

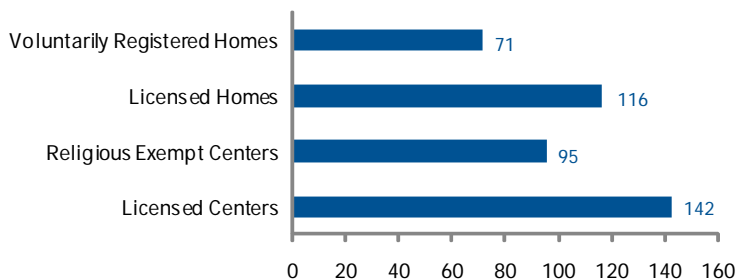
Virginia Infant and Toddler Early Care and Education Training and Professional Development Fact Sheet*

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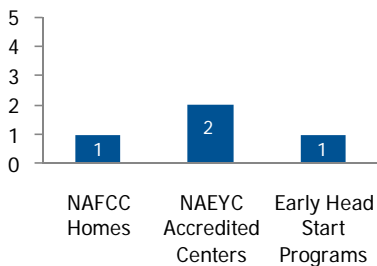
Alleghany, Amherst, Appomattox, Bath, Bedford, Botetourt, Campbell, Craig, Franklin, Henry, Nelson, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Roanoke, and Rockbridge Counties; Bedford, Buena Vista, Covington, Danville, Lexington, Lynchburg, Martinsville, Roanoke, and Salem

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

Infant and toddler ethnicity as reported by surveyed providers

White Asian/Pacific
Black Islander
Hispanic Native
American

Early Intervention

546 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

5 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
- Early Literacy
- Social-Emotional Growth
- Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers
- Infant and Toddler Mental Health

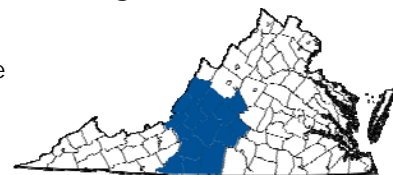
Barriers to Training

Barriers to training participation most often reported by early care providers

1. Time of day
2. Cost
3. Availability

Piedmont Region

Stretching from the Shenandoah Valley to the North Carolina border, the Piedmont Region is diversely rural and suburban. Stakeholders



reported while there is generally a good variety of training for infant and toddler early care providers available in the region, the Alleghany area specifically could benefit from additional training opportunities. Stakeholders also indicated that most training classes are geared toward center-based care rather than family care homes. Approximately 9% of early care programs that can serve children from birth to age three in Virginia are located in the Piedmont Region.

* Information was gathered through needs assessments and surveys distributed to early care providers in December 2008. In the Piedmont Region there were 16 survey responses from early care providers, or 4% 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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