



EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES

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EARLY CHILDHOOD DIVISION

PROGRAM	BUDGET	SERVED
Parent Infant Education (PIE) Program	\$1,264,002	574
Social Emotional Wellness	\$253,816	549
Developmental Disabilities Waiver and Case Management Services	\$266,407	125
Child Care Services	\$9,191,668	433
Family Child Care	\$131,108	120
Head Start Grant	\$2,672,631	309

The Early Childhood Division provides a continuum of services that include: case management for individuals with developmental disorders, providing case management services for children in child care services, regulating family child care homes, facilitating the professional development of early childhood providers, delivering early developmental intervention services and implementing early childhood mental health prevention, early intervention and treatment services.

A DIVISION HIGHLIGHT

"ALL OF ALEXANDRIA'S CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUCCEED TODAY AND TOMORROW"

DCHS collaboration with Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) partners to develop a systems approach for serving at-risk four year olds

- Transformation
- Intended Outcomes
- Innovation
- Achievements
- Next Steps

TRANSFORMING THE FUNDING PROCESS

DCHS committed to improve its early childhood funding process in order to:

- Better support Alexandria's mixed-delivery model for VPI and the non-ACPS providers who play key roles in this partnership
- Develop a systems approach that better leverages existing funding streams and variations in provider business models
- Award support for VPI students in a more equitable fashion

INTENDED OUTCOMES

DCHS piloting new funding process which:

- Aligns with Common Agenda and CYMP priorities
- Strengthens partnerships and sustainability
- Increases transparency around how local funding is awarded and the extent to which it is leveraged
- Repositions local funding as a flexible tool to fill in gaps and address emergent needs
- Enables current and potential partners to quantify costs and analyze expansion opportunities

INNOVATIVE APPROACH

DCHS committed to co-creation with partners

- Three meetings were held within a four-week period, along with one-on-one conversations
- BMFF acted as facilitator
- Intentionally included and leveraged different expertise, roles, and perspectives to design new funding process



COMPONENTS CONSIDERED DURING DEVELOPMENT

Partners gained full understanding of each other's models

- Shifted perspective & knowledge from within each program to across the system, and how all support mixed delivery model

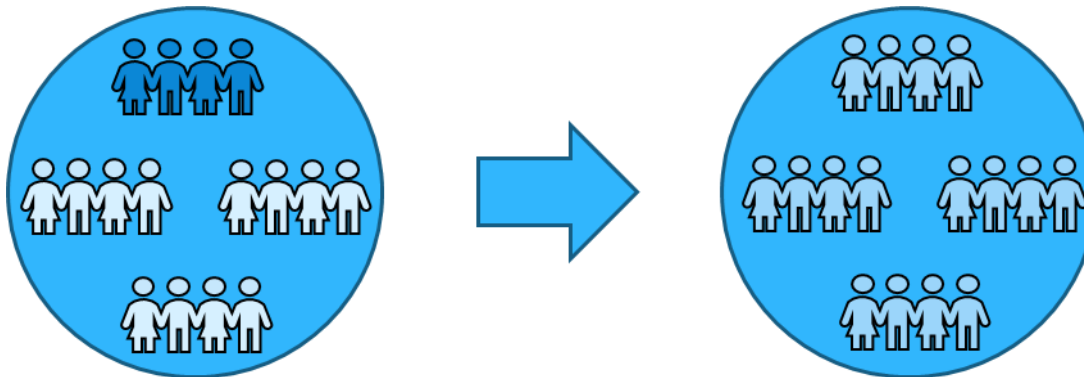
Key Components

- DCHS funding levels for FY19 and FY20
- Costs of VPI services by program and across programs
- Estimated FY20 VPI seats
- Additional funding streams supporting VPI and ways to leverage
- Partner business models, not just for VPI but overall ages and programs offered
- Agreed on pilot approach for FY20; will continue to learn and iterate for FY21 and beyond

FY20 PILOT FUNDING PROCESS

Move from awarding small number of high-dollar scholarships to supporting all eligible VPI students

- FY19: 40 scholarships, 185 VPI students
- FY20: will support all VPI students not receiving state subsidy or state grant support



- Increases flexibility of local funding to fill in gaps
- Addresses provider concerns about previous process
- Increases transparency around how funding is awarded

FY20 PILOT FUNDING PROCESS

All eligible VPI students supported via tiered funding approach:

- Increases DCHS flexibility to align funding with priorities
- Increases DCHS ability to support innovation and expansion
- Transparent calculations of costs per child for service components
- Other local funding such as AFHS grants supporting early childhood are factored in as well

Tiered Local Funding	Alexandria VPI Service Components
Tier 1	School Year, Extended Day, Family Support
Tier 2	Summer Programming
Tier 3	Partnerships

Alexandria VPI Service Components	Cost per Child
School Year, Extended Day	\$12,300
Family Support	\$2,000
Summer Programming	\$2,200
Total	\$16,500

FY20 PILOT FUNDING OVERVIEW

Alexandria's Projected FY20 VPI Costs and Supporting Funding Streams

	Per Child	%Funded	Total
Tier 1: School Year, Extended Day, Family Support (197 students)	\$14,300	100%	\$2,817,100
Tier 2: Summer Program (62 students)	\$2,200		\$136,400
Total Cost	\$16,500	100%	\$2,953,500
State VPI Funding	\$3,0063	20%	\$603,313
State Subsidy & VECF MDG Funding	\$11,496	10%	\$287,400
FY20 Local Funding	\$5,313	31%	\$913,804
Private Investment, Fund-Raising, etc.		39%	\$1,148,983

ACHIEVEMENTS THUS FAR

Piloting new funding process for FY20

- Co-creation approach viewed positively by all parties
- Consensus regarding costs and components of VPI services
- Insight into partners' business models and how other funding streams can be leveraged to support services

Projected FY20 VPI numbers indicate significant increase in children served in private settings

- Increasing from 185 to 197 for FY20
(an additional 192 VPI students are served by ACPS each year)
- Reversing declines experienced since FY17
- Official VPI count date Oct 1st

PRIORITIES & NEXT STEPS

Partners committed to continued collaboration:

- Continue to assess and refine local funding process
- Use FY20 to learn and create solid base from which to provide services and to plan for expansion
- Family support services – capacity needs; how to address
- State subsidy – advocacy regarding barriers; coordinated enrollment strategy to leverage for VPI where appropriate
- Coordinated ask for increased local funding for FY21 and beyond will be developed by partners

THANK YOU!

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- ELLEN KENNEDY FOLTS

PARTICIPATING VPI PROGRAMS

- ALIVE!
- CFNC
- CREATIVE PLAYSCHOOL
- THE CAMPAGNA CENTER