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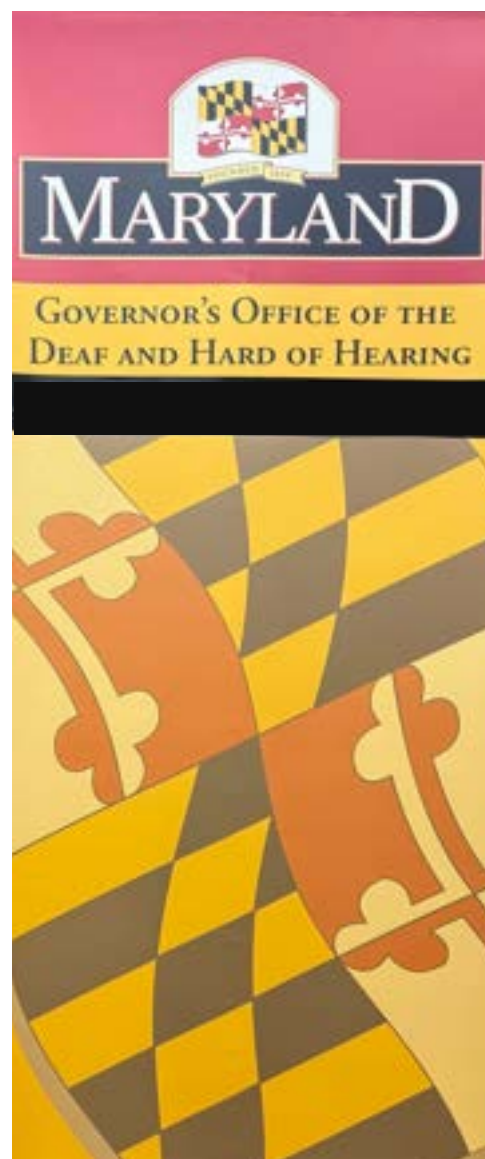
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GOVERNOR MOORE JULY RECAP



Economic Development

Platform Aerospace Expands in St. Mary's County

- Governor Wes Moore announced that Platform Aerospace will expand its operations in St. Mary's County, creating hundreds of new jobs over the next three years. The company, which develops advanced uncrewed aircraft systems (UAS), is leasing a new 80,000-square-foot facility in California, Maryland, while maintaining operations in Hollywood, Maryland. The expansion will increase manufacturing, engineering, and production capacity while retaining more than 200 current employees.

\$1.23 Million Invested in Workforce Training

- The Moore Administration awarded \$1.23 million through the Maryland Lighthouse Industries Upskilling and Reskilling Program. The funding will help nearly 600 Marylanders gain skills for careers in high-demand industries, including artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, aerospace, defense, manufacturing, life sciences, and quantum technology.

\$5 Million Awarded for Heritage Projects

- Governor Moore announced \$5 million in grants supporting 58 heritage projects across Maryland. The investments will preserve historic and cultural sites, promote tourism, strengthen local economies, and create jobs while protecting Maryland's rich history for future generations.



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Public Assistance Programs

Affordable Senior Housing Breaks Ground in Capitol Heights

- Governor Moore joined local leaders to break ground on Addison Park Senior Residences, a new affordable housing development for adults age 62 and older. The project will provide 293 affordable apartments with amenities including a fitness center, community spaces, and supportive services. Construction is expected to be completed in late 2027.

Governor Highlights Summer Food Assistance

- During his "Delivering for Maryland" tour in Charles County, Governor Moore visited a SUN Bucks food distribution site, highlighting Maryland's efforts to provide summer food assistance to eligible families while also showcasing environmental restoration projects supporting the Chesapeake Bay.

#ReadMoreMaryland Celebrates Student Literacy

- Governor Wes Moore and First Lady Dawn Moore hosted nearly 100 students and their families at Government House to celebrate the #ReadMoreMaryland Summer Reading Campaign. The initiative encourages literacy and reflects the administration's continued investment in education and student achievement.

Intergovernmental Affairs

Maryland Celebrates America's 250th Anniversary

- Governor Moore joined service members, military families, and community leaders at Fort Meade to commemorate America250, recognizing the dedication of the nation's Armed Forces and reaffirming Maryland's support for military installations, veterans, and their families.

Sail250 Maryland and Airshow Baltimore

- Governor Moore welcomed visitors from around the world during the official kickoff of Sail250 Maryland and Airshow Baltimore. The events celebrate America's 250th anniversary by highlighting Maryland's maritime heritage, military history, and patriotic traditions.

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New Appointments

Governor Moore appointed four new judges to Maryland's District Court:

- Brian Anthony Marsh – Anne Arundel County
- Windy Rhea Ortega – Anne Arundel County
- Jessica Lynne Colwell – Allegany County
- Elizabeth Dorothy Theobalds – Charles County

The appointees bring experience in criminal law, civil litigation, public defense, child welfare, and local government law.

Other Updates

Special Legislative Session Announced

- Governor Moore announced a special legislative session in August to consider legislation related to voting rights and fair representation, emphasizing the administration's commitment to ensuring accessible and fair democratic processes for all eligible voters.

