

## At-A-Glance Comparison Chart for Virginia’s Early Childhood Opportunities 2021-22

\*Pending legislative/budget session decisions

Opportunity	Mixed Delivery*	Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI)*	PDG B-5
<b>Population Served/ Engaged</b>	-At risk (<200% FPL + local criteria) 3s & 4s in private/community-based (non-school) settings. - Families who choose for their children to be in a community-based setting. - Families who count on child care arrangements to support their work/life needs/schedules (full day, full year).	-At risk (<200% FPL + local criteria) 4s unserved by Head Start. Ability to apply to serve increased number of slots through local eligibility criteria waiver. -Limited Pilot of 3s. - Families who choose to enroll their children in a public school run PreK program. Most programs are in a school setting, though some are in a community-based setting. -Families interested in a school day/school year of instruction for preschool aged children.	-All program sites with classrooms serving children 0-5 and receiving public funds within a defined jurisdiction/region. (including Head Start/Early Head Start, VPI, Title I, Parts B/C of IDEA, Mixed Delivery, subsidized child care).
<b>Primary Purpose</b>	-Service/Seats Access +up to 500 students to be served in 2021-22	Services/Seats Access +students each year to ~21,000 served	-Infrastructure with goal of providing funding to all communities to measure and improve access, quality and family engagement by 2022 -Piloting a unified measurement and improvement system and improved systems for data collection
<b>Fiscal Agency/ Lead Agency at local level</b>	-Fiscal agency and administrator will vary – school division, United Ways, Smart Beginnings, Community Action agency, universities, city/county, etc. - Participating early childhood care and education (ECCE) programs are encouraged to participate in PDG, if available in their jurisdiction.	-Fiscal agency will likely be school division. - VPI divisions participate in PDG grants and MDG grants.	Fiscal agency and administrator will vary – school, division, United Ways, Smart Beginnings, Universities., Community Action agencies, etc. -Current MD grantees may apply. -Current PDG grantees may indicate intent to expand footprint.
<b>Footprint</b>	Footprint will vary – single to multiple jurisdictions.	Footprint is usually single jurisdiction/school division.	Footprint will vary – single to multiple jurisdictions.
<b>Service Providers</b>	Licensed private child care in family day homes, centers, and preschools.	Most often public schools. Can also include regulated child care in FDH, centers, preschools; Head Start	Lead agency must secure participation from all publicly-funded providers, including Head Start/Early Head Start, VPI, Title I, Parts B/C of IDEA, all child care and family day home providers that are registered for the child care subsidy program.
<b>Funding</b>	-Grants to cover costs of coordination and increase in number of publicly funded services/slots. - Communities must ensure that additional funding (such as child care subsidy, Head Start, CACFP, e.g.) also supports Mixed Delivery classrooms.	- State-determined allocation per slot, proposed to increase for 2021-22, funding goes to school division; -Additional add-on funding for slots offered in community provider settings; reallocation funds available.	-Grants to cover costs of coordination, quality improvements, teacher and site incentives (in child care, FDH settings).
<b>Proposals/ Deadlines</b>	LOI required by 3/15/21. Proposal due 5/14/21.	Applications due 5/15/21. Reallocation completed 7/1/21.	LOI required by 3/15/21. Proposal due 5/14/21.
<b>Considerations</b>	-To reach 500 children/year, need to ID communities that are fairly populous or regions broad enough to add minimum of 50 children/slots per year. -Focus on communities that have left VPI \$ on table due to lack of school space or lack of local match, or have full Head Start programs/wait lists. -Waiver eliminating requirement of bachelor degree/teacher license.	-VPI grantees should consider expanding their program if they know there are unserved 4s or 3s, if they can expand partnerships in community-based settings where there is limited classroom space, if they have reached their max with VPI spending but still have wait lists, or if they have a need for increased local eligibility criteria.	-PDG communities will pilot the first “learning year” of the new uniform measurement and improvement system in 2021-2022. Participation will be required for all publicly-funded programs by 2023-2024. - All Virginia communities will ultimately be expected to participate in the unified system. PDG enables ready communities to start this important work now. -PDG <u>cannot</u> be used to pay for slots.

FOCUS: SLOTS

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