



Leader List as of 5/19/2026

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
Altec Industries, Kristina Repass
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*