

Fund 40045, Early Childhood Birth to 5

FY 2025 Adopted Budget Plan: Performance Measures

Note: The following indicators on school readiness activities and the County's early childhood system were previously reported under Agency 79, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services.

Goal

To support, promote, and provide quality child care services in Fairfax County in order to advance the healthy development of young children.

Community Education and Provider Services (CEPS)

Objective

To maintain the supply of County regulated family child care providers in Fairfax County at 900 permitted providers.

Performance Indicators

Indicator	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Estimate	FY 2025 Estimate
Output						
Permitted family child care homes	932	861	1,000	832	900	900
Slots available in permitted care	3,728	3,444	4,000	3,328	3,600	3,600
Efficiency						
Average cost per slot in permitted care	\$445.49	\$463.37	\$472.64	\$516.47	\$506.83	\$506.83
Service Quality						
Percent of survey respondents satisfied with service received from CEPS.	99%	99%	99%	98%	99%	99%
Outcome						
Percent change in number of permitted child care slots	(10%)	(8%)	16%	(3%)	8%	0%

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Child Care Assistance and Referral Program (CCAR)

Objective

To serve as many children as possible in the Child Care Assistance and Referral Program within the current funding allocation, which will be approximately 2,000 children.

Performance Indicators

Indicator	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Estimate	FY 2025 Estimate
Output						
Children served by CCAR	1,668	1,501	2,000	1,397	1,500	1,500
Efficiency						
Average subsidy expenditure for CCAR	\$6,971	\$7,242	\$9,017	\$7,807	\$9,017	\$9,017
Service Quality						
Percent of survey respondents satisfied with service received from CCAR	98%	96%	98%	97%	98%	98%
Outcome						
Percent change in number of children served in CCAR	(22%)	(10%)	33%	(7%)	7%	0%

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Head Start

Objective

To help ensure that children enrolled in Head Start are well prepared to succeed in school by meeting school readiness benchmarks, with an emphasis on the development of social emotional skills, literacy and language skills, and math skills in order to meet school readiness benchmarks.

Performance Indicators

Indicator	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Estimate	FY 2025 Estimate
Output						
Children served by Head Start	1,280	1,440	1,472	1,472	1,472	1,653
Efficiency						
Cost per Head Start child/preK	\$18,306	\$17,600	\$18,908	\$18,684	\$18,908	\$18,045
Service Quality						
Percent of survey respondents satisfied with service received from Head Start.*	99%	98%	98%	100%	98%	98%
Outcome						
Percent of 4 year old children reaching benchmarks in social-emotional skills*	NA	85%	85%	93%	93%	94%
Percent of 4 year old children reaching benchmarks in literacy and language skills*	NA	78%	78%	91%	91%	92%
Percent of 4 year old children reaching benchmarks in math skills*	NA	76%	76%	89%	92%	93%

* The Head Start/Early Head Start Program collects and analyzes data at three intervals each year – Fall, Winter and Spring checkpoints – to determine children’s progress across all areas of development throughout the program year. The survey of parents on service quality is completed in the Fall and Spring. The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in mid-March 2020 interrupted that schedule of data collection. The program is subsequently unable to report child outcomes, gains, and service quality data for the program year 2019-2020 and child outcomes for the program year 2020-2021.

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School Readiness

Objective

To support Early Childhood programs with participation in Virginia Quality Birth to 5 (VQB5) and provide coordination of program and classroom level supports for continuous quality improvement. In addition, School Readiness seeks to advance family connections and partnerships to increase access to quality early childhood education programs and experiences.

Performance Indicators

Indicator	FY 2021 Actual*	FY 2022 Actual*	FY 2023 Estimate*	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Estimate	FY 2025 Estimate
Output						
Early Childhood Programs that participated in the Virginia Quality Birth to Five System (VQB5) within the Ready Region Capital Area	NA	NA	NA	665	1,008	1,008
Facilitated CLASS® observations for Virginia Quality Birth to Five System (VQB5) within the Ready Region Capital Area	NA	NA	NA	2,771	4,760	4,760
Children served in the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) Program	NA	NA	NA	2,012	2,252	2,252
Service Quality						
Percent of early childhood educators survey respondents that were satisfied with trainings/ course from the Institute for Early Learning (IFEL).	NA	NA	NA	94%	94%	94%
Outcome						
Percent change in number of participants in the Virginia Quality Birth to Five System (VQB5) within the Ready Region Capital Area	NA	NA	NA	NA	52%	0%

*These performance measures are new for FY 2025. Measures, where available, are provided for previous fiscal years.