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## Attendance, Participation & Covid-19: Strategies for Maryland's Pre-K Programs in the 2020-21 Year and Beyond

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

Two times offered: 9:30-10:30am ET / 6:30-7:30pm ET

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This webinar is the first in a series of four that will focus on Pre-K attendance and participation during the Covid-19 pandemic. The webinars are a part of a larger research study sponsored by the **Maryland State Department of Education**, with the **University of Maryland** and **Attendance Works** as project partners.

We now know that Fall 2020 will see continued disruption in regular in-person Pre-K programming. Unless schools take proactive steps to address attendance and participation, students – many of whom are struggling with trauma, isolation, and insufficient resources due to the pandemic – will be at risk of disengaging and losing out on learning opportunities and supportive resources. This webinar will provide early childhood staff with concrete strategies to ensure that students and families are supported and able to participate and learn, whether programs are in-person or at a distance.

Using a Covid-19-informed framework developed by Attendance Works – a national organization that provides technical assistance to districts and schools nationwide – the webinar will walk participants through a process organized around four elements that are crucial to a successful Fall 2020 Pre-K program:

- **contact** with the school & community-based Pre-K programs
- **connectivity** to the chosen mode of instruction
- **strong relationships** between families, the school & community-based Pre-K programs
- **engaged participation** in learning

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When you register for the webinar, you will be asked to consent to participate in a brief survey which will be sent after each session. This will help us to learn more about preschool attendance practices in Maryland and to help enhance attendance practices of Maryland's preschool programs.

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**Note:** you can still participate in all four webinars if you choose not to participate in the survey. For questions, please contact Jane Sundius, Senior Fellow at Attendance Works

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