

Scholarship Programs

Virginia Child Care Providers Scholarship Programs (VCCPSP)

This scholarship program is for current and potential child care professionals to help improve their knowledge and skills that contribute to providing quality child care.

More information about VCCPSP is available at www.dss.virginia.gov

Project Pathfinders Scholarship Program

This scholarship program is open to early childhood professionals (lead teachers, assistant teachers and administrators) seeking to complete a credential in early childhood education or child development through Virginia's community colleges.

More information about Project Pathfinders Scholarship Program is available at www.vecf.org

Incentives

*Incentives will be provided for those infant and toddler caregivers who successfully complete courses during current grant period and satisfy all incentive requirements toward obtaining an endorsement or credential.



If you would like more information on professional development, contact:

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VIRGINIA
INFANT & TODDLER SPECIALIST
NETWORK

"Achieving Excellence in Early Care"

THE VIRGINIA INFANT & TODDLER SPECIALIST NETWORK IS A PROGRAM OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES AND IS SUPPORTED BY THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (VDSS) GRANT #93.575, WITH FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE TO VIRGINIA FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

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What are my options?

Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) Infant and Toddler Endorsement

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Benefits:

- Entry-level certification for employment in the field of early childhood
- Foundation of knowledge working with infants and toddlers
- Supplement to a degree or credential outside the field of early childhood

Courses:

Endorsement consists of 12 courses and 12 course-related projects:

- Ages and Stages of Development for Infants and Toddlers
- Beyond Babble: Exploring Early Language Development
- Creating an Appropriate Learning Environment for Infants and Toddlers
- Child Abuse and Neglect: Recognition and Reporting
- Early Childhood Theorists
- Guiding the Behaviors of Infants and Toddlers
- Health Screening for Child Care Professionals
- Nurturing Productive Partnerships with Parents
- Observation and Recording in Early Childhood
- Planning Activities for Infants and Toddlers
- Preventing Injuries in the Child Care Environment
- Understanding Temperaments of Infants and Toddlers

Child Development Associate (CDA) Infant Toddler, Family Child Care Credential™

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Benefits:

- Advance your career
- Meet job requirements
- Reinforce your commitment to early childhood education
- Provide parents with peace of mind
- Understand developmentally appropriate practice
- Increase your confidence

The **Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential™** is the most widely recognized credential in early childhood education (ECE) and is a key stepping stone on the path of career advancement in ECE.

Infant Toddler Career Studies Certificate

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The Early Childhood Development Program is designed for individuals who seek employment involving the care and education of young children, or for those persons presently employed in these situations who wish to update and enhance their competencies. The curriculum includes courses about behavior, health and nutrition, language arts, and teaching music/movement for children.

Benefits:

- Acquire new skills toward career advancement
- Day, evening, and online classes available
- Course credits can be applied toward additional degree programs

IMPACT Registry

The IMPACT Registry is a voluntary, statewide tool to document and recognize the professional achievements of practitioners and trainers who work in the early childhood education and school age profession within Virginia.

Benefits:

- IMPACT your professional status
- IMPACT your educational goals
- IMPACT your professional development
- IMPACT your career advancement