Early childhood experiences matter. Quality matters. Ready At Five is a leader in promoting high-quality early learning for all children.

workforce development

Ready At Five continued to provide high-quality professional learning opportunities and resources for the early childhood workforce. Our Spring School Readiness Symposia, Building Equity in Early Learning featured Dr. Walter S. Gilliam, Ph.D., and had 240 attendees, and in the fall, Equity in Literacy Must Start Early featured Dr. Nell K. Duke and reached over 330 attendees. We also provided customized professional development options throughout the state, including our Cultural and Linguistic Competency training, professional development in VIOLETS and Making VIOLETS Bloom, STEM PEEP for PreK teachers, and Institutes for Educators in both Math Practices and Language, Literacy, and Family Engagement. Ready At Five also piloted Promoting Enrichment to Advance Language Skills (PETALS) in eight classrooms.

family engagement

Parents and caregivers are their child’s first teachers, and all parents deserve the opportunity to shine. Our Parent Leadership Learning Parties help all parents and caregivers reach their full potential to become leaders in their school and communities. In 2017, 14 jurisdictions participated in Parent Leadership Learning Party training opportunities, and 11 jurisdictions held Parent Leadership Learning Parties. These Parent Leadership Learning Parties, in addition to Ready At Five’s domain-based Learning Parties, helped hundreds of families support their child’s readiness for school. Ready At Five continued to increase awareness and build strong family connections with its highly successful family engagement work through Ready Rosie, Learning Parties, and our rich collection of family resources.

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Families hold the key to their child’s academic success. The best way communities can support that is by providing them with valuable information and tools to support their child’s development. We are proud of our partnership with Ready At Five and all of the work that they are doing to support families.”

Tara N. Burgess, Executive Director, EPIC (Every Person Influences Children)

strategic plan goals

support the workforce

Support the early childhood workforce in improving the quality of early learning.

demonstrate impact

Demonstrate impact in local communities, schools and early learning programs.

strengthen capacity

Strengthen Ready At Five’s capacity to support families and children.

elevate the discussion

Elevate the discussion about the need for high-quality early care and education.

partnerships

Ready At Five knows that partnerships are critical to providing all children, especially children from low-income families, English Learners, or children with disabilities with the opportunities they need to succeed. We were fortunate to partner with dynamic organizations working hard to help all children be successful.

Bedtime in a Box

EPIC – Every Person Influences Children

Judy Centers

Maryland State Department of Education

Nature PlaySpace

Ready Rosie
We are looking forward to the Kirwan Commission’s recommendations for providing increased access to high-quality early learning. Ready At Five helped drive policy and practice as part of the State Early Childhood Advisory Council, Co-Chairing the Maryland Family Engagement Coalition, and the Maryland Coalition for Equity. Ready At Five gratefully acknowledges and thanks the individual donors, corporations, foundations, school systems, organizations and the Maryland State Department of Education for their financial and in-kind support, allowing us to strengthen, expand, and enrich our programs, curricula, professional learning, events, and advocacy across the state and nationally. We also value the indispensable commitment of the many volunteers who devote their time and energy to help ensure more of Maryland’s children are ready to succeed in school and in life.

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Judy Center Case Manager

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