in Community Settings: What Works
- **May 30th:** Making the Most of Interaction w/ Young Children and their Families
- **June 13th:** Summer Slide - Science
- **June 27th:** Summer Slide – Social Studies
- **July 7th:** Making the Most of Interaction w/Young Children and their Families
- **July 11th:** Summer Slide – Mathematics
- **July 25th:** Summer Slide – Language and Literacy Thinking
- **August 10th:** Virtual Workshop—Supporting Families and Providers
- **September 26th, November 14th, January 16th, March 12th:** LETRS For Early Childhood Training Cohort 1
- **September 30th, November 18th, January 20th, March 16th:** LETRS For Early Childhood Training Cohort 2
- **October 7th & 14th:** BSO Music Box Concerts
- **November 4th, 5th & 11th:** BSO Music Box Concerts
- **March 10th & 23rd:** BSO Music Box Concerts
- **April 9th:** SRS – A Window into Maryland’s Early Learning Standards
- **May 4th & 18th:** BSO Music Box Concerts
- **June 20th:** Summer Slide—Social & Emotional
- **June 27th:** Summer Slide—Approaches to Learning

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