

Comparison of Virginia's Early Learning Settings- Child Care, Head Start and VPI

	Child Care- DSS regulated programs	Head Start & Early Head Start	Virginia Preschool Initiative
Administrator	VA Dept of Social Services regulates and provides funding for assistance; regional licensing and local eligibility for assistance	Federally funded, locally administered by nonprofits and/or school divisions	VA Dept of Education regulates; local school divisions administer
Children Served	367,499 = capacity of licensed or regulated programs (2014) 43,475= children ages 0-12 receiving financial assistance (FY13)	13,100= 3 & 4 year olds in Head Start (FY13) 2,000= 0-3 year olds in Early Head Start (FY13)	18,021= at-risk 4 year olds enrolled in VPI (AY13-14)
Eligibility	<i>For financial assistance:</i> children 0-12 in families up to 185% poverty (based on the region); parents must be enrolled in TANF/VIEW, employed or attending an educational program or job training.	Children 0-4 in families below poverty level; program must be offered in community	Determined based on locally developed at-risk criteria
Total Funding	\$181.5 M (65% federal, 35% state)	\$115 M (100% federal)	\$106.2M (63% state, 37% local)
National Rankings	VA is 13 th in Total Program and Oversight from Child Care Aware <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 28th= Program Ranking (ratios, background checks, educational requirements) - 4th= Oversight (licensing policies) 52 nd in Small Family Home Day Care licensing & oversight (because VA does not require any regulation for homes serving fewer than 6 children)	NA	VA meets 6 out of 10 quality performance benchmarks from the National Institute for Early Education Research 26 th in Access for 4 year olds 16 th in Resources allocated