

VIRGINIA INFANT & TODDLER SPECIALIST NETWORK

Facts and Figures 2017-2018



SOME OF OUR COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES AND PARTNERSHIPS

- 2-1-1 VIRGINIA
- Child Care Aware of VA
- Early Childhood Mental Health Virginia
- Part C/Infant and Toddler Connection
- Public Libraries
- Smart Beginnings Coalitions
- 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 Cooperative Extension
- VA Department of Health
- VA Department of Social Services and Licensing Offices
- VA Early Care and Education Learning Collaboration
- VA Early Childhood Foundation
- VA Head Start/Early Head Start Programs
- VA Public Schools
- Virginia Quality
- Voices for Virginia's Children

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 day 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, 2017 to June 30, 2018, ITSs provided **3,527** events for a total of **9,751** hours to **12,676** participants.

VA ITS ON-SITE SERVICES 2017-2018

- **173** child care programs with **332** classrooms received on-site training and technical assistance (T/TA). In these programs, **742** quality improvement plan goals were accomplished
- **85%** of centers had an increase in Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale-Revised scores, pre- to post-assessment
- **88%** of family day 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 **3,000** infants and toddlers were cared for in programs that received on-site T/TA services

From July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, ITSs provided **2,573** on-site T/TA services totaling **7,357** hours of Level 1 services for **6,443** participants.

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 webinars, director forums, and presentations at conferences were also conducted.

- **404** training events facilitated
- **7** statewide webinars provided
- **120** director forums held statewide
- **19** conference presentations conducted

Average overall quality rating of all trainings was **5.0**, out of a possible 5.0. Trainings, in which a pre- and post-test was administered, increased participant's knowledge on the training topic by an average of **18%**



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CELEBRATING BABIES & TOTS 2018

The Celebrating Babies & Tots 2018 institutes held in Staunton, Reston, Fredericksburg, and Hampton focused on infant and toddler brain development and the important role child care professionals play during these critical years. A total of **429** participants attended the four institutes. A combined institute overall evaluation score of **4.7** out of 5.0 was reported.

1-2-3 READ! TRAINING

During the contract year, ITSs conducted a total of fourteen 1-2-3 READ! trainings for **312** infant and toddler caregivers. Thirteen 1-2-3 READ! Early Literacy Mentor Coaches worked with **54** providers in 35 programs during the program year to provide **251** on-site visits, 186 hours of preparation/follow-up, and 419 hours of on-site coaching for a total of **605** hours.

A NEW STATE INITIATIVE OF VA ITS NETWORK!

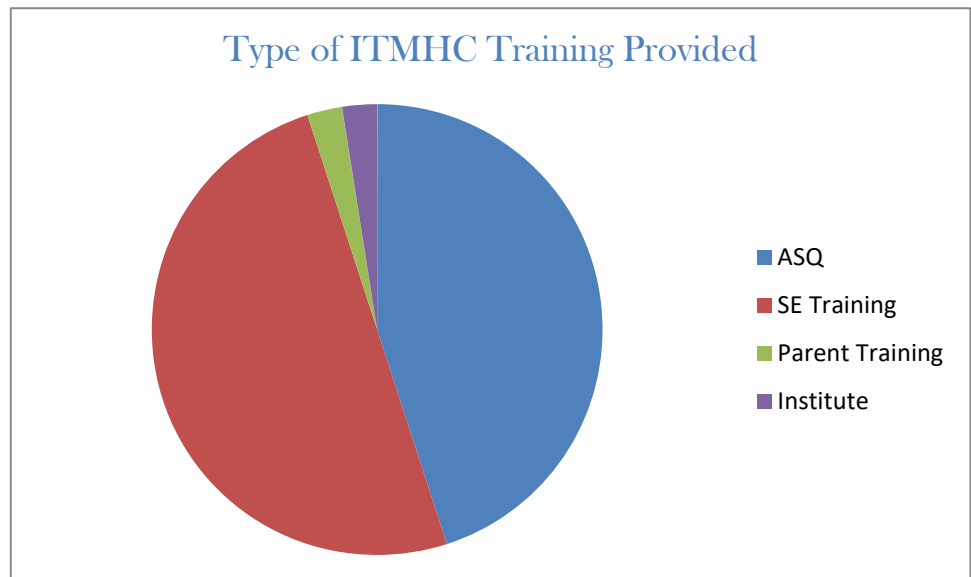
INFANT & TODDLER MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

The Infant and Toddler Mental Health (ITMH) program is a new state initiative promoting infant and toddler mental health and the important role child care providers play during these critical years to foster social emotional development and mental wellness. Five consultants were hired to cover the state. Each consultant received approximately 100 hours of professional training and development before beginning on-site coaching and training of child care providers.

In the last four months of the grant year, the ITMH consultants conducted **37** training events with **314** participants. Of those trainings conducted, **17** were Ages & Stages Questionnaires totaling **40.5** hours with **161** participants, **4** Center on Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning trainings for **33** hours and **24** participants, **14** social emotional workshops for **19** hours and **69** participants, **1** parent workshop for **2** hours with **4** participants, and one institute, Babies and Tots, Inside Out for **7** hours of training and **56** participants.

The consultants were able to provide these trainings in 19 different cities and were able to reach over 1,000 people in their combined marketing efforts.

Type of ITMHC Training Provided



QUOTES FROM PROGRAMS

“The program you offer is amazing and gives options for managing infants and toddlers. We learned how to appreciate infants and toddlers individually.”

“I would recommend this program to anyone. The ITS was great with helping, modeling, and reminding. It has made a world of difference in the infant room, staff, and children.”

“We’re thankful to have the VA ITS Network available to us. We just opened an infant room and it was very helpful.”

“The ITS was amazing and the program truly impacted our program.”

“This exceeded my expectations. It was so much more!”

“Our ITS was wonderful! She had a great perspective and gave great advice. She helped me a lot!”

“We greatly appreciated the specialist’s help and still use what we learned.”

“It was great to have new ‘eyes’ on our program.”

“As a caregiver, it was good to get feedback and praise to know I am doing a good job.”

“I loved working with my ITMHC. I hate for services to end! I would recommend this service to every provider.”

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