

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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