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Maryland Longitudinal Data System

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Building a Collaborative Research Agenda to Inform Decision-Making in Maryland

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MLDS Center Overview

- **Independent state agency** that **develops** and **maintains** a data system containing student and workforce data from all levels of public education and the State's workforce.
- **Generate timely and accurate information** about **student performance** that can be used to **improve the State's education system and guide decision makers at all levels**.

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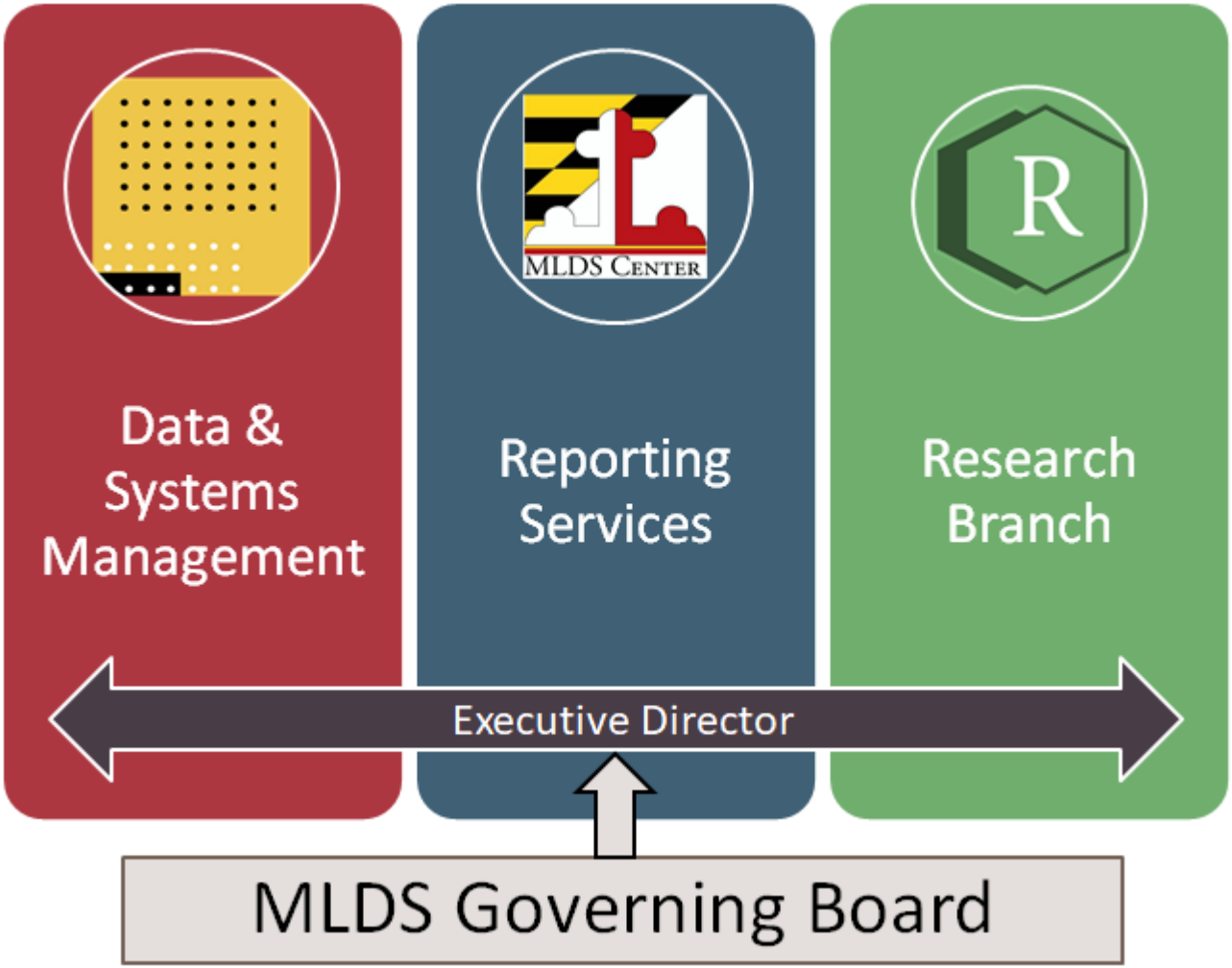

