

## VPI Background Documents and Resources

### **BUDGET LANGUAGE:**

The Virginia Budget establishes the Virginia Preschool Initiative. That budget language can be found online here: <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?142+bud+21-136>

### **VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RESOURCES:**

*Virginia's Foundation Blocks for Early Learning: Comprehensive Standards for Four Year Olds*

[http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/early\\_childhood/preschool\\_initiative/foundationblocks.pdf](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/early_childhood/preschool_initiative/foundationblocks.pdf)

This document provides childhood educators a set of minimum standards in literacy, mathematics, science, history and social science, health and physical development, personal and social development, music, and the visual arts, with indicators of success for entering kindergarten that are derived from scientifically-based research. The standards reflect a consensus of children's conceptual learning, acquisition of basic knowledge, and participation in meaningful and relevant learning experiences. The standards are aligned with Virginia's Kindergarten Standards of Learning (SOL) and Virginia's Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS).

*Virginia's Preschool Curriculum Review Rubric and Planning Tool*

[http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/early\\_childhood/preschool\\_initiative/preschool\\_rubric.pdf](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/early_childhood/preschool_initiative/preschool_rubric.pdf)

This rubric has been developed for programs in Virginia that provide preschool services to children who are four-years-old. While it is intended for the Virginia Preschool Initiative, Title I Preschools, and Early Childhood Special Education, private and parochial providers may also use this rubric. The purpose of the Preschool Curriculum Review Rubric is to help early childhood educators identify and choose curricula that are based on scientific research and that align with Virginia's Foundation Blocks for Early Learning (see above).

*Virginia's Quality Indicators for Responsive Teaching: Creating a High Quality Preschool Learning Environment*

[http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/early\\_childhood/preschool\\_initiative/preschool\\_quality\\_indicators.pdf](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/early_childhood/preschool_initiative/preschool_quality_indicators.pdf)

A checklist that aligns with Virginia's Foundation Blocks for Early Learning can help teachers and parents focus on creating shared, active, and hands-on opportunities for young children to develop their full potential. The indicators included in this document are aligned with the skills, knowledge, and competencies that are essential to prepare children for kindergarten, and to build a strong foundation for children's ongoing success in school.

### **RELEVANT REPORTS:**

*Virginia Early Childhood Foundation/ Smart Beginnings: VA's Preschool Puzzle*

<http://www.smartbeginnings.org/Portals/5/PDFs/VA%20Preschool%20Puzzle%20WEB.pdf>

Discusses current barriers and examples from local communities implementing VPI

*National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER): State of Preschool Yearbook 2013- Virginia Profile*

[http://nieer.org/sites/nieer/files/Virginia\\_2013.pdf](http://nieer.org/sites/nieer/files/Virginia_2013.pdf)

This overview of preschool programs in VA compares us to other states

*Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) 2007 Report on VPI*

<http://jlarc.virginia.gov/reports/Rpt364.pdf>

The 2007 General Assembly directed JLARC to look at VPI and universal preschool. The presentation provided on the report to the GA is also online here and provides an overview of the report findings: <http://jlarc.virginia.gov/meetings/November07/preKbrf.pdf>

**DATA:**

KIDS COUNT Data: A project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, KIDS COUNT is the premier source for data on child and family well-being in the United States. Access hundreds of indicators, download data and create reports and graphics on the KIDS COUNT Data Center at [www.datacenter.kidscount.org](http://www.datacenter.kidscount.org)

*Four-year-olds served by Virginia Preschool Initiative, 2010- 2014, by Locality*  
<http://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/tables/3258-four-year-olds-served-by-virginia-preschool-initiative?loc=48&loct=2#detailed/5/6812-6945/false/1248,1090,1001,943,839/any/10488>

*Kindergarteners whose fall PALS-K scores were below kindergarten readiness levels, 2009-2014, by Locality*  
<http://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/tables/3254-kindergarteners-whose-fall-pals-k-scores-were-below-kindergarten-readiness-levels?loc=48&loct=2#detailed/5/6812-6946/false/1232,1123,1031,923,920/any/14863,10559>