



**Leader List as of 5/12/2026**

**Host Organization**

*Virginia Early Childhood Foundation, Board of Directors*

**Partnering Organizations**

*Virginia Chamber of Commerce  
Virginia Economic Development Partnership  
Virginia Economic Developers Association  
GO Virginia  
Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions  
Virginia Hispanic Chamber  
Virginia Hispanic Foundation*

**Supporting Organizations**

*Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association  
Virginia Restaurant, Lodging, and Travel Association*

**Regional Delegations**

**Ready Region Blue Ridge**

**Lead Agency: United Way of Greater Charlottesville**

*C & F Bank, Amanda Litchfield  
Central VA Partnership for Economic Dev., Helen Cauthen  
Central Shenandoah PDC, Ann Cundy  
Charlottesville Reg. Chamber of Commerce, Andrea Copeland  
Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce, Chris Quinn  
Piedmont Family YMCA, Jessica Taylor  
Piedmont Virginia Community College, Dr. Jean Runyon  
Piedmont Workforce Development Board, Sarah Morton  
Shenandoah Valley Partnership, Bekka Harsh  
University of Virginia, Pace Lochte & Rachael Hobbs*

**Ready Region Chesapeake Bay**

**Lead Agency: FirstSpark**

*Huntington Ingalls/Newport News Shipbuilding, Karen Velkey & Cindi Wolfe*

**Ready Region North Central**

**Lead Agency: Foundation First**

*Culpeper Co. Economic Development, Bryan Rothamel  
Fredericksburg Regional Alliance at UMW, Rose Maddox  
Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce, Carley Walker  
George Washington Regional Commission, Sarah Oldaker  
Prince William Co. Chamber of Commerce, Kristi Black*

**Ready Region Capital Area**

**Lead Agency: Fairfax Co. Dept. of Neighborhood & Community Services, Early Childhood Programs & Services**

*Arlington Chamber of Commerce, Kate Bates  
Fairfax Co. Economic Development Authority, Victor Hoskins  
Fairfax Futures, Dr. Bernadette Costello*

**Ready Region Central**

**Lead Agency: Thrive Birth to Five**

*Bon Secours Health System, Ashley Kelly  
Capital Region Airport Commission, John Rutledge  
ChamberRVA, Brian Anderson  
City of Richmond Office of Children & Families, Eva Colen  
Dominion Energy, Regina Elbert  
Greater Richmond Partnership, Angela Oakes  
Henrico Co. Economic Development Authority, Ebonie Atkins*

**Ready Region Southeastern**

**Lead Agency: Minus 9 to 5, VA Health Sciences at ODU**

*CIVIC Leadership Institute, Mary Kate Andris  
Greater Norfolk Corporation, Linda Peck  
Hampton Roads Alliance, Toi Hunter  
Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, Sylvia Haines  
Hampton Roads Executive Roundtable, Nancy Grden  
Hampton Roads Military & Federal Facilities Alliance, Rick Dwyer  
Hampton Roads Workforce Council, Shawn Avery  
Instant Systems, Tara Ramsey  
Norfolk State University, Denelle Wallace Alexander  
Old Dominion University, Sarah Jane Kirkland  
Paul D. Camp Community College, Dr. Corey McCray  
Portsmouth Partnership, Michelle Wren  
Sentara Healthcare  
Virginia Natural Gas, Emily MacCartney  
Virginia Wesleyan University, Keith Moore  
YMCA of South Hampton Roads, Anthony Walters*

### **Ready Region Southside**

#### **Lead Agency: Center for Early Success**

*Averett University, Dr. Julie Brown  
Danville Community College, Dr. Cornelius Johnson  
Danville Office of Economic Development & Tourism, Kelvin Perry  
Danville Pittsylvania Chamber of Commerce, Anne Moore-Sparks  
Danville Public Schools, Angela Hairston  
GO Virginia Region 3, Bryan David  
Halifax IDA, Brian Brown  
Longwood University, Angela McDonald  
Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance, Christine Kennedy  
Southern Virginia Regional Alliance, Linda Green  
VA's Heartland Regional Economic Dev. Alliance, Alex McCoy*

### **Ready Region Southwest**

#### **Lead Agency: EO**

*Ballad Health, Todd Norris  
Bristol Chamber of Commerce, Beth Rhinehart  
Lawrence Brothers Inc. and Anytime Fitness, Melanie Protti-  
Lawrence  
STRONG Accountability Care Community, Beth Huber  
Tazewell County, AJ Robinson  
UVA Wise, Shannon Blevins  
Virginia Coalfields Economic Dev. Authority, Jonathan Belcher  
Washington County Public Schools, Keith Perrigan  
Wellspring Foundation of Southwest VA, Sean McMurray &  
Courtney Stringer  
Wytheville Community College, Dean Sprinkle*

### **Ready Region West**

#### **Lead Agency: United Way of Virginia's Blue Ridge**

*Alleghany Highlands Chamber of Commerce & Tourism, Josh  
Taylor  
Appalachian Power  
Botetourt Co. Economic Development, Kyle Rosner  
Carilion Clinic, Nicholas Conte  
City of Roanoke, Dept. of Economic Dev., Brandon Meginley  
Franklin Co., Economic Development, Karli Martin  
Goodwill Industries of the Valleys, Mindy Boyd  
Greater Roanoke Workforce Development Board, Morgan Romeo  
The Harvest Foundation, Kate Keller & Sandy Strayer  
Roanoke Co. Economic Dev., Megan Baker & Lindsay Webb  
Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce, Eric Sichau  
Roanoke Regional Partnership, John Hull  
Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, Jeremy Holmes  
RSVP, Inc., Anna Fierro*