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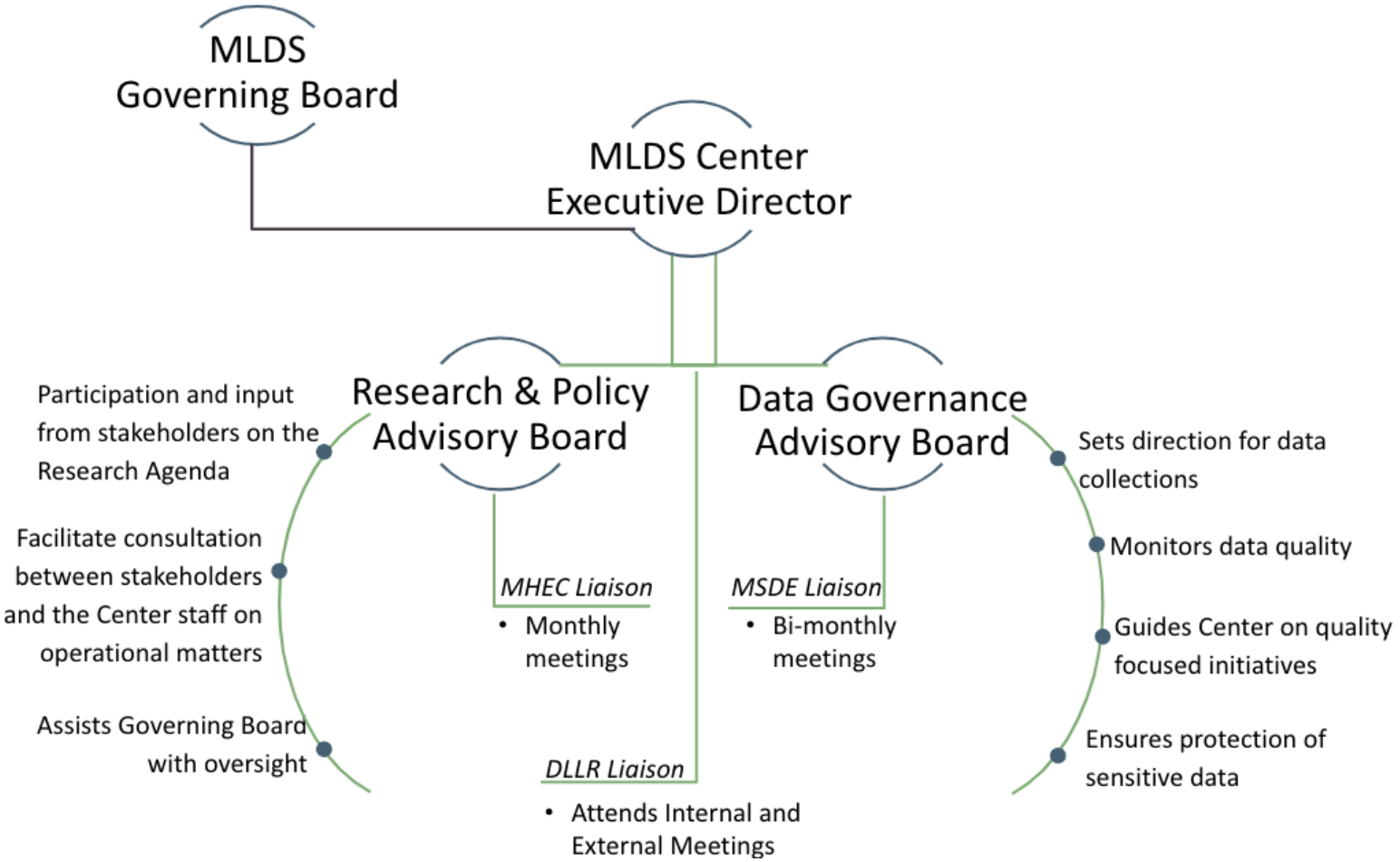

