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Virginia Preschool Initiative**

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# School Readiness

School Readiness is a collaborative priority of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Fairfax County School Board.

Together we support children and families through a mixed delivery system which ensures the availability of multiple options to meet the diverse needs of families in the County.

The system includes a variety of programs such as home visiting, child care subsidies, VPI, Title 1 and Head Start.



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# VPI Partnership

The partnership between OFC, FCPS and community early childhood programs is integral to the County's system of public and private programs supporting children's school readiness.



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Since the 1990's VPI programming has been provided to children in both public school and private program settings.

- Braided funds
- Blended classrooms
- Community partnerships



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In 2015-2016 Fairfax County will serve 1,628 children in the Virginia Preschool Initiative

Fairfax County Public Schools  
1,348 children served in 65 FCPS schools

Community programs  
280 children served in 21 community  
early childhood programs



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Providing VPI services in partnership with community early childhood programs provides a number of benefits:

- Increases opportunities to serve at-risk 4 year olds
- Allows for family choice
- Acknowledges the role of community early childhood programs in Fairfax County



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Fairfax County has developed a system to provide quality and continuous growth and development in VPI programs.

- Qualified early childhood specialists, resource teachers and consultants provide technical assistance and on-site visits to VPI programs
- Programs participate in the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program
- Many programs participate in state and national quality assurance and credentialing systems

Virginia Quality Rating and Improvement System (VQRIS)

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)



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We appreciate your consideration of the comprehensive VPI recommendations made by the Commonwealth Council on Childhood Success as they address key issues such as per pupil funding and match requirements, and promote a mixed delivery system and local flexibility for eligibility.

VPI makes a positive difference in the lives of children and their families.

Thank you.



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