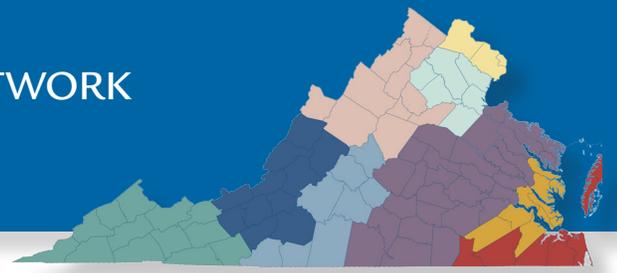


VIRGINIA INFANT & TODDLER SPECIALIST NETWORK

Facts and Figures 2016-2017



SOME OF OUR COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES AND PARTNERSHIPS

- 2-1-1 VIRGINIA
- Child Care Aware of VA
- Early Childhood Mental Health Virginia
- Early Childhood Education Small Business Program
- Nemours
- Part C/Infant and Toddler Connection
- Public Libraries
- Smart Beginnings Coalitions
- United Way
- VA Alliance of Family Child Care Associations
- VA Association for Early Childhood Education
- VA Association for Infant Mental Health
- 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

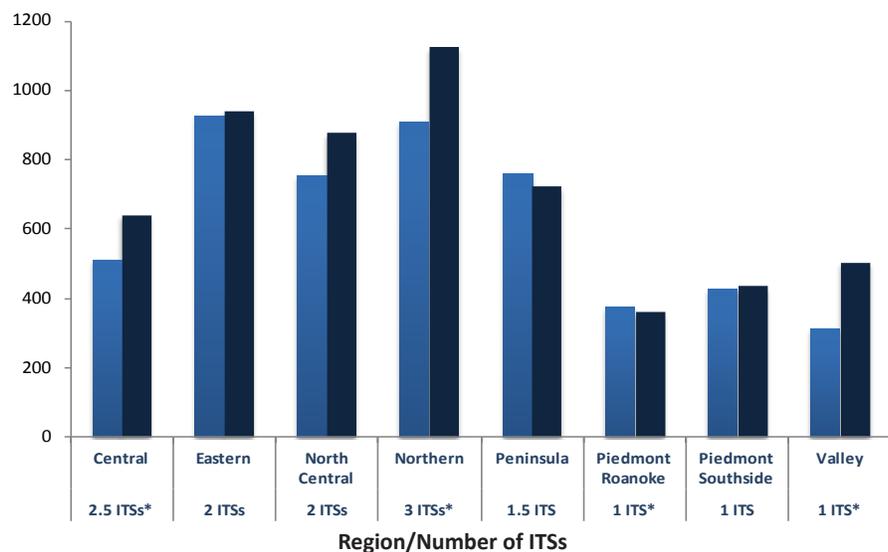
The Virginia Infant & Toddler Specialist Network (VA ITSN) continues to improve the quality of care and education young children receive in centers and family care homes throughout Virginia. Highly trained infant and toddler specialists (ITSs) offer services such as trainings, workshops, and coaching 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, 2016 to June 30, 2017, ITSs provided 2,882 events for a total of 7,451 hours to 11,321 participants.

VA ITSN ON-SITE SERVICES 2016-2017

- **133** child care programs with 244 classrooms received on-site training and technical assistance (T/TA). In these programs, **530** quality improvement plan goals were accomplished
- **82%** of centers had an increase in Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale-Revised scores, pre- to post-assessment
- **90%** 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 **2,100** infants and toddlers were cared for in programs that received on-site T/TA services

From July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, ITSs provided **2,098** on-site T/TA services totaling **5,658** hours of Level 1 services for **5,287** participants.



Significant data was not available as the Western region office completed transition late in the program year.

- **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

For more information, contact Amy Stutt, VA ITSN Statewide Director at Child Development Resources, at (757) 378-3177.

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QUOTES FROM PROGRAMS

The ITS was fantastic. She was very friendly with the staff and students at every visit. She changed our way of thinking about early childhood development and we can now think outside the box when planning and implementing program procedures.

The ITS was very hands on. She made clear explanations of ways to improve the quality of the environment by making it more age appropriate and a comfortable place for the children to grow and develop.

The ITS has been extremely supportive in helping me implement an early childhood learning environment for young children.

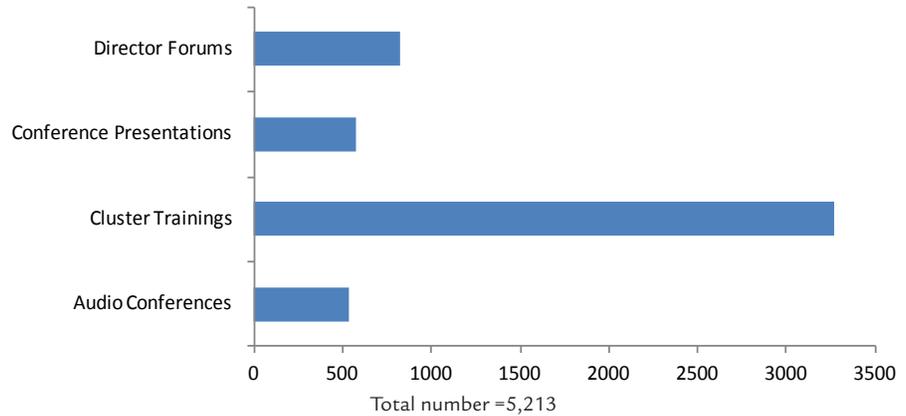
I find this a very thought-provoking process and have seen how making a small change in my program makes a huge difference.

We loved working with our ITS. She was full of real-world ideas and solutions. We love the changes that we've incorporated into our center. I wish every center was able to work with VA ITSN!

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

VA ITSN TRAININGS

Number of VA ITSN Training Participants



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.

- **348** training events facilitated
- **869** training hours were provided statewide
- **99** director forums held statewide
- **7** 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 **22.7%**



CELEBRATING BABIES & TOTS 2017

The Celebrating Babies & Tots 2017 institutes held in Virginia Beach, Fredericksburg, Wytheville, and Herndon focused on celebrating child care professionals and renewing their passion to make a difference in the lives of infants and toddlers. A total of **322** participants attended the four institutes. A combined institute overall evaluation score of **4.9** out of 5.0 was reported.

1-2-3 READ! TRAINING

During the contract year, ITSs conducted a total of eleven 1-2-3 READ! trainings for **200** infant and toddler caregivers. Seventeen 1-2-3 READ! Early Literacy Mentor Coaches worked with **51** providers in 34 programs during the program year to provide **192** on-site visits, 155 hours of preparation/follow-up, and 310 hours of on-site coaching for a total of **465** hours.

VA ITSN SERVICE AWARDS

At the annual ITS TA Event in June, Lisa Everett Dunn, ITS in the North Central Region, was recognized for five years of service with the VA ITSN.

