



## VQB5 2025-2026 Improvement Supports Overview

Virginia has multiple quality improvement partners that provide professional support to birth-to-five educators in alignment with the goals and measured objectives of VQB5. Through VQB5, the VDOE will continue to strengthen the coordination and alignment of all state- and federally-funded quality improvement efforts to ensure VQB5 programs have the support they need. This includes ensuring supports and [resources](#) are available consistently across [Ready Regions](#).



An important feature of VQB5 is that measurement, feedback, and supports are ongoing and frequent. Educators and leaders have opportunities to measure their progress multiple times a year. At the same time, reflection on data is embedded throughout the measurement cycle. This leads to continuous growth, year over year.



### **List of VDOE Quality Improvement Partners as of July 2025**

The following list includes the 2025-2026 quality improvement partners that the VDOE is currently working with to work with and provide funding arrangements for through either federal or state funding sources. These providers are currently responsible for working with birth-to-five programs to provide training, coaching, or coursework intended to improve the early childhood system.

| <b>VDOE Quality Improvement Partners:<br/><i>Classroom and Site Support</i></b> | <b>Primary Purpose</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Eligible Participants</b>                                                                                                         | <b>Cost for eligible participants</b>                                           |
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| <a href="#">Virginia Infant &amp; Toddler Specialist Network</a><br>(VA-ITSN)   | <p>The purpose of VA-ITSN is to support the experience and improvement of infant and toddler classrooms across all publicly-funded child care and family day homes in Virginia, to ensure every infant and toddler classroom meets expectations under VQB5.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coaching services targeted to VQB5 classrooms with the lowest Infant and Toddler CLASS scores.</li> </ul>                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ VQB5 programs</li> <li>✓ Some services available to non-publicly-funded programs</li> </ul> | <p>Free for VQB5 programs</p> <p>Small fees may apply for non-VQB5 programs</p> |
| <a href="#">Virginia Early Childhood Consultation</a><br>(VECC)                 | Coaching and consultation services for sites who receive a Needs Support rating. The VECC program supports the skills of leaders and teachers to improve the quality of interactions by 1) promoting healthy social-emotional environments, 2) teaching behaviors to help children develop behavioral regulation, positive relationships, and social skills, and 3) responding to behavioral challenges effectively in collaboration with families. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ VQB5 programs</li> </ul>                                                                    | Free                                                                            |
| <b>VDOE Quality Improvement Partners:<br/><i>Special Education Support</i></b>  | <b>Primary Purpose</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Eligible Participants</b>                                                                                                         | <b>Cost for Eligible Participants</b>                                           |

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| <a href="#">Training and Technical Assistance Centers</a> (TTAC)               | Provide professional development, technical assistance, and resources to school divisions, programs, and classrooms serving children ages 2-5 with Individualized Education Programs (IEP).                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ School divisions</li> <li>✓ VQB5 child care centers with children with IEPs</li> </ul>                               | Free                                  |
| <a href="#">VCU Autism Center for Excellence Early Childhood</a> (VCU-ACE)     | Provide professional development, technical assistance, and resources to school divisions, programs, and classrooms serving children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) ages 2-5 with IEPs and to families raising and supporting young children with ASD. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ School divisions</li> <li>✓ VQB5 child care centers with children with ASD</li> </ul>                                | Free                                  |
| <a href="#">Early Childhood Special Education Consortium</a> (ECSE Consortium) | Partnership with Radford University and Lynchburg University to provide tuition assistance to Virginia preservice and in-service teachers pursuing the courses leading to licensure in Early Childhood Special Education.                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ College students seeking ECSE licensure</li> <li>✓ Provisionally licensed teachers seeking ECSE licensure</li> </ul> | Free                                  |
| <b>VDOE Quality Improvement Partners:<br/>Head Start Support</b>               | <b>Primary Purpose</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Eligible Participants</b>                                                                                                                                  | <b>Cost for Eligible Participants</b> |
| <a href="#">Virginia Head Start Association</a> (VHSA)                         | Provide training and advocacy support to enhance the growth of Head Start educators, agencies, partners, and others who impact the lives of Head Start children and families.                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Head Start and Early Head Start programs</li> </ul>                                                                  | Free Service Area Networks            |
| <b>VDOE Quality Improvement Partners:<br/>Workforce Support</b>                | <b>Primary Purpose</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Eligible Participants</b>                                                                                                                                  | <b>Cost for Eligible Participants</b> |
| Virginia <a href="#">Child Care Provider Scholarship Program</a> (VCCPSP)      | Provide tuition assistance for the early care and education workforce to complete undergraduate courses in early childhood education.                                                                                                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ All child care and family day home educators</li> </ul>                                                              | Free                                  |

| <b>VDOE Quality Improvement Partners:<br/><i>Focus on Principles of Early Learning and Development</i></b> | <b>Primary Purpose</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Eligible Participants</b>     | <b>Cost for Eligible Participants</b> |
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| <a href="#">Early Learning Standards Microcredential</a>                                                   | Online training courses on the learning guidelines for children ages birth-to-five, resulting in a microcredential. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Special focus on supporting family day home and child care educators</li> </ul> | ✓ All birth-to-five programs     | Free                                  |
| <a href="#">STREAMin3 Curriculum Model and PD Support</a>                                                  | Low-to-no cost comprehensive birth-to-five curriculum option. Online materials and PD tools available to all publicly-funded early childhood programs in Virginia.                                                                         | ✓ VQB5 programs                  | Free for eligible programs            |
| <a href="#">Wolf Trap Early Childhood STEM Learning Through the Arts Initiative</a>                        | Provide on-site and online training in Early Childhood STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) and Literacy.                                                                                                                  | ✓ School divisions, PK-1st grade | Free                                  |
| <b>VDOE Quality Improvement Partners:<br/><i>Health, Safety, and Operations Support</i></b>                | <b>Primary Purpose</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Eligible Participants</b>     | <b>Cost for Eligible Participants</b> |
| <a href="#">Better Kid Care</a> - Penn State Extension                                                     | Online courses used to meet licensing and subsidy health and safety requirements.                                                                                                                                                          | ✓ All child care programs        | Free                                  |
| Child Care Resource and Referral ( <a href="#">Child Care Aware of Virginia</a> )                          | Provide resource and referral services to connect families to high quality child care that is available and accessible in Virginia, and to provide professional development for child care programs on                                     | ✓ All child care programs        | Free                                  |



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|                                                                                            | topics of health and safety (e.g., CPR/first aid and emergency preparedness training), strengthening business practices, and participating in the Child Care Subsidy Program. |                                                |      |
| <a href="#">Community College Workforce Alliance</a> - Child Care Provider Training (CCWA) | Distance learning courses to meet health and safety requirements.                                                                                                             | ✓ All child care and family day home educators | Free |

Additional training and technical assistance opportunities are available to VQB5 programs. To discuss professional development options in your area, please contact your [Ready Region](#). For more detailed information regarding VQB5 Quality Improvement Supports, please see Section 7 of the [VQB5 Guidelines](#).

For questions regarding VQB5 Quality Improvement Supports, please contact [vqb5@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:vqb5@doe.virginia.gov).