



Title I “S.T.A.R.” Program

Title I Structure for Technical Assistance by Regions

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) Title I Office will implement a “Structure for Technical Assistance by Regions” (S.T.A.R.) Program for capacity building for the State and Local Education Agencies (LEAs) as we collaborate for the implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The purpose of Title I under ESSA is to provide all children significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education, and to close educational achievement gaps. The Title I S.T.A.R. approach organizes the LEAs by regions in order to provide ongoing meaningful support and collaboration. There will be six regions and each region will have a Regional Lead Team with a Regional Lead*(see the chart below) from the MSDE Title I Office. The S.T.A.R. Program will focus on cycles of continuous improvement in LEAs and Title I schools. Regional Teams will meet with the LEAs in their regions at least four times during the school year. Through collaboration with LEAs the S.T.A.R. Program will ensure a differentiated regional approach for capacity building. The Title I S.T.A.R. Program will include such topics as:

- Title I Application
- Needs assessment
- Data Analysis
- Cycles of Continuous Improvement
- Evidence Based Strategies
- Equitable Services
- Performance Management and Effectiveness
- Managing Risks through Internal Controls
- Parent/Family and Community Engagement
- Others topics as determined by the LEAs and MSDE

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Frederick	Howard	Baltimore County	Calvert	Kent	Somerset
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