

# COMMONWEALTH COUNCIL ON CHILDHOOD SUCCESS

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**Thursday January 15, 2015**

# Agenda

- I. Welcome and Updates
  - Children’s Cabinet Co-Chairs, Secretaries Holton and Hazel
  - Commission on Youth Letter
  - Pay for Success Grant Application – Letter of Support
  
- II. Federal Grant Briefings
  - Federal Preschool Expansion Grant
  - Early Head Start Expansion Grants
  
- III. Presentation and Discussion of Preliminary Findings from Workgroups
  1. School Readiness
    - Virginia Preschool Initiative
    - Access to and Quality of Child Care and Preschool
    - Early Elementary Years
  2. Health and Well Being
  3. Data and Governance
  
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Next Steps

# Virginia Pay For Success Feasibility Grant

- The Virginia Pay for Success Council has partnered with the Department of Health to apply for grant funding to conduct a feasibility study in Virginia to utilize a “pay for success” financing model for home visiting.
- Pay for Success is an innovative way of partnering with philanthropic and private sector investors to create incentives for service providers to deliver better outcomes at lower cost—producing the highest return on taxpayer investments.
- The funding for this grant would come from Third Sector Capitol, a nonprofit technical assistance firm that received a large federal grant this fall to help interested states conduct feasibility studies.
- The applicants have asked the Commonwealth Council on Childhood Success to submit a letter of support for their application.

# Federal Preschool Expansion Grant

*Presentation by Dr. Staples, Virginia Superintendent for Public Instruction*

- \$17.5 million awarded for year one, serving students during the 2015-2016 school year
- Will facilitate the development of “VPI+” a program that will be administered by the VA Department of Education and run parallel to existing VPI programs
- Classrooms participating will administer “VPI+” program with ambitious goals for children's educational and developmental outcomes . Classrooms will participate in QRIS to monitor quality, CASTL teams will provide coaching to teachers, and all will receive extensive professional development services
- Comprehensive, wrap around services will be coordinated with participating families
- Communities to be served under the grant: Brunswick, Chesterfield, Fairfax, Giles, Henrico, Petersburg, Prince William, Richmond, Sussex, Winchester

# Early Head Start Expansion Grants

*Presentation by Aleta Lawson, Head Start Collaboration Director at DSS*

- Head Start grants are awarded directly to service providers, not to the state
- Preliminary grantees include providers in Alexandria, Culpeper, Fairfax, Oakton, Roanoke, Verona and West Point and range from \$600,000 to \$2.7 million per provider (Do note, grant amounts are not yet final)
- These grants will allow new or existing Early Head Start programs to partner with local child care centers and family child care providers serving infants and toddlers from low-income families.

# Updates from Workgroups

- Workgroups are meeting in between full Council meetings to develop recommendations for the consideration by the full Council in Spring 2015
- Workgroups include interested Council members, their staff, and outside stakeholders with additional expertise
- Each workgroup is considering relevant recommendations related to data collection; professional development and workforce development; state policy changes (legislative and regulatory); and financing of programs and services

# Next Steps

- March/ April Town Halls: Northern Virginia, Richmond, Hampton Roads and Southside
- Spring Council Meeting: Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>
- Workgroups with written recommendations by Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>
- Website with meeting materials, agenda, minutes, etc:  
[www.ltgov.virginia.gov/ini\\_childhoodsuccess.htm](http://www.ltgov.virginia.gov/ini_childhoodsuccess.htm)
- Public comments can be submitted electronically to:  
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