

# CHILDREN & YOUTH NEGLECTED OR DELINQUENT PROGRAM

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<b>What is the Prevention and Intervention Program for Neglected or Delinquent Children?</b>	The Prevention and Intervention Program for Children Who are Neglected, Delinquent, or At-risk provides education and transition programs for children and youth in local or state institutions, community day programs, and alternative education programs. The program operates through Title I, Part A and Title I, Part D. Part A programs support neglected and at-risk children and youth. Part D programs serve youth in Local Education Agency detention and correctional facilities and in education programs operated by the Maryland State Department of Education, the Department of Juvenile Services, and the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation.
<b>Who is eligible to participate?</b>	The program serves children and youth who reside in local juvenile and adult facilities statewide. The program also targets at-risk youth. The law defines “at-risk” youth to include school-aged youth who are at-risk of academic failure, have drug or alcohol problems, are pregnant or are parents who have come in contact with the juvenile services system, are at least one year behind in grade level, are gang members, have dropped out of school in the past, or have high absenteeism rates at school.
<b>What is the goal of the program?</b>	The program ensures that neglected or delinquent children and youth have the opportunity to meet the same challenging state standards needed to further their education and become productive members of the community.
<b>How are Neglected or Delinquent Program funds used?</b>	Title I A and Title I D Neglected, Delinquent or At-risk funds are used to provide supplemental education programs in community day or alternative educational facilities, juvenile or adult detention or correctional facilities, or to at-risk youth served by the districts with juvenile facilities. Grant funds must also be used to provide programs that aid the youths’ transition to community colleges, local schools, employment, and the community.
<b>How can I learn more about the program?</b>	For more information, call the Coordinator of Neglected or Delinquent, and At-risk Programs, Division of Student, Family, and School Support, at 410-767-0945.