



How We Serve the Division

The Office of Early Childhood Programs provides leadership and coordination of the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) programs in school-based classrooms and in community-based child development programs. In addition, the staff manages the Virginia Quality (VQ) program, the state's quality-rating improvement system, for the City of Alexandria.

The office staff provides professional learning opportunities to build the capacity of early childhood teachers, paraprofessionals, and administrators to meet the developmental needs of children across all domains and provides community outreach and support for young learners. The Office of Early Childhood Programs also serves as the liaison for Early Head Start and Head Start programs.

Major Responsibilities

- Manage the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) for the City of Alexandria
- Manage the Virginia Quality initiative for the City of Alexandria
- Serve as Consortium Director of the Pre-K PALS assessment for the City of Alexandria
- Monitor implementation of effective instructional strategies
- Collect and analyze data regarding Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten readiness
- Serve on the Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission, Smart Beginnings Alexandria, and VPI Steering Committee



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Services Available to Schools

- Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI)
- Virginia Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS)
- Early Childhood Curriculum
- Pre-K PALS Assessment
- Professional Development Focused on the Early Learning Years
- Community Partnerships
- Early Head Start and Head Start
- Citywide Early Childhood Programs and Initiatives
- Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) Registration and Enrollment
- Student Data and Records
- Early Childhood Special Education programs and services facilitated by the Office of Specialized Instruction

