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# National Federation of the Blind BELL Program in Maryland

## What is the NFB BELL Program?

The NFB Braille Enrichment for Literacy and Learning (BELL) program provides children, ages four through twelve, with two weeks of concentrated Braille instruction through fun, hands-on learning. This program is for all blind children who could benefit from Braille enrichment over the summer. This includes low-vision children, children who have recently lost their vision, children who have been blind since birth, and children who have additional disabilities.

The program is designed to run Monday through Friday for approximately seven hours each day. In addition to Braille instruction, projects, games, and other engaging activities, children may also enjoy field trips to local attractions.

The NFB BELL program has grown exponentially since its inception in 2008. Beginning as one site in the state of Maryland, the program is now offered in numerous states around the country! The NFB BELL program uses time-tested lessons and proven techniques to build self-confidence, positive attitudes, and skills in blind children; characteristics that are essential to ensuring blind children can live the lives that they want now and in the future.

## What parents are saying:

“Besides Braille exposure, the most valuable thing my child gained at the NFB BELL program is increased confidence. I can’t believe the change in her attitude and initiative since attending the program.”

“This was the most positive program/experience we have ever been involved in. This program was an incredible resource for us both.”

“The NFB BELL program changed our lives this year. My daughter learned more in two weeks at NFB BELL than she did in a two-month program last summer!”



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	PROGRAM 1	PROGRAM 2	PROGRAM 3
<b>Program Dates:</b>	July 27- August 7	July 27- August 7	July 27- August 7
<b>Program Location:</b>	National Federation of the Blind Jernigan Institute 200 East Wells St. Baltimore, MD, 21230	Reid Temple 11400 Glenn Dale Blvd. Glenn Dale, MD 20769	Blind Industries and Services of Maryland 2240 Northwood Dr. Salisbury, MD 21801
<b>Program Day:</b>	9:00 am-4:00 pm	9:00 am-3:00 pm	TBD
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Melissa Riccobono mdpobc@nfbmd.org • 410-235-3073 1026 East 36th St., Baltimore, Maryland 21218		
<b>Highlights:</b>	<p>Lunches will be provided for students throughout the program. Transportation will be provided to and from the program for students on a case-by-case basis. If your child will need transportation to and from the program, please contact us.</p> <p>The registration fee for the program is \$175 before May 15 and \$200 after May 15. A deposit of \$20 is due with the application to reserve a place.</p> <p>A seminar and closing program will be held for all NFB BELL participants and their parents on Friday, August 7. Please plan to attend!</p>		



To learn more about the NFB BELL program, or to apply, visit: [www.nfb.org/BELL](http://www.nfb.org/BELL).

