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

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.

**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.

**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.

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.