



# Pre-K Proposal

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# Goal

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- Ensure that more at-risk 4-year-olds have access to voluntary high quality preschool services.





# Information utilized in planning proposal

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- Start Strong Council
- JLARC Report
  - Pre-K works and VPI is effective
  - Barriers are cost and space
- Initial Evaluation of Pre-K Pilots
  - Mixed delivery system is working



# Objective of proposal

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**Address issues of:**

- **Access** – policies addressing cost and space
- **Quality with Accountability** – QRIS, scholarships, community grants

# To address the challenge of cost for localities...

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- Localities may choose a per pupil rate from \$5,700 to \$6,790
- A cap on the local match, based on the composite index, so that the state will pay at least half of the cost



# Every locality...

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- is ensured funding for a minimum of one preschool classroom
  - Base of 9 slots



# Raise state allocation formula...

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- from eligibility for free lunch to free *and* reduced-price lunch





# To address the challenge of space for localities...

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- Partnership with private partners  
for at least 10% of any new slots



# To address the need for stronger program administration...

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- Adds funds and staff at DOE for program administration, technical assistance, and evaluation





# QRIS

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- Will measure and assign a quality rating to public and private programs
  - Assessments conducted by trained, independent raters using validated instruments
  - Mentors assist with improving quality of classroom settings
  - QRIS= continuous quality improvement system for providers and consumer education tool for parents



# Early Childhood Workforce Development

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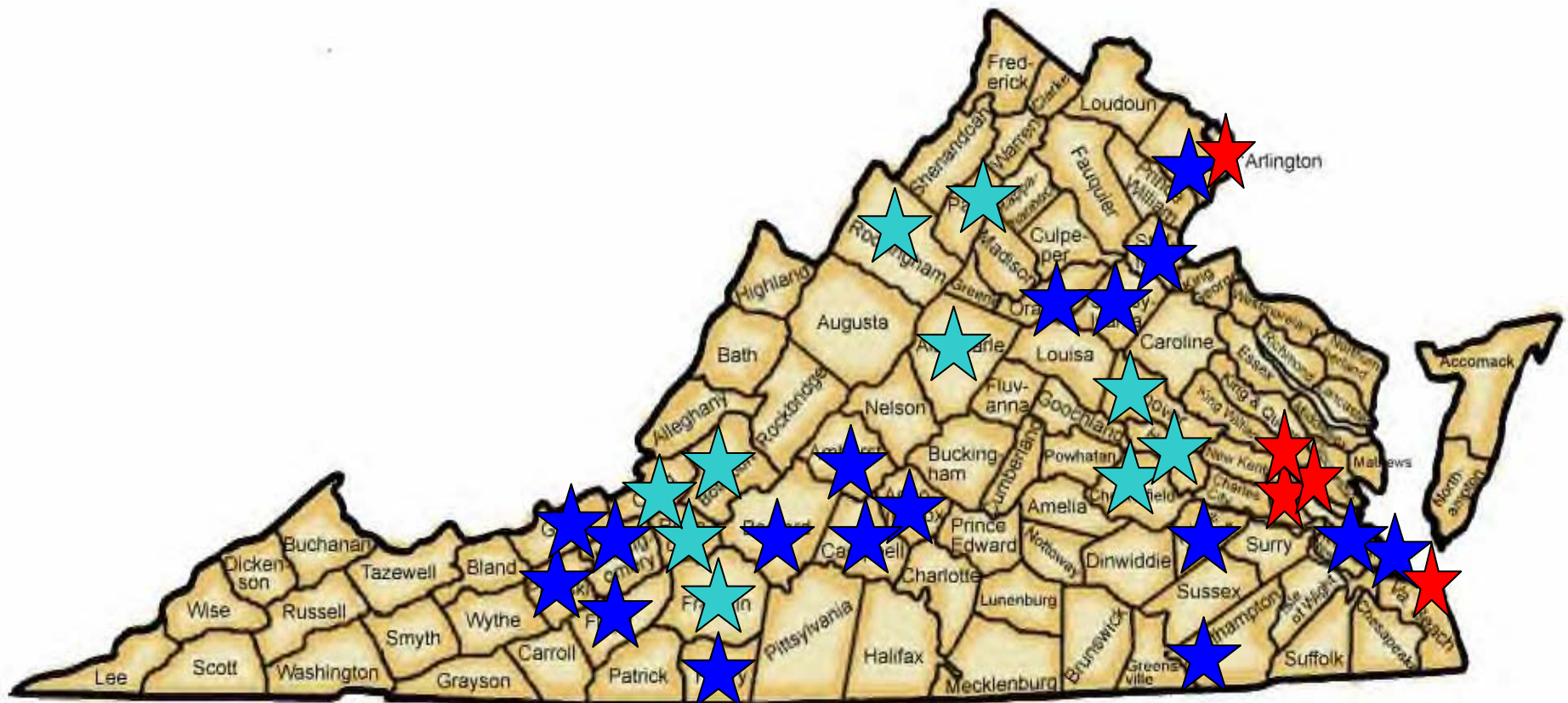
- To support enhancement of skills and expansion of workforce
- Degree attainment at community colleges and 4-year colleges
- Specialized Early Childhood training



# To facilitate local councils

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- Funds to the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation for grants to local communities
- Support 14 new communities; sustain 15 existing communities
- Will match public funds 2-1 with local and private funds



# Current VECF Grant Communities

# Expand voluntary high quality preschool...

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- to serve nearly 20,000 4-year-olds by the end of the biennium
- Current enrollment 13,125
- FY10 19,261





# Total Cost of Pre-K Initiatives

Component	FY09	FY10	TOTAL
Pupil Cost	\$15.0	\$15.0	\$29.9
		<i>\$14.9 NGF</i>	
VPI Administration	\$0.34	\$0.34	\$0.7
QRIS	\$1.3	\$3.3	\$4.6
Workforce Dev.	\$1.0	\$3.0	\$4.0
VECF	\$.5	\$1.5	\$2.0
Total Additional Funds (GF,NGF)	\$18.04	\$38.04	\$56.08

*\$ in millions*