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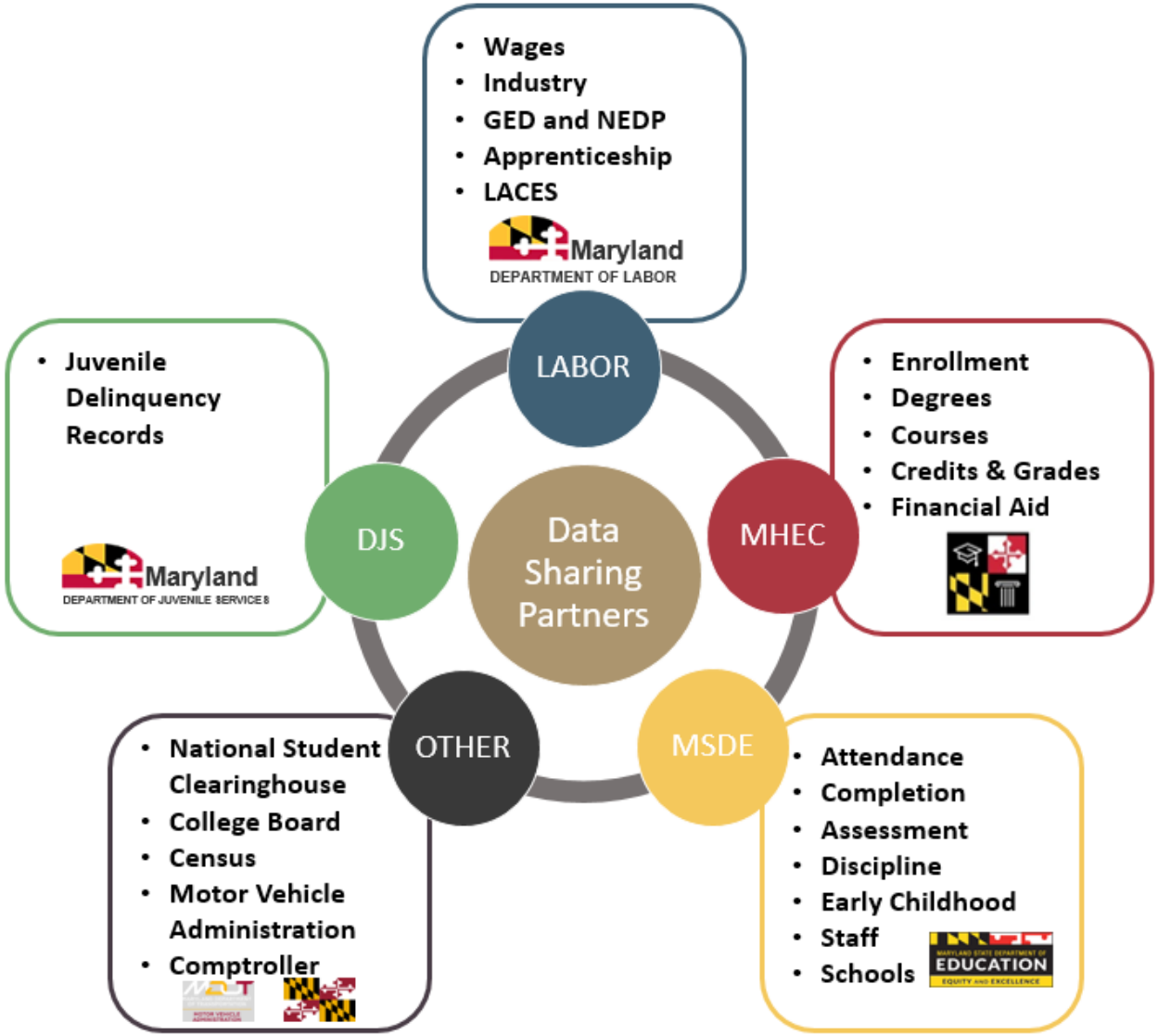
MLDS Center Data Collections

