

VIRGINIA
INFANT & TODDLER SPECIALIST
NETWORK



2024 Provider Recognitions!

Each year, the VA ITSN recognizes child care providers across Virginia who have made great efforts to improve the quality of infant and toddler care. Virginia Infant and Toddler Specialists and Behavior Consultants nominate one child care center and one family day home from each of their regions. A pool of these nominations is reviewed, and selections made. In addition, the programs are provided with resources and materials to support their efforts.

Below are the names of the child care centers and family day homes selected for the 2023 - 2024 program year and pictures of some of the providers.

Congratulations

Blue Ridge

Center-Apple Dumpling Learning Center
FDH-Regina Christmas

Capital Area

Center-La Petite Academy- Clara Barton
FDH-Ghazala Childcare

Central

FDH-Bizzy Totz-Olivia Roane Jackson

Chesapeake Bay

Center-Riverside Child Development Center
FDH-Amazing Childcare-Lakisha Leeks

North Central

Center-Merit Schools of Quantico
FDH-Tot's Academy-Isabel Shanghai

Southeastern

Center-Making a Difference Step by Step
FDH-Sahar Pourchangiz

Southside

Center-Caterpillar Clubhouse #5

Southwest

Center-Rainbow Riders

West

Center-Shepherd's Care Day School
FDH-Essence Johnson

Thank you for continuing to promote excellence in care!

Meet the Winners

If you are interested in participating in coaching services,
click below to fill out our online request!

[Click here to request coaching services online now!](#)

Resource Spotlight



As an early childhood caregiver, you may encounter parents who are curious about how their children learn and grow at various stages. The

Sparks video series is a free resource for parents that combines health, safety, sleep, and nutrition concerns with practical approaches to support healthy learning and development in children.

A diverse team of clinicians and developmental experts collaborated to make this series. Each Sparks video goes hand-in-hand with a child's check-up from birth to age five and can help caregivers know what to expect in the next stage of child development. Check out their video series by visiting the [Sparks](#) website.



Child care is an essential building block in the foundation of our families and nation's future. Early learning means children begin kindergarten ready to learn and succeed. Increasing access helps more babies and toddlers, including those with delays and disabilities, get the developmental support they need. Click [here](#) to check out all of Zero to Three's fantastic resources.

Upcoming PD Opportunities



Early Childhood Investigations offers free webinars to early childhood educators. The series is produced by Engagement Strategies, LLC., and is presented by leading authors, experts, and leaders. Click [here](#) to check out the free webinars that Early Childhood Investigations Resources for Early Learning provides.



Creating Connections to Shining Stars 2024

Virginia's Collaborative Early Childhood Birth through Five Conference

Creating Connections to Shining Stars is a collaborative effort between Virginia's Part C, Early Intervention and Part B, Preschool Special Education programs. The Conference will focus on promoting and supporting the implementation of evidence-based practices in inclusive settings for infant, toddler, and young children, both with and without disabilities.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Early Childhood Special Educators
- Early Intervention Providers
- Administrators / Supervisors
- Paraprofessionals
- Early Childhood Educators
- Related Service Providers
- Parents and Family Members

This year, we are happy to announce a hybrid option will be offered.

You have the option to choose to attend the full 3 day in-person conference that includes the preconference from July 16-18, 2024 or you can choose to attend in-person for 2 full days of trainings on July 17-18, 2024.

This year we will also be offering live virtual sessions for 2 days on July 17-18, 2024! The virtual sessions will include the keynote speaker and select live sessions throughout both days.

Click [here](#) for more information or to register for this conference.

Did you know...?



STREAMin³ On-Demand is Moving to a New Learning Platform

Completion records and certificates will be saved for future use. The new learning platform will have the same courses, as well as new ones, available to you.

Contact streamin3@virginia.edu or (855) 787-6463 with questions

Update from VQB5

VQB5 Quality Profiles (Coming Fall of 2024!) VQB5 Quality Profiles will include information about performance on quality measurements and other topics of interest to families, policymakers, and the general public.

[Quality Profile Overview Recording](#) (5 minutes)
[VQB5 Quality Profile Preview Webinar Recording](#) (47 minutes)



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