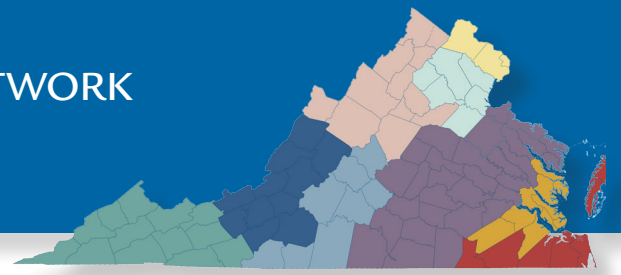


VIRGINIA INFANT & TODDLER SPECIALIST NETWORK

Facts and Figures 2015-2016



SOME OF OUR COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES AND PARTNERSHIPS

- 2-1-1 VIRGINIA
- Child Care Aware of VA
- Early Childhood Mental Health Virginia
- Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce
- Part C/Infant and Toddler Connection
- Project SEED Virginia
- Public Libraries
- Smart Beginnings Coalitions
- United Way
- VA Alliance of Family Child Care Associations
- VA Association for Early Childhood Education
- VA Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies
- VA Community Colleges and Universities
- VA Cross Sector Professional Development Committee
- VA Department of Health
- VA Department of Social Services and Licensing Offices
- VA Early Care and Education Learning Collaboration
- VA Early Childhood Foundation
- VA Public Schools
- Virginia Quality



OVERVIEW

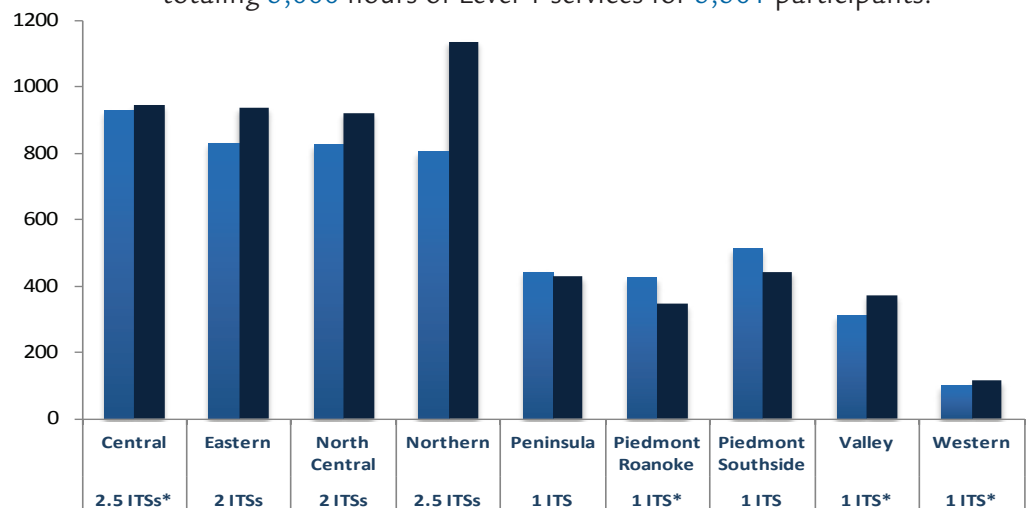
The Virginia Infant & Toddler Specialist Network (VA ITSN) continues to improve the quality of care and education young children receive in centers and family care homes throughout Virginia. Highly trained infant and toddler specialists (ITSs) offer services such as trainings, workshops, and coaching that help early care providers and professionals increase their knowledge levels and skills. Ultimately, this helps provide the best possible learning environment for the infants and toddlers in their care.

In total, from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, ITSs provided 2,859 events for a total of 7,413 hours to 11,986 participants.

VA ITSN ON-SITE SERVICES 2015-2016

- **151** child care programs with 261 classrooms received on-site training and technical assistance (T/TA). In these programs, **576** quality improvement plan goals were accomplished
- **88%** of centers had an increase in Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale-Revised scores, pre- to post-assessment
- **84%** of family care homes had an increase in Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale-Revised scores, pre- to post-assessment
- Participants rated overall quality of on-site T/TA provided by ITSs to be **4.9** out of 5.0
- Over **3,600** infants and toddlers were cared for in programs that received on-site T/TA services

From July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, ITSs provided **2,114** on-site T/TA services totaling **5,666** hours of Level 1 services for **5,561** participants.



