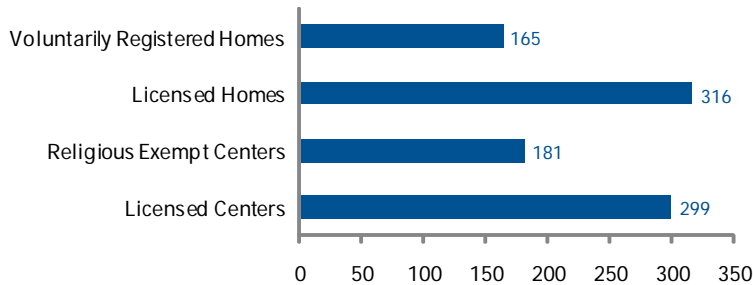


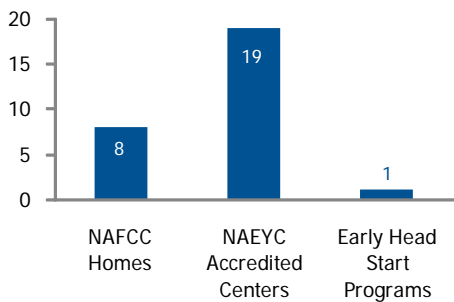
## Virginia Infant and Toddler Early Care and Education Training and Professional Development Fact Sheet\*

### 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  
Mandarin  
Vietnamese  
Cantonese

Infant and toddler ethnicity as reported by surveyed providers

White  
Black  
Hispanic  
Asian/Pacific Islander  
Native American

### Early Intervention

**902** Number of children served through the Infant and 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

**20** 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

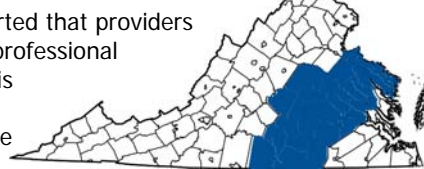
- Learning and Development
- Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers
- Early Literacy
- Social-Emotional Growth
- Health and Safety Practices

#### Barriers to Training

Barriers to training participation most often reported by early care providers

1. Time of day
2. Cost
3. Availability

#### Central Region



Stakeholders reported that providers of early care and professional development in this region define themselves in three regional groups, one group in the Richmond/Petersburg area – a mix of urban and suburban communities, one in the eastern Rappahannock region – a very rural community, and one in the Southside area – another rural community. Survey results indicated that most resources for infant and toddler care exist in Richmond, and that lack of transportation and distance in the rural areas presents ongoing challenges. Approximately 19% of early care programs that can serve children from birth to age three in Virginia are located in the Central Region.

\* Information was gathered through needs assessments and surveys distributed to early care providers in December 2008. In the Central Region there were 51 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.