

Director of Early Childhood and Family Services Report May 2023



Federal Updates:

- May 18th Wishing Head Start a happy 58th birthday! Head Start programs have partnered with families for 58 years to support children's success in school and in life. Here's to many more years ahead!
- We submitted the one-time health and safety request.
- We are waiting for final approval on the budget modification submitted for the playgrounds in Floyd and Christiansburg

State Updates:

- VQB5 practice year 2 is closing. All CLASS observations have been completed. In 2023-2024 full participation is mandatory for all publicly funded programs.

NRCA Program Updates:

- Recruitment continues.
- We have reviewed the number of closures for each classroom and have planned for make-up days from when staff shortages forced closures. Sites are also planning end-of-year celebrations.
- Staff are completing end of the year parent-teacher conferences and beginning to transition children to kindergarten or another placement if they are moving on to another early childhood program.
- We are beginning to plan our Annual Program Self-Assessment. Our Administrative Retreat will be dedicated to the review of program outcomes data and planning for input from program staff, parents, and Governing Bodies, as well as our local community partners. We will update our 5-year goal progress and use the data to identify goals for our next 5-year project period.
- Our Regional T/TA system will begin working with us as we begin to write the next 5-year grant proposal and budget.
- Staff and Parent survey results have been reviewed and the data will be used for our self-assessment and program planning.
- We are working on our Program Planning Calendar getting ready for 2023-2024 school year.

Attachments: Fiscal and Enrollment Dashboards

Respectfully Submitted,

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