Region/Number of ITSs

*Partial ITSs Vacancies

- **Participants** is a duplicated count of all participants attending on-site VA ITSN events
- **On-site Training/Technical Assistance Hours** are the number of hours that ITSs provide individualized services such as consultation, targeted training, classroom-focused mentoring, modeling, and reflective practices

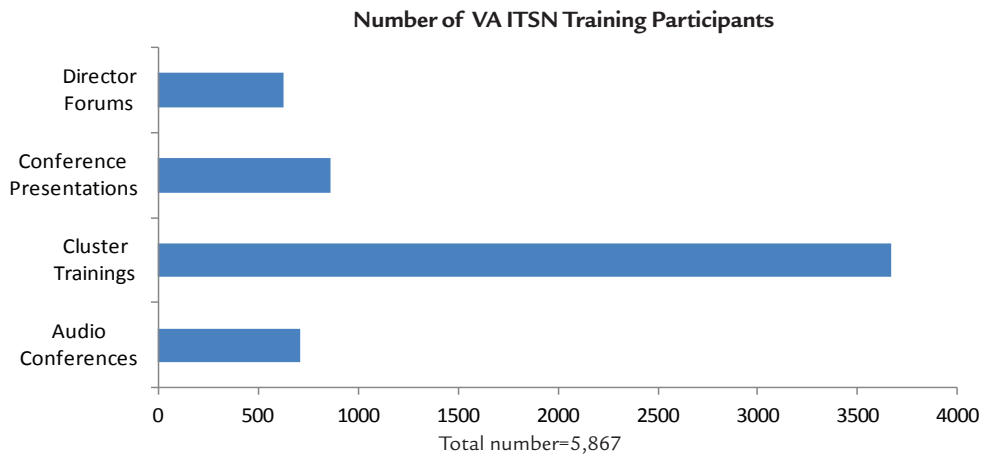
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VA ITSN TRAININGS



Infant and toddler specialists provided trainings to groups of infant and toddler caregivers, teachers, and directors in each region on various topics. Additional trainings such as audio conferences, director forums, and presentations at conferences were also conducted.

- **356** training events facilitated
- **870** training hours were provided statewide
- **79** director forums held statewide
- **29** conference presentations conducted
- Average overall quality rating of all trainings was **4.9**, out of a possible 5.0
- Trainings, in which a pre- and post-test was administered, increased participants knowledge on the training topic by an average of **17.4%**

CELEBRATING BABIES & TOTS 2016

The Celebrating Babies & Tots 2016 institutes held in Newport News, Arlington, Charlottesville, and Lynchburg focused on how child care professionals build strong partnerships with families to create a better environment for infants and toddlers to learn and grow. A total of **354** participants attended the four institutes. A combined institute overall evaluation score of **4.8** out of 5.0 was reported.

1-2-3 READ! TRAINING

During the contract year, ITSs conducted a total of nine 1-2-3 READ! trainings for **286** infant and toddler caregivers. Fourteen 1-2-3 READ! Early Literacy Mentor Coaches worked with **56** providers in 30 programs during the program year to provide **221** on-site visits, 172 hours of preparation/follow-up, and 377 hours of on-site coaching for a total of 549 hours.

VA ITSN SERVICE AWARDS

In June at the annual ITS TA Event in Williamsburg, Julie Renne, ITS in the Northern Region, and Gail Esterman, Regional Office Supervisor in the Valley Region, were recognized for five years of service with the VA ITSN.



QUOTES FROM PROGRAMS

Our ITS is a joy to work with. She is a true professional and so knowledgeable. I feel she has really helped us make improvements in our school.

The ITS is very inspiring from the time she walks in the door. Instead of telling me I'm doing things wrong, she tells me how to execute things better.

We will continue to explore new ways to give the children the tools and opportunity to explore their interests. The ITS was extremely knowledgeable and very helpful with suggestions to improve our program for the development of children. Her experience was invaluable.

The ITS is wonderful! Each time she comes, she brings new and exciting ideas and learning activities.

After working with the ITS, I have made several changes that work for me and my daycare. The ideas suggested by the ITS worked well! Being part of the VA ITSN has put value in my daycare.

The ITS has been amazing to work with. Her insight, training, and communication have been invaluable.

For more information, please visit our website at www.va-itsnetwork.org