MLDS Data Delivery System



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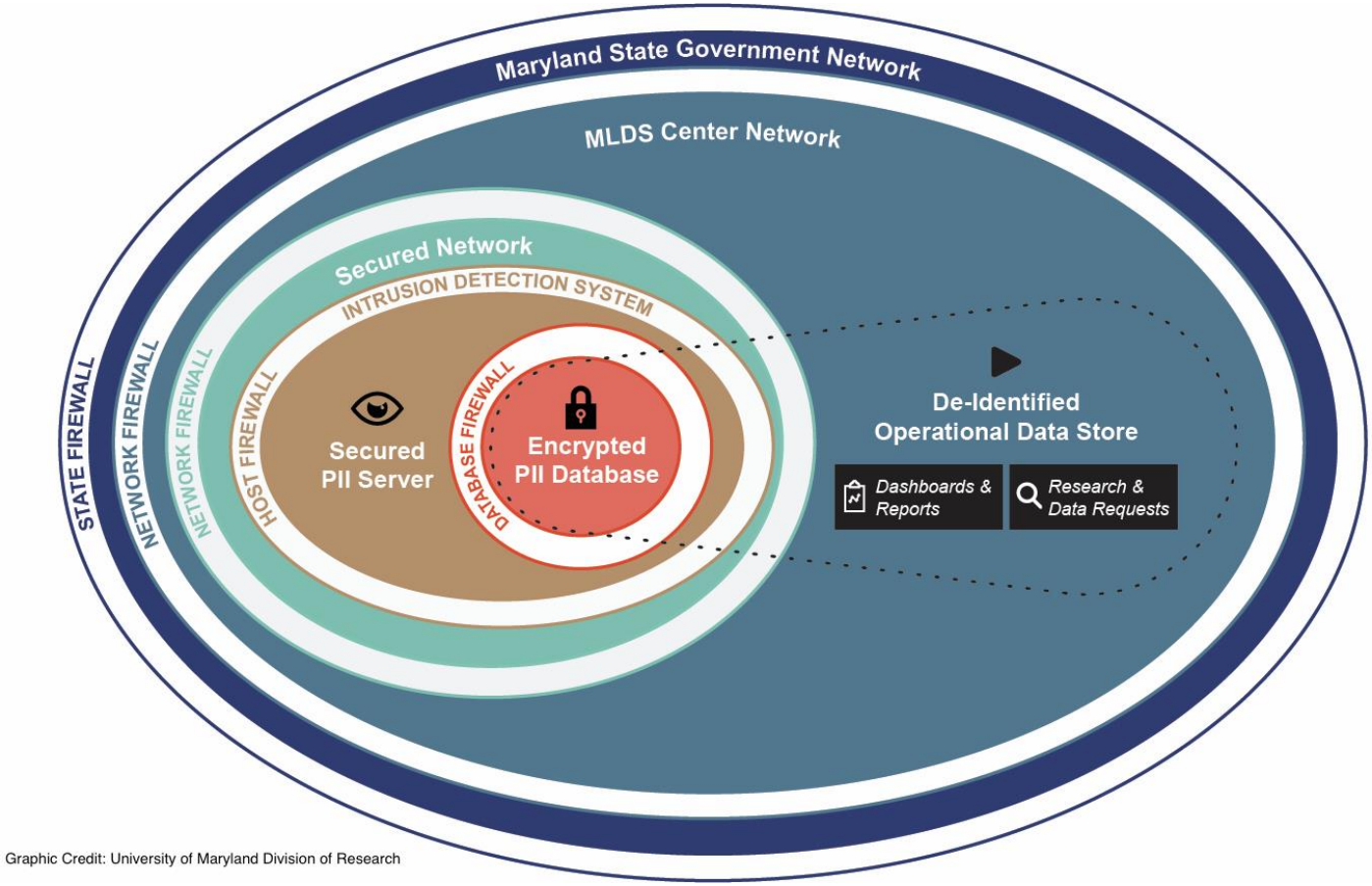
Research Agenda

- 21 broad questions set by the MLDS Center governing board
- Organized around critical student transitions
  - K-12 Readiness
  - Postsecondary Readiness and Access
  - Postsecondary Completion
  - Workforce Outcomes
- Research analyses must be cross-sector
- Sample: *Are Maryland students academically prepared to enter postsecondary institutions and complete their programs in a timely manner?*

