

**Virginia Preschool Initiative Subgroup**  
**March 12, 2015 1pm Meeting Agenda**

Lt Governor's Conference Room, Oliver Hill Building, 102 Governor Street, Richmond 23218  
Via conference call 866-842-5779 with pass code 4752632705 (*Please note this is a new conference line number!*)

- I. Welcome and Introductions
  
- II. Update on VPI Related Actions by the General Assembly
  
- III. Presentations on Private Provider Partnerships
  - a. Alleghany - Mary Jane Mutispaugh
  - b. Fairfax - Anne-Marie Twohie
  - c. Hampton - Nancy Null
  
- IV. Prepare for Discussion of Formula Challenges with DOE Budget Analyst at next meeting
  
- V. Planning for Additional Spring Meetings

*Spring VPI Workgroup Meetings in the Oliver Hill Building:*

March 25, 1-3pm: VDOE Budget Analysts to Present

April 9, 1-3pm: Discussion of Recommendations

April 17, 1-3pm (if needed): Finalize Recommendations

*April 24, Workgroup Recommendations due to Holly Coy by COB*

*Next Full CCCS Meeting:*

May 4, 2015 at 3pm in West Reading Room of the Patrick Henry Building

# ALLEGHANY COUNTY VPI PROGRAM

Virginia Preschool Initiative Program

Alleghany County Public Schools

Alleghany Highlands YMCA

In collaboration with TAP Head Start

# PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENT

- Partners include: Allegheny County Public Schools, Allegheny Highlands YMCA, Allegheny Foundation, and TAP Head Start
- Allegheny County Public Schools subcontracts with the Allegheny Highlands YMCA to administer the Allegheny VPI program.
- MOUs with the Allegheny Highlands YMCA (the Y) and TAP Head Start are provided in separate attachments.
- All three partners participate in Child Find annually in the spring. TAP handles enrollment of Head Start children. The Y handles enrollment of VPI students.
- Teacher qualifications include a teaching license with endorsement in early childhood or nursery school. Paraprofessionals must also be highly qualified (associate's degree, 64+ hours of college credit, or passing score on ParaPRO).

# FINANCE

- Memo outlining financing is attached.
- All funds come to Allegheny County Public Schools and are distributed to the “Y” through ACPS.
- The Allegheny Foundation provides the required local match for the Allegheny VPI program. These funds are paid to Allegheny County Public Schools and distributed to the “Y”.
- In-Kind contributions are provided by ACPS in the form of reduced rent/space for two classrooms at the Central location.

# LEADERSHIP/GOVERNANCE

- The program administrators are the Child Care Administrator and the Education Coordinator for the Allegheny Highlands YMCA.
- Governance is provided by the Child Care Committee. This is composed of the Child Care Administrator, Education Coordinator, Executive Director of the YMCA, member of YMCA Board, ACPS Director of Instruction, a parent/former parent, Department of Social Services representative, representative of the community college, and two volunteers in the VPI program.
- When teaching vacancies occur, the "Y" Executive Director, Child Care Administrator, and ACPS Director of Instruction interview and fill vacancies.

# PROGRAM AND ASSESSMENTS

- The program includes three classrooms at two sites in the county. One site is centrally located in Low Moor, VA and has two classrooms. The other site serves the western part of the county and is located in Covington, VA.
- PALS PreK is used to assess literacy skills.
- Brigance is used to assess math skills.

# QUESTIONS

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CC: Sarah T. Campbell, Superintendent

FROM: Mary Jane Mutispaugh, Director of Instruction

DATE: December 9, 2014

SUBJECT: VPI Program Financing for 2014-2015

In regard to finance of the Virginia Preschool Initiative program for 2014-2015, the following arrangements are in place:

1. The state allotment of \$177,302 will be divided into six installments, beginning in mid January and continuing until June 30.
2. The YMCA will contact the Alleghany Foundation to request the contribution of \$49,066 up front. This serves as the local cash match for the VPI program. The YMCA will use this together with their funds to finance the program through October.
3. Alleghany County Public Schools will "front" the YMCA \$40,000 to be paid in two installments, one in November (\$20,000) and one in December (\$20,000). This money will be repaid to the school division by withholding \$10,000 per month from the state allotment, beginning in January until the total is repaid.

