

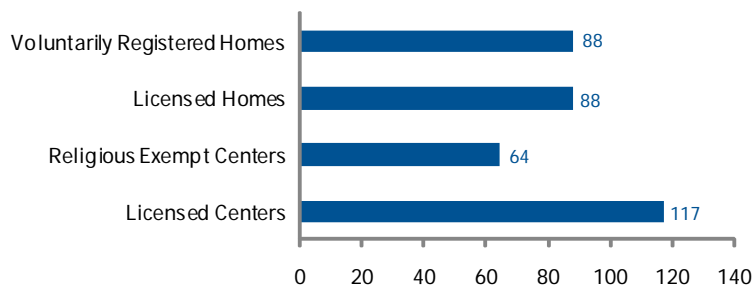
Virginia Infant and Toddler Early Care and Education Training and Professional Development Fact Sheet*

VALLEY REGION

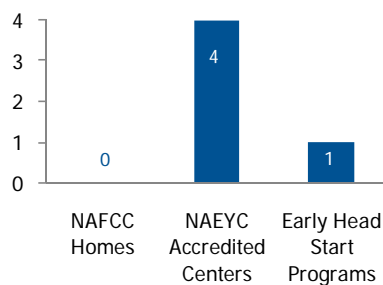
Albemarle, Augusta, Clarke, Frederick, Greene, Highland, Madison, Orange, Page, Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Warren Counties; Charlottesville, Harrisonburg, Staunton, Waynesboro, and Winchester

Early Care and Education (0-3 years)

State Regulated Child Care Centers and Homes with Infant and Toddler Capacity



Number of NAFCC Homes, NAEYC Accredited Centers and Early Head Start Programs



Note: NAFCC = National Association for Family Child Care
NAEYC = National Association for the Education of Young Children

Language and Ethnicity

Languages spoken by surveyed provider staff

English
Spanish
Arabic
Kurdish
Pashtu
Russian

Infant and toddler ethnicity as reported by surveyed providers

White
Black
Hispanic
Asian/Pacific Islander
Native American

Early Intervention

374 Number of children served through the Infant & Toddler Connection. The program is operated by public and private agencies within each region that provide early intervention services and supports for eligible young children ages birth to 3 and their families.

Training and Professional Development

Quality Improvement

19 Number of programs serving infants and toddlers that participate in Virginia's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)

Training Needs

Training most needed as reported by early care providers

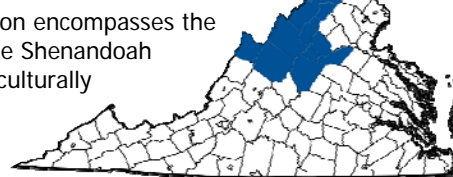
- Learning and Development
- Social-Emotional Growth
- Early Literacy
- Health and Safety Practices

Barriers to Training

Barriers to training participation most often reported by early care providers

1. Time of day
2. Cost
3. Distance

Valley Region



The Valley Region encompasses the upper half of the Shenandoah Valley and is a culturally diverse area. Stakeholders reported that the more rural areas of the region have very few local opportunities for training and professional development and that more follow-up contact after training, including on-site mentoring, is crucial to improving the quality of early care and education in this region. Approximately 7% of early care programs that can serve children from birth to age three in Virginia are located in the Valley Region.

* Information was gathered through needs assessments and surveys distributed to early care providers in December 2008. In the Valley Region there were 21 survey responses from early care providers, or 5% of the total number of state regulated infant and toddler programs in the region. Additional information from state databases is current as of April 2009.

The Virginia Infant & Toddler Specialist Network strengthens practices in early care and education programs to enhance the healthy growth and development of infants and toddlers.

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