MLDS System Security



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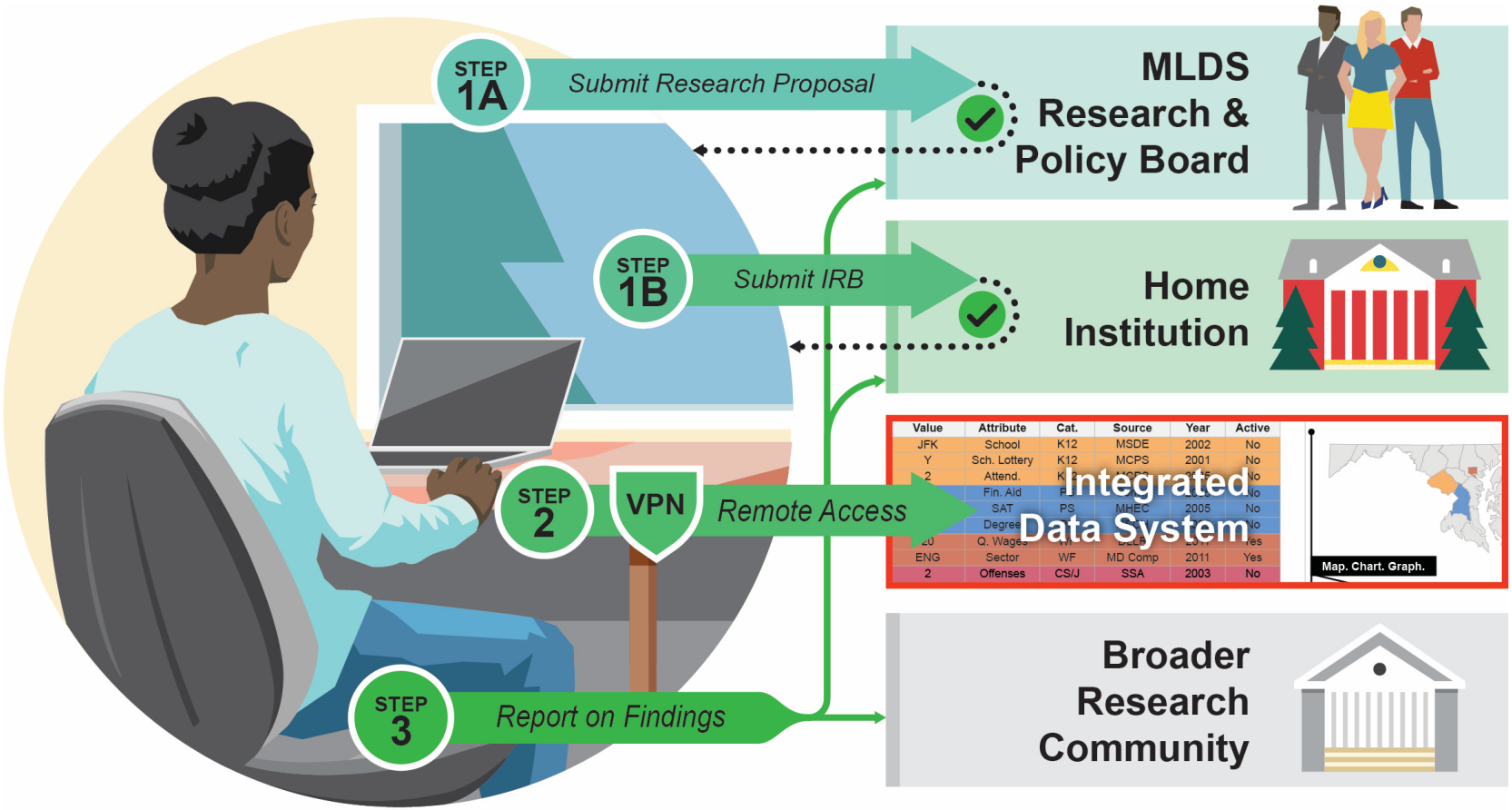
Research Access