The YMCA continues to be responsible for compliance with all VPI program requirements.



# Fairfax County Virginia Preschool Initiative

Commonwealth Council on Childhood Success  
VPI Workgroup Meeting

March 12, 2015

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# Program Design

**Fairfax County serves 1,584 children in the Virginia Preschool Initiative**

Community-based programs

270 children served in 27 community-based early childhood programs

19 licensed child care centers

8 regulated family child care homes

Fairfax County Public Schools

1,314 children served in FCPS classrooms



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# Program Scope of Work

- Quality Preschool Education
- Family Engagement
- Comprehensive Services
- Transportation



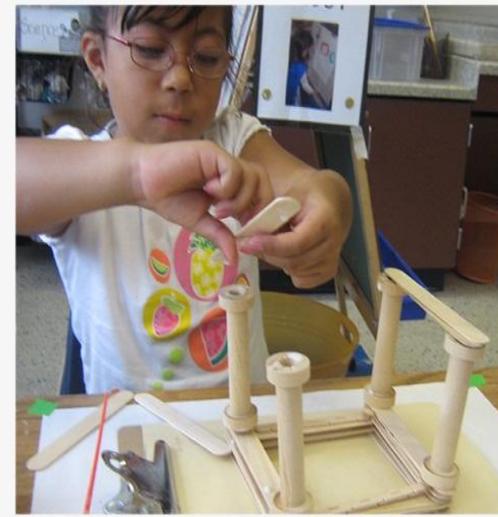
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# Program Monitoring

- Qualified early childhood specialists, resource teachers and consultants provide technical assistance and conduct on-site visits to ensure compliance with program requirements
- Many programs participate in state and national quality assurance and credentialing systems
  - Virginia Quality Rating and Improvement System (VQRIS)
  - Child Development Associate (CDA)
  - National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
  - National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC)
  - National Administrator Credential (NAC)
- Child and family data is entered into ChildPlus



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# VPI Funds

- Curriculum implementation
- Professional development
- Family engagement
- Comprehensive Services



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# Mixed Delivery System

- Blended classrooms
- Braided funds
- Community partnerships



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Memorandum of Understanding

Between

*Hampton City Schools*

and

*Office of Human Affairs*

*Head Start Program*

# Purpose/Legal Authority:

This Memorandum of Understanding between Hampton City Schools and OHA Head Start for the purpose of coordinating mutually beneficial activities of the parties involved to provide better services for children and families served in the locality preschool programs. This agreement is supported by the authorization of Head Start programs found in the improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007 42 USC 9801 et seq. Public Law 110-134 of the federal code. This law is enacted to promote collaboration among all preschool programs and Head Start. The parties included in this agreement acknowledge the value of partnering to enhance training opportunities, service delivery, sharing resources and exchanging information that is mutually beneficial to all parties participating, as appropriate during the school year 2014-2015.

# Areas of General Provisions for Collaboration:

**Recruitment** – The Office of Human Affairs Head Start Program and the Hampton City Public Schools agree to the following areas of collaboration in recruitment.

## 1. **General Terms for a Single Point of Entry:**

- Head Start will hold registration at Mallory Elementary School for all Mallory Pre-K Head Start students.
- Head Start re-enrollees will remain in Head Start classes. Head Start will provide a list of re-enrollees to Hampton City Schools prior to start of registration in February to collaboratively reduce eligible Head Start students from being enrolled in the Virginia Preschool Initiative Program.

**Enrollment** – The Office of Human Affairs Head Start Program and the Hampton City Public Schools agree to the following areas of collaboration in enrollment.

## 2. General Terms for Shared Enrollment Procedures:

- As part of the screening process for Kindergarten, Head Start will provide Health Records to include physical and immunization records for the school nurse to review in accordance with school entry requirements.

**Curriculum** – The Office of Human Affairs Head Start Program and the Hampton City Public Schools agree to the following areas of collaboration in curriculum.

