

You're Part of Something Big!

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REGION
Capital Area

Dear Early Childhood Programs,

Thank you for providing a safe and healthy environment for children and valuable supports to families every day. As a publicly funded program that receives state, local or Department of Defense funding, did you know that your program is part of Ready Region Capital Area?

Ready Region Capital Area includes child care programs, family child care providers, and public school pre-kindergarten classrooms in Fairfax County, City of Falls Church, City of Fairfax, Arlington County, and City of Alexandria. In partnership with other regions throughout the state, it is a critical component of the Virginia Unified Early Childhood System, which was part of legislation passed by the Virginia General Assembly in 2020.

Among the priorities that focus on young children and families, the unified system also includes the implementation of a new quality measurement and improvement system, [Unified Virginia Quality Birth-Five System \(VQB5\)](#), that focuses on the quality of all publicly funded birth to five classrooms and supports families to choose quality programming across different program types.

So, what does this mean?

There are many exciting changes coming that will bring unprecedented supports to families and child care programs to ensure that every child has the opportunity to enter kindergarten healthy and ready to learn. During the next year, you will learn how being part of Ready Region Capital Area will recognize the valuable work you are doing. More importantly, you will receive information on what programs need to do to **continue to participate as a subsidy vendor and be a part of the Virginia Unified Early Childhood System by Fall 2023.**

Stay tuned ... and thank you for being part of something big!



To view the informational webinar, please visit:
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