



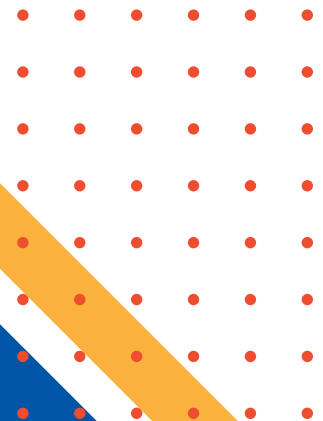
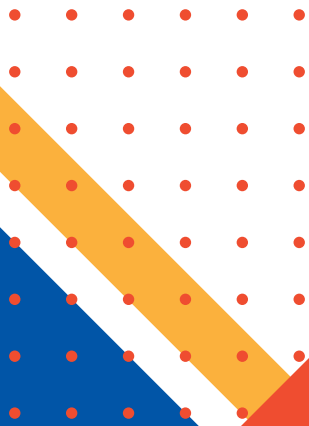
United Way of
Southwest Virginia



Committed to Quality
Early Learning

Program Dates:
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

VIRGINIA QUALITY IMPACT REPORT 2022



THE ISSUE

Research shows that quality child care and early learning programs positively impact children's development, resulting in more success in school and life. Young children's brains are built from the bottom up, with early experiences setting the stage for all later development. Maintaining quality early childcare requires childcare providers to engage in continuing education and improvement as directed by programs such as Virginia Quality. This program also provides reliable and consistent information about early care and education options so that families can select programs according to their values and priorities.

Over the next 2 years, the Virginia Quality Rating and Improvement System will be replaced by VQB5 (Virginia Quality Birth to 5), Virginia's new unified quality measurement and improvement system. During this time, participating childcare providers will need guidance, support, and additional resources to continue to work on the quality improvement goals required by the new ratings system.

THE GOAL

In previous years, United Way of Southwest Virginia has assisted our region's childcare providers in meeting Virginia Quality standards and elevating their quality ratings. Now we will be providing mentoring/coaching, technical assistance, professional development and other resources throughout the transition to the new VQB5 system. By providing this assistance, we will help our region's childcare providers make successful transitions to the new VQB5 system. This will be a vital part of maintaining the quality of early childcare and education in our region, and ensuring that all children in our region have quality teaching and learning experiences that meet their unique needs.



WHAT WE'RE DOING

From July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023 our team's role in Virginia Quality will be to support participating programs with the transition to the state's new unified measurement and improvement system, VQB5. VQB5 recognizes the impact of every classroom, provides feedback to every educator, and supports programs to improve. By fall 2023, all publicly-funded programs will be required to participate in VQB5 with ratings shared publicly in fall 2024.

The transition phase will consist of two practice years. VQ Regions provide quality improvement support to VQ programs and other programs participating in Practice Year 1 in collaboration with PDG Communities.

- July 2021 – VQ application closed for new programs. (Exception: If a program is in an area without PDG, they may apply for VQ.)
- January 2022 – VQ Rating Extensions. All VQ programs in good standing will have their current rating automatically extended through fall of 2024.
- To maintain active VQ status, programs will need to continue to work on quality improvement goals through VQ and/or PDG.
- June 30, 2022 - Deadline for participating VQ programs to move up to Levels 2-5.

THE IMPACT

TEACHERS SERVED

ALMOST
1,000

teachers were provided coaching/mentoring and professional development opportunities.

CHILDREN SERVED

5,000+

children in the region provided with quality care and education

PROGRAMS SERVED

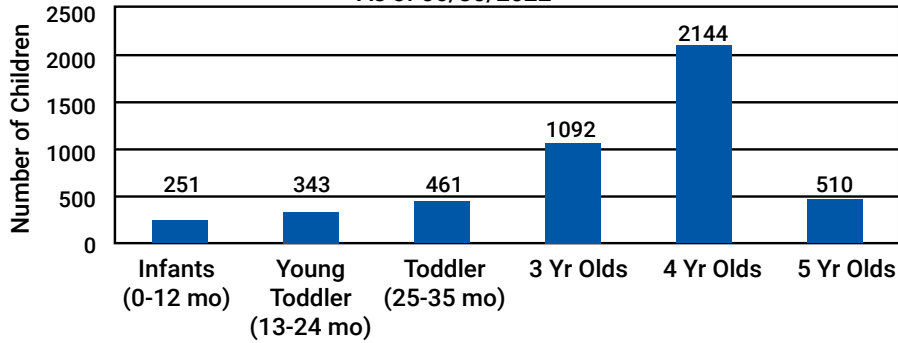
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PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS assisted with initial steps toward transition to VQB5 goals and standards

THE NUMBERS

Children Impacted by Virginia Quality

As of 06/30/2022



Total: 4,767 Children

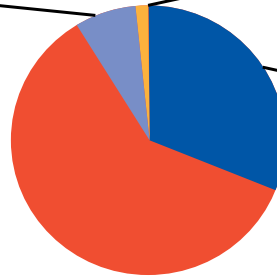
Cross-Sector Participation

Licensed Family Home
8%

Licensed Child Care Center
60%

Religious Exempt
1%

Dept of Education
31%



In addition, 60 child care programs are Head Start

	#	Quality Demonstrated
Level 1	29	
Level 2	13	
Level 3	98	
Level 4	15	
Level 5	5	