

VIRGINIA
INFANT & TODDLER SPECIALIST
NETWORK

“Achieving Excellence in Early Care”
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Congratulations!

VA ITSN Recognizes Infant and Toddler Providers

Each year, the VA ITSN recognizes child care providers across Virginia who have taken great efforts to improve the quality of infant and toddler care. Virginia Infant and Toddler Specialists and Mental Health Consultants nominate one child care center and one family day home from each of their regions. A pool of these Level 1 nominations is submitted to the VA ITSN Leadership Council for review and they select those to be recognized. The programs are gifted with resources and materials to support their efforts.

Below are the names of the child care centers and family day homes selected for the 2020-2021 program year and pictures of some of the providers.

Central: Creola Williams & Countryside Children’s Day Care

Eastern: Suzanne Walsh & Grace Preschool

North Central: Niaz Hawramee & Child Care and Learning Center

Northern: Khalida Naz & Abracadabra Child Care & Development Center

Peninsula: Victoria Whitehead & El Roi Child Care Center

Piedmont Roanoke: Monique Booker & Garden of Prayer #7/Great Beginnings Academy

Valley: Lisa Will & Eukarya King’s Cubs (Cameron)

Western: Belinda Hubble & Marion Baptist Child Development Program

Congratulations to each of these programs and thank you for continuing to promote excellence in care!



If you are interested in participating in Level 1 services, click below to fill out our online request!

Click here to request on-site services online now!



Resource Spotlight:

Head Start/ECLKC has a great blog on [Outside Time and Beyond: How to Include Outdoor Learning and Play in Your Daily Classroom or Family Child Care Routine](#). Click [here](#) to read more about bringing indoor activities outside!



Questions? Let's Talk

ASK THE EXPERTS ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE ABOUT THE CACFP

HAVING TROUBLE WITH FINDING MEAL COMPONENTS? OR ARE YOU TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE COVID WAIVERS? LET'S HELP YOU SORT THINGS OUT!

Every **second Monday** of the month.

(**May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13**)

1:00 - 1:30 pm

Did you know...?

COVID-19 has created economic and nutrition hardships for many families and many child care programs.

Could Virginia's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) be helpful for your family home or center and the families you serve? Maybe you already participate in CACFP, but have a CACFP or nutrition question?

Get answers at *Second Mondays at 1: Ask the CACFP Experts!*

WHAT: 30-minute virtual discussions hosted by Virginia Department of Health experts. After a 5-minute CACFP overview, 25 minutes of Q&A. There are no dumb questions about nutrition for children in child care!

WHEN: Every second Monday of every month, 1:00 – 1:30 pm , beginning May 10, 2021. Stay and listen for 30 minutes or ask your question and go!

WHO: Anyone interested in CACFP for child care is welcome - child care advocates and support professionals; child care directors, owners, and teachers; or CACFP Sponsor Organization staff.

HOW: Register to participate (or just listen in!) at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/5056425691686262795>

CACFP is a federal child nutrition program that provides reimbursements for qualifying child care programs for serving healthy meals and snacks to children. Training, support, and more helps ensure children receive good nutrition while in child care.

Questions about Second Mondays at 1? Contact Emily Keenum at emily@vecf.org or Conchetta Yonaitis at conchetta.yonaitis@vdh.virginia.gov.



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