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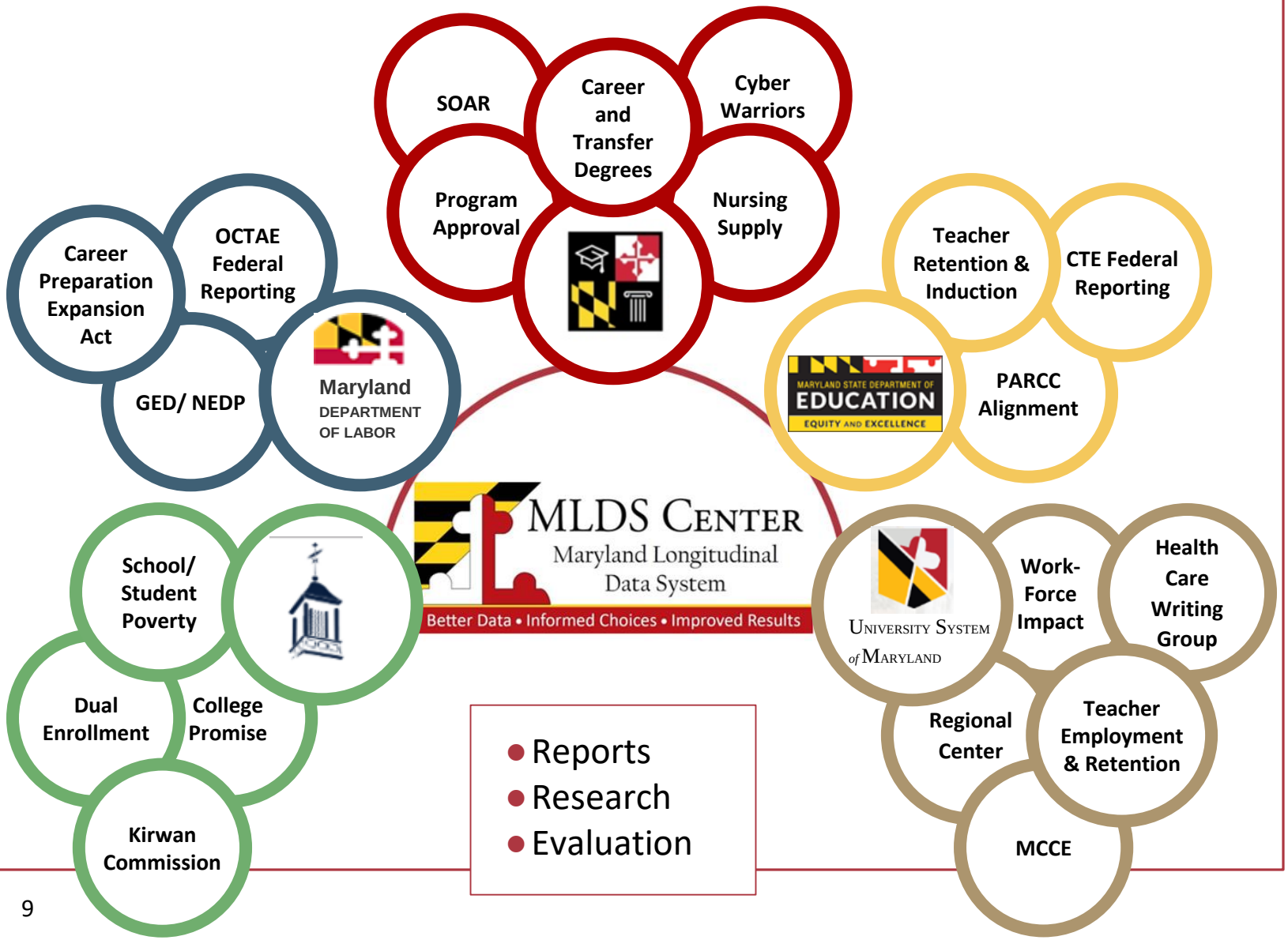
Stakeholder Engagement



A Case Study in Maryland

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