"Slow the Fast Down" Highway Safety Campaign

- Governor Moore launched the statewide "Slow the Fast Down" campaign to reduce speeding and improve roadway safety. The campaign encourages drivers to obey speed limits, protect pedestrians, and help reduce traffic injuries and fatalities across Maryland.



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Resources:

For more information, visit:

- <https://governor.maryland.gov/news/press-releases/governor-moore-spotlights-delivering-maryland-tour-charles-county>
- <https://governor.maryland.gov/news/press-releases/governor-moore-announces-platform-aerospace-growth-st-marys-county-hundreds-new-jobs>
- <https://governor.maryland.gov/news/press-releases/governor-moore-unveils-marylands-new-highway-safety-campaign-slow-fast-down>
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- <https://governor.maryland.gov/news/press-releases/governor-moore-announces-awardees-123-million-investment-help-maryland-workers-thrive>
- <https://governor.maryland.gov/news/press-releases/governor-moore-announces-5-million-fy27-maryland-heritage-grant-awards-promote-local-economy>
- A full list of the FY27 grants is available at <https://mdhistoricaltrust.wordpress.com/2026/07/09/maryland-heritage-areas-program-fy27-grant-awards/>
- To learn more about the Maryland Heritage Areas Program and heritage areas, visit <https://mht.maryland.gov/planning-protection/maryland-heritage-areas-program>
- <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/DvHy9rhD89U>
- <https://www.facebook.com/govwesmoore/posts/welcome-to-all-the-pilots-and-sailors-whove-traveled-across-the-world-to-show-of/1002891792714403/>
- https://www.instagram.com/p/Dal_rFon4EL/?img_index=2
- <https://governor.maryland.gov/news/press-releases/governor-moore-breaks-ground-addison-park-bringing-high-quality-affordable-housing-seniors>
- <https://governor.maryland.gov/leadership/first-lady/press-releases/governor-and-first-lady-moore-host-young-marylanders-readmoremaryland-campaign>

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GODHH July Events

NIC/BEI Study Table

On July 7, 2026, Outreach Interpreter Manager Tanéa Brown led a virtual Study Table designed to provide a focused and disciplined learning space for interpreters. This initiative supports HB 260 and aligns with the Moore–Miller Administration's priorities of Connecting Marylanders to Jobs and Making Maryland a State that Serves.

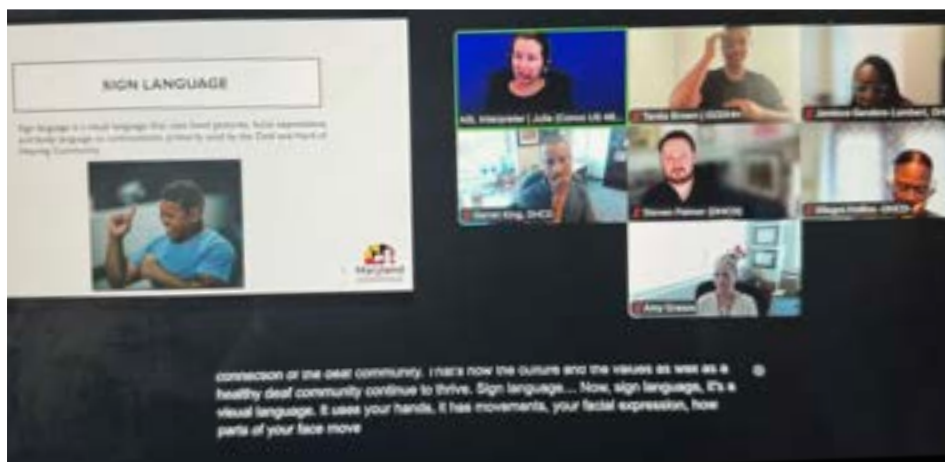
Study Tables offer interpreters an opportunity to exchange notes, collaborate, and support one another in preparation for the certification exam.



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OUTREACH

On July 16, 2026, Tanéa Brown met virtually with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to provide American Sign Language (ASL) and Deaf Culture Training. Thank you to everyone who participated in helping foster greater accessibility, communication, and inclusion for Maryland's Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities.



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JULY SPOTLIGHT



Michelle Reyes, LICSW is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW) with extensive experience providing trauma-informed counseling, advocacy, and mental health services to individuals with disabilities across higher education and community-based settings. A native of New York City, Michelle has dedicated much of her career to serving Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind, and disabled individuals, using her fluency in American Sign Language (ASL) to provide accessible, culturally responsive, and affirming mental health care.

Throughout her career, Michelle has worked with adolescents, adults, and families experiencing anxiety, depression, trauma, grief, relationship concerns, and life transitions. She is passionate about helping individuals build resilience, develop effective coping strategies, strengthen interpersonal relationships, and improve their overall well-being through compassionate, evidence-based care. In addition to direct clinical services, Michelle is committed to reducing barriers to mental health care and promoting disability inclusion through advocacy, education, and collaboration with community partners.

Michelle's commitment to disability advocacy is also deeply personal. As the proud mother of a child with Down syndrome, she understands the importance of accessible services, family-centered support, and strong community resources. This lived experience enhances her professional perspective and fuels her dedication to empowering individuals and families while fostering inclusive environments where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. She remains committed to advancing equity, accessibility, and mental health within diverse communities.

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