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Hello Strategic Industry Partners (SIPs),

Thank you for your continued support of CCBC’s Sign Language Interpreters Professional Advancement Initiative, funded through the Maryland Department of Labor’s EARN program. We are pleased to share an update on participant progress, exam outcomes, and next steps for the initiative.

To date, 157 interpreters who live and/or work in Maryland have participated in this initiative. As the program is designed to support interpreters through both training and certification testing, participants continue to move through the process at varying paces.

A growing number of participants have now completed testing and begun earning credentials across multiple pathways, including the CASLI Knowledge and Performance Exams and the EIPA Written and Performance Exams. More than 40 participants have already earned an industry-recognized credential, with continued growth expected as additional exam results are released.

Among participants who have received performance exam results, **56.1% have earned a credential (CASLI or EIPA)**, demonstrating strong outcomes for those who have progressed through the full testing phase. EIPA Performance results reflect an **average score of 3.78**, with **6 participants achieving scores of 4.0 or higher**.

A substantial number of participants remain in the testing pipeline, particularly for performance exams, where scoring timelines can take several months.

CASLI Knowledge Exam

(Results typically available within two weeks)

- 55 participants have received results
- 41 have passed
- 14 did not pass

This reflects a **74.5% pass rate among those who have received results**. A large number of participants are still in the process of scheduling their exam or awaiting results.

CASLI Performance Exam

(Results typically take three to six months)

- 18 have passed



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- 25 did not pass
- 33 are awaiting results or scheduling

Among those who have received results, **41.9% have passed**, which exceeds the national average pass rate for this exam. With over 40% of participants still awaiting results, we anticipate continued growth in credential attainment in the coming months.

EIPA Written Exam

(Results typically available within two to three weeks)

- 24 have passed
- 2 did not pass

This reflects a **92.3% pass rate among those who have received results**, demonstrating strong participant preparation and readiness in foundational knowledge areas.

EIPA Performance Exam

(Results typically available within three to four months)

- 14 participants have completed the exam and all have earned a credential

Participants who have completed the exam achieved an **average score of 3.78**, demonstrating strong overall performance and meaningful progress toward the nationally recognized benchmark score of 4.0.

Notably, 6 of the 14 participants have already achieved scores at or above 4.0, indicating readiness at or above the level commonly required for interpreting in K–12 educational settings.

During the next quarter (April–June 2026), the project will focus on collecting remaining exam results and completing participant exit reporting. We will also begin planning and development for training under our newly awarded second EARN grant. A key priority moving forward is to work more closely with employer partners to ensure that their interpreters are actively enrolling in and benefiting from available training opportunities. In addition, we will provide targeted support and mentoring for participants who are close to achieving passing scores to help move them toward credential attainment.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of this initiative. Your collaboration is critical in helping us identify and support interpreters who are ready to take the next step toward certification. We



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encourage you to continue referring interpreters who are preparing for or ready to test so we can connect them with available training and funding opportunities. Please feel free to reach out at any time with referrals, updates, or feedback—we greatly value your partnership in strengthening Maryland’s interpreting workforce.

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