

CSW Curriculum Overview

🎯 Goal

The overall goal of *Children Study Their World (CSW)* is to **actively involve children in their own learning**—emotionally, physically *and* cognitively.

🔍 What

Eight interdisciplinary, content-rich projects build upon children’s knowledge and increase in complexity. Each project supports children’s **common understanding** of a topic and **nurtures their innate sense of curiosity** and discovery about their world.

❓ Why

CSW is based on principles of **project-based inquiry** and driven by evidence-based practices that build teacher capacity and support successful implementation. CSW is fully aligned with **Maryland’s Early Learning Standards** and **Early Learning Assessment**.

⚙️ How

Children ask questions, guide planning, explore and discover, and share their learning. **Teachers** model curiosity, observe children’s level of understanding, and help them represent what they have learned in different ways.

👤 Who

Family and community members **extend children’s learning through expert visits, field trips, and at-home activities**. A community service project with a local organization lays the foundation for a partnership that extends through the year.

