



City Council/School Board Meeting Early Childhood Update

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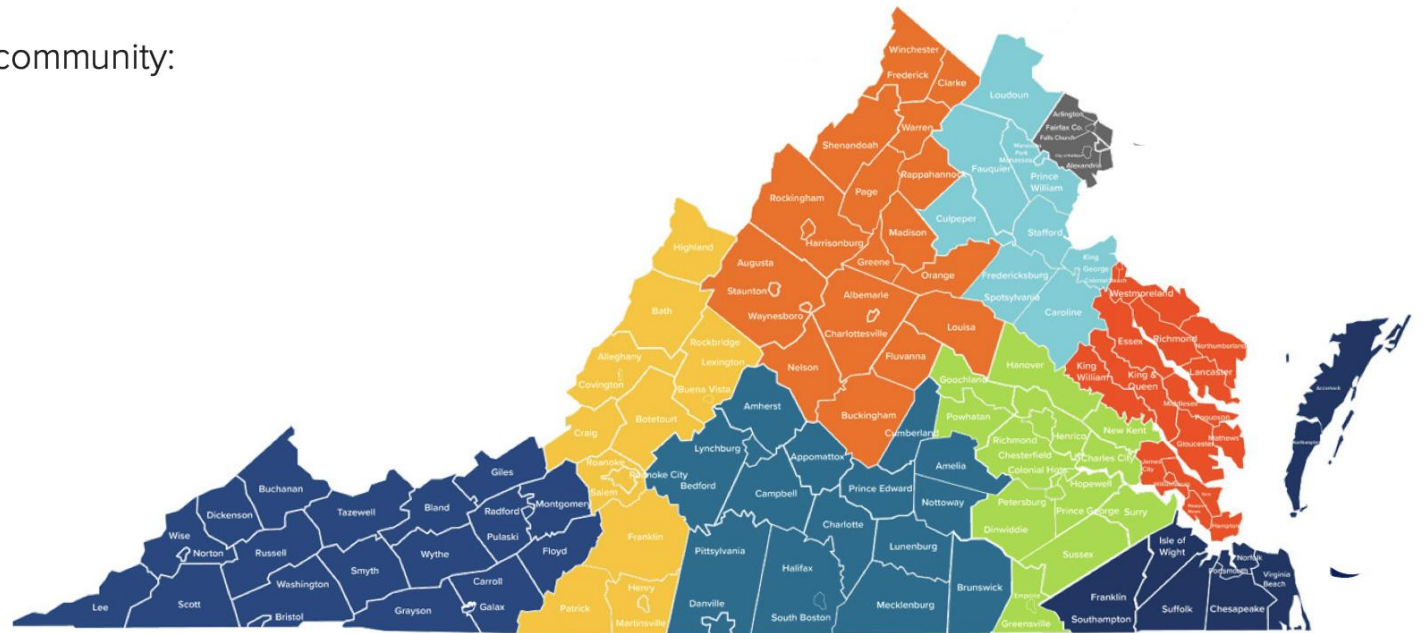
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Our Changing Landscape

What is new?

As of July 2022, *Ready Regions* help every Virginia community:

- **Be accountable.** Virginia's early education system must prepare children for success.
- **Be welcoming.** Families must be engaged in designing a system that works for them.
- **Be responsive.** Parents must be able to access the child care they want and need.
- **Be stable.** Early education programs need consistent supports to deliver quality services.
- **Be bold.** Every community in Virginia should be a place where families can thrive.



Access

KFY Access Committee Update: Community-wide Family Survey

Coming out of the pandemic, our committee wants to better understand the new landscape from parents' perspectives and learn how they are making choices about early care & education settings for their children.

Family input will help Alexandria's early childhood providers understand current priorities and inform future programming.

COMMUNITY SURVEY GOALS/METRICS

Goal – responses from 1,000 families with young children, targeting families in need of services

Duration – March 10th – April 30th

Next Steps – Expand partners and survey outreach channels, Family focus groups from survey respondents, reporting out data, informing programming

Partners – Everyone is welcome!

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Access Committee Update:

Survey In Action!

<https://sbalexandria.typeform.com/KFYFamSurvey23>

Overall themes: Partnership, what is reasonable & achievable within each partner's capacity



