

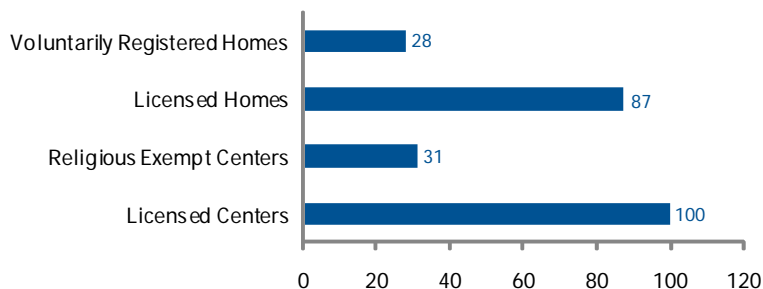
# Virginia Infant and Toddler Early Care and Education Training and Professional Development Fact Sheet\*

## WESTERN REGION

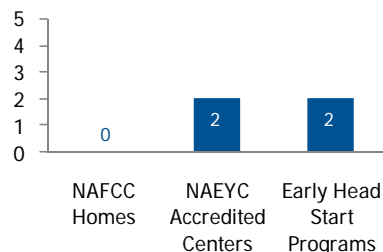
Bland, Buchanan, Carroll, Dickenson, Floyd, Giles, Grayson, Lee, Montgomery, Pulaski, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise, and Wythe Counties; Bristol, Galax, Norton, and Radford

### 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      Mandarin

Infant and toddler ethnicity as reported by surveyed providers

White      Asian/Pacific  
Black      Islander  
Hispanic      Native  
                 American

### Early Intervention

**328** 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

**2** 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
- Social-Emotional Growth
- Health and Safety Practices
- Early Literacy
- Creating Partnerships with Families

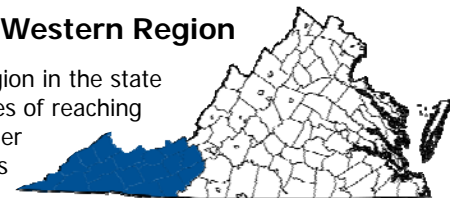
#### Barriers to Training

Barriers to training participation most often reported by early care providers

1. Cost
2. Availability
3. Time of day

#### Western Region

This most rural region in the state faces the challenges of reaching its infant and toddler caregivers/teachers with training



opportunities that are convenient and affordable. Due to the terrain, including road accessibility and weather conditions during the winter months, training opportunities are extremely limited in the southern most part of southwest Virginia. Stakeholders reported that many of the counties use distance learning training options for their early care providers. Approximately 5% of early care programs that can serve children from birth to age three in Virginia are located in the Western Region.

\* Information was gathered through needs assessments and surveys distributed to early care providers in December 2008. In the Western Region there were 23 survey responses from early care providers, or 10% of the total number of state regulated infant and toddler programs in the region. Additional information from state databases is current through 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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