Director's End-of-Year Message



GREETINGS

It feels like yesterday that I stepped into the next chapter of my professional career and was appointed as the director of the Maryland Cannabis Administration. Now, we're days away from heading into the New Year.

What a whirlwind!

From celebrating MCAs one-year anniversary of its Workforce Development Program to spearheading several medical cannabis roundtable discussions to continuing to guide our conditional licensee to operational status, MCA continues to flourish in the innovative cannabis market in the State of Maryland.

During 2025, the MCA focused its efforts on supporting its mission while celebrating milestones and accomplishments. Here's a snapshot of the hard work and diligence the MCA has completed in ensuring that we provide a safe, equitable, and accessible medical and adult-use cannabis industry for qualifying patients and adult consumers.

- MCA's adult-use and medical cannabis programs are expected to total more than \$1 billion for 2025.
- Since launching on September 4, 2024, Workforce Development Program had the pleasure of training 702 participants to date and celebrated the program's one-year anniversary this year. 448 participants have successfully completed the virtual course and in-person training.
- Several roundtable discussions were held with certified patients and certifying provides to openly discuss important and critical matters related to MCA's medical cannabis program.
- The Office of Public Health, Data and Education conducted their <u>2025 Maryland Cannabis Biannual Study</u> that provides a snapshot of key measures and insights.

As we move forward to 2026, the MCA looks forward to continuing to cultivate a culture of effectiveness, innovation and collective success in supporting the industry licensee and external stakeholders. I look forward to MCA continuing to serve as a benchmark in the cannabis industry and building upon the solid foundation we've created in the State of Maryland.

Thank you,

Tabatha Robinson

Director