Mutual Support of Curriculums used by the partners in collaboration:

- The Virginia Foundation Blocks for Early Learning will be used to align and guide the curriculum.
- Students will be evaluated in literacy. Each classroom will use PALS Pre-K and report data to the PALS office at the University of Virginia.
- Head Start and Aberdeen Virginia Preschool Initiative classes will participate in joint professional development training.

- Head Start and Aberdeen Virginia Preschool Initiative teaching staff will meet at least twice a year to ensure appropriate use of early childhood best practices and collaborative parent involvement events.

## **Other Collaboration Considerations**

- The program will include high quality preschool education, health services, social services, parental involvement, and transportation.
- The program will comply with the staffing standards required by Section 22.1-199.1C, Code of Virginia. The maximum class size will be 18 students or less. A full-time teacher's aide will be assigned to classes exceeding 9 students, but less than 18 students.
- The program will be full day (6 hours) or half day (3 hours) and at least a school year (180 days).
- Head Start classrooms will meet Child Care Licensure Standards of Virginia.
- Program personnel will have the appropriate professional credentials for program site.

- Program information and data will be provided as requested by Hampton City Schools and the Department of Education.
- Classrooms will participate in site visits conducted by Hampton City Schools.
- Head Start will collaborate with Hampton City Schools to schedule kindergarten classroom visits prior to students transitioning to kindergarten.
- Head Start will provide end-of-year student records and information according to Hampton City Schools' policy, SBO Form 359.
- Head Start will provide a representative to the Virginia Preschool Initiative steering Committee to maintain program coordination with schools, child care providers, local social services agency, Head Start, local health department and other groups as needed.
- Head Start will be an active participant on the Hampton City Schools/Head Start Collaboration Council for joint participation of parent meetings, staff training, student registration and community assessment.

## **2015 General Assembly Adopted Changes to the Virginia Preschool Initiative- March 10, 2015**

Virginia's state-funded preschool program for at-risk four year-olds has steadily grown in popularity with parents and school division administrators enrolling over 18,000 students this past fall. Yet this GA Session that popularity was not enough to counteract some significant policy changes for the program. A number of budget amendments were introduced to shape VPI policy (VPI is only in the budget, not the code). Notably a budget amendment was adopted to form a VPI Reform Committee of members of House Appropriations and Senate Finance. This Reform Committee will likely weigh the policy changes adopted this year and others before the next General Assembly Session.

1. **Uniform eligibility-** Instead of the introduced budget amendment recommending a uniform income eligibility criteria for VPI of 130% poverty (eligibility for free lunch), the adopted budget includes the following eligibility guidelines: 1) family income below 200% poverty 2) homelessness 3) parent/guardian did not graduate HS 4) a student with special needs/disabilities below 350% poverty. The Dept of Education will also be asked to collect aggregate data on the number of students enrolled below 130% poverty and above 130% and below 200% poverty. This change will impact the upcoming enrollment and recruitment processes for VPI next fall.
2. **Allocated slots updated for kindergarten enrollment-** An amendment was adopted to update VPI slot allocation based on new kindergarten enrollment projections and reduce overall VPI funding by \$2.9 million. Because there is language in the introduced budget that the 2014 hold harmless allocation will continue for FY16, some communities will not be impacted by these changes this year but could be if they continue in the future (notably Norfolk, Newport News, Portsmouth and Lynchburg). However there are a few communities will be impacted by the allocation changes this coming fall (notably Roanoke City, Tazewell, Southampton, Greenville & Campbell would lose allocated and used slots of a classroom or more).
3. **VPI+ federal grant-** The adopted budget includes language allocating the federal preschool expansion grants and language that state general funds will not be used to cover any reductions in received or budgeted federal grant funds.
4. **Formation of Jt. Subcommittee on VPI Reform-** Chairmen of House Appropriations and Senate Finance shall appoint up to 5 members from their committees to provide recommendations for reforming VPI by Nov. 1, 2015. The staff of the education subcommittees and the Dept of Education will help facilitate the scope of work. VA Early Childhood Foundation will provide support and resources to members and staff. Stakeholders such as VDSS, VCCS, local school division, private providers, accredited organization, education associations and businesses may provide additional information if requested.

More detail on proposed legislative changes to VPI available at: <http://vakids.org/topics/roller-coaster-ride-vpi-budget-amendments>

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