

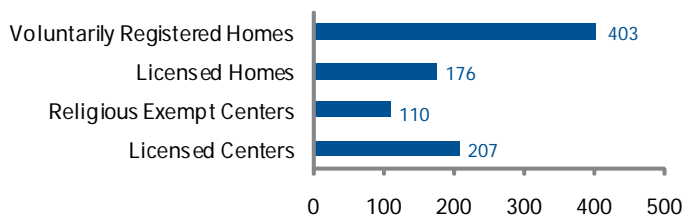
# Virginia Infant and Toddler Early Care and Education Training and Professional Development Fact Sheet\*

## EASTERN REGION

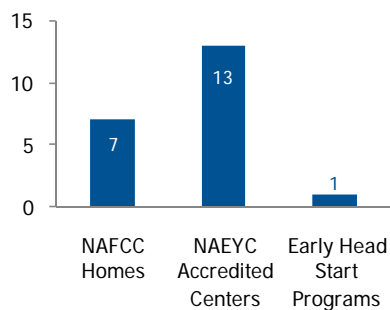
Accomack, Greensville, Northampton, and Southhampton Counties; Chesapeake, Emporia, Franklin, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach

### 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  
French  
Mandarin  
American Sign Language

Infant and toddler ethnicity as reported by surveyed providers

White  
Black  
Hispanic  
Asian/Pacific Islander  
Native American

### Early Intervention

**740** 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

**16** 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

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

#### Barriers to Training

Barriers to training participation most often reported by early care providers

1. Time of day
2. Availability
3. Cost

#### Eastern Region

Divided by the Chesapeake Bay, the Eastern Region includes the areas commonly known as the Eastern Shore and the largely metropolitan South Hampton Roads. Surveyed stakeholders reported that while lack of public transportation in the more rural areas of the region prevents many infant and toddler caregivers/teachers from attending trainings, motivating and enabling providers to attend trainings throughout the region is the biggest challenge. Approximately 18% of early care programs that can serve children from birth to age three in Virginia are located in the Eastern Region.

\* Information was gathered through needs assessments and surveys distributed to early care providers in December 2008. In the Eastern Region there were 48 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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