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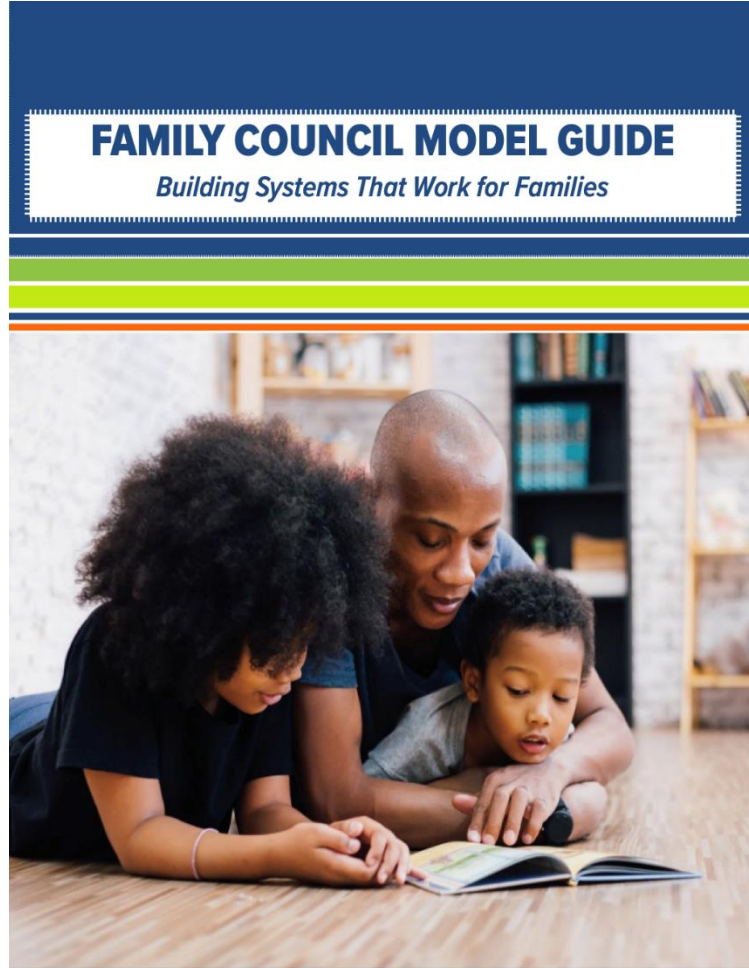
COORDINATED ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT ON THE HORIZON

- **ENROLLMENT COORDINATOR**
- **POSSIBLE CO-LOCATED PARTNER SPACE
FOR COORDINATED ELIGIBILITY AND
ENROLLMENT & COMMUNITY ACCESS**
- **EXPLORING PLAN FOR OBTAINING
COORDINATED ENROLLMENT DATA
SYSTEM**



Family Connections

Family Council



- **National Parent Leadership Institute Consultancy**
- **Family Council Design Team - co-creation of Family Council by Family Connections Committee and Parents**

The Basics and Basics Insights

The Basics are five science-based principles that support social, emotional, and cognitive development of children birth to five.

Basics Insights is a text messaging program that helps families put The Basics principles into action. Each week, caregivers receive two messages with a fact and suggested activity linked to one of the principles.

Alexandria currently has 167 Families participating in the Basics Insights.

THE BASICS PRINCIPLES

are five fun, simple, and powerful ways that every family can give every child a great start in life.



Maximize Love,
Manage Stress



Talk, Sing,
and Point



Count, Group,
and Compare



Explore Through
Movement and Play



Read and
Discuss Stories

LEARN and GROW with YOUR CHILD

RECEIVE TWO **FREE** MESSAGES EACH WEEK!

Science-based facts and activities to boost your child's learning and brain development.

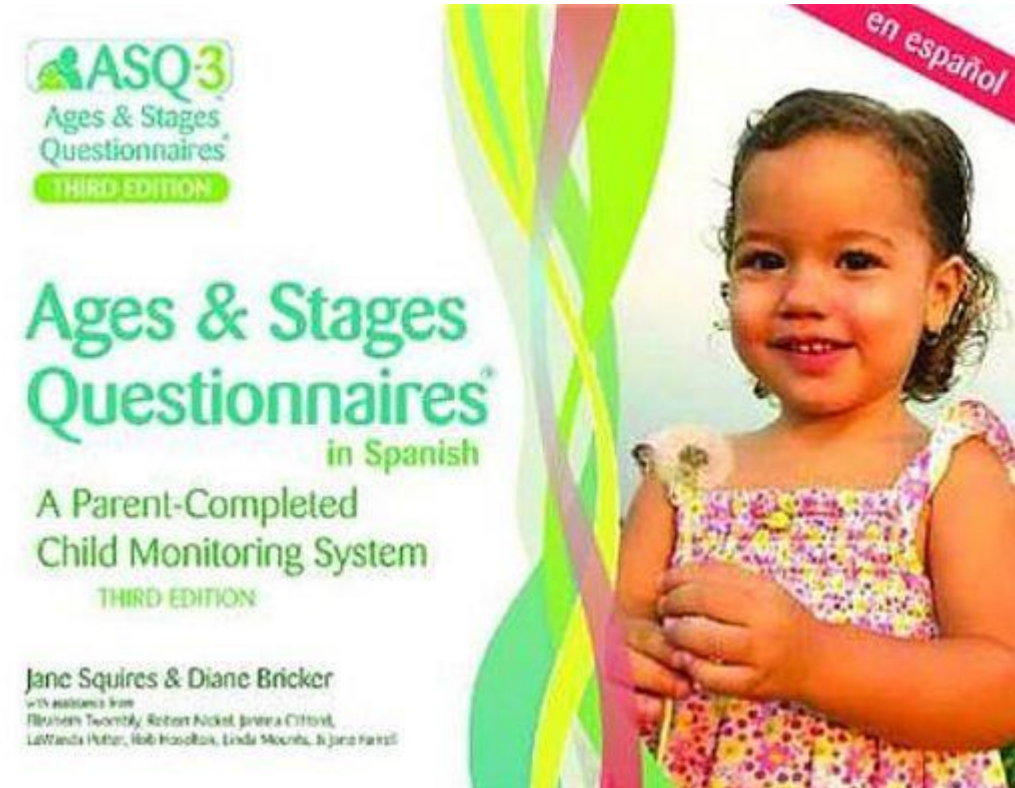
FOR CHILDREN AGES 0-5



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