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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Directors of Special Education
Local Infants and Toddlers Program Directors
Local Preschool Special Education Coordinators

FROM: Marcella E. Franczkowski, M.S.
Assistant State Superintendent
Division of Special Education/
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DATE: July 24, 2017

RE: **Partnership Toolkits to Publicize the Maryland ABLÉ Plan**

Our State agency partner, the Maryland Department of Disabilities (MDoD), recently announced the creation of Partnership Toolkits for agencies and organizations interested in spreading the word about the Maryland 529 ABLÉ Plan. Governor Hogan signed the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act (HB431) in April 2016, enabling Maryland to begin building the Maryland ABLÉ program and making it easier to save money for disability related needs.

The Maryland ABLÉ Plan will make it easier for families to save money for disability-related needs expenses without jeopardizing federal means-tested benefits, such as SSI or Medicaid. Maryland ABLÉ is projected to be operational by the end of 2017.

Ways to partner include:

- Hosting a presentation,
- Including articles in newsletters and parent resources,
- Distributing materials at local events,
- And, many more.

If your agency or organization is interested in receiving a Maryland ABLÉ toolkit, **please send a request to ABLE@maryland529.org** or visit <https://maryland529.com/MDABLE>.

Thank you.

