



Virginia's Early Intervention and Public Preschool Programs At-a-Glance

Are you facing housing instability?

Are you the parent or caregiver of a young child?

There are several programs in Virginia that can help your child thrive!



Early Intervention

Early intervention programs offer supports and services to infants and toddlers who are not developing as expected or who have a medical condition that can delay typical development. These programs also teach parents and caregivers how to help their child during everyday activities.

Who is Eligible?

Infants and toddlers from birth to age two who are not developing as expected or who may have a medical condition that can delay development

Who to Contact?

Visit <http://www.itcva.online> and click on the Referral button to make a referral for your child or to contact the Central Directory.

Early Head Start*

Early Head Start* programs support the growth and development of prenatal women, infants, and toddlers. They also support parents or guardians in their roles as caregivers and help them to reach their goals.

Who is Eligible?

Pregnant women and children 0-36 months

Who to Contact?

Contact your local school division to find out if there is a Head Start or Early Head Start program in your area.

You can also visit <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov> and enter your address or zip code to find your local program(s).

Head Start*

Head Start* programs promote school-readiness for children. They focus on core areas of early learning, health, and family well-being while including parents or guardians through engagement activities.

Who is Eligible?

Children not yet in kindergarten and at least 3 years old

Who to Contact?

Contact your local school division to find out if there is a Head Start or Early Head Start program in your area.

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Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI)*

Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI)* provides quality preschool programs for at-risk children who are unserved by Head Start. VPI programs aim to reduce or eliminate the impact of risk factors that can interrupt academic success.

Who is Eligible?

Children who turn three by Sept. 30th of the school year

Who to Contact?

Contact your local school division to find out if there is a VPI program in your area. You can also contact your Ready Region representative for help determining the best public preschool program for your child. Visit <https://vecf.org/ready-region>.

Title I Preschool*

Title I Preschool* services may be available within Title I-funded schools. These services support early learning and school readiness for at-risk children.

Who is Eligible?

Children who are not old enough to enroll in kindergarten and who live in a Title I attendance area

Who to Contact?

Contact your local school division or neighborhood school to find out if there is a Title I preschool program in your area.

Early Childhood Special Education

Early childhood special education provides services to support the development and education of children with disabilities.

Who is Eligible?

Children ages two through five (who turn two by Sept. 30th of the current school year) and have a disability that requires special education

Who to Contact?

Call, email, or stop by your neighborhood school or contact the Virginia Department of Education's Parent Ombudsman for Special Education by calling 1-800-422-2083 or email at SpecialEducationOmbudsman@doe.virginia.gov.

***Young children experiencing homelessness are categorically eligible and prioritized for available slots.**