

**GOAL:** Investing in High-Quality Early Childhood Education.

*Aligns with Board of Education of Harford County Goal 1: Prepare every student for success in postsecondary education and career.*

## THE BLUEPRINT PLANS FOR:



- All Children Beginning Kindergarten Ready to Learn
- Expansion of Full Day PreK
- Additional Income Eligibility
- Private Providers PreK Programs

## HCPS PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES:

- **Prekindergarten:** Nine full-day PreK Programs and ten half-day programs.
- **Infants & Toddlers:** Provides services for children birth through ages 3 or 4 through an Individual Family Service Plan.
- **Learning Together:** An inclusive preschool program where 3- and 4-year-old children, with and without disabilities, learn, play, and grow together.
- **Early Learners:** Services 3 and 4 year old children with IEPs. The program utilizes research-based teaching strategies, including Applied Behavior Analysis, with a focus on Verbal Behavior, to promote communication, social skill development and learner readiness skills.
- **Co-taught PreK:** A collaborative effort to instruct a class of students, both with and without disabilities. The program is designed to meet the needs of those students with mild to moderate delays in cognition, social interaction, communication, self-help, and social-emotional skills.
- **Thrive by Five:** The Early Childhood Council includes professionals from both the private and public education sectors, as well as family and community support organizations. The council and HCPS staff collaborate to promote and support school readiness for children birth to age five.
- **Judy Centers:** A central location for early childhood education and support services for children birth through Kindergarten and their families who reside in specific districts across the State of Maryland. Judy Centers promote school readiness through collaboration with community-based agencies, organizations, and businesses. This integrated approach promotes program and service delivery that is conveniently located in or near Title I schools.
  - Hall's Cross Roads Elementary School
  - Magnolia Elementary School

## BLUEPRINT BUILDING BLOCKS

- Funding for expansion of full-day PreK in the public school and for private childcare centers
- High-quality teachers and support staff
- Single process enrollment
- Expansion of Judy Centers and Patty Centers
- Child and family support
- Kindergarten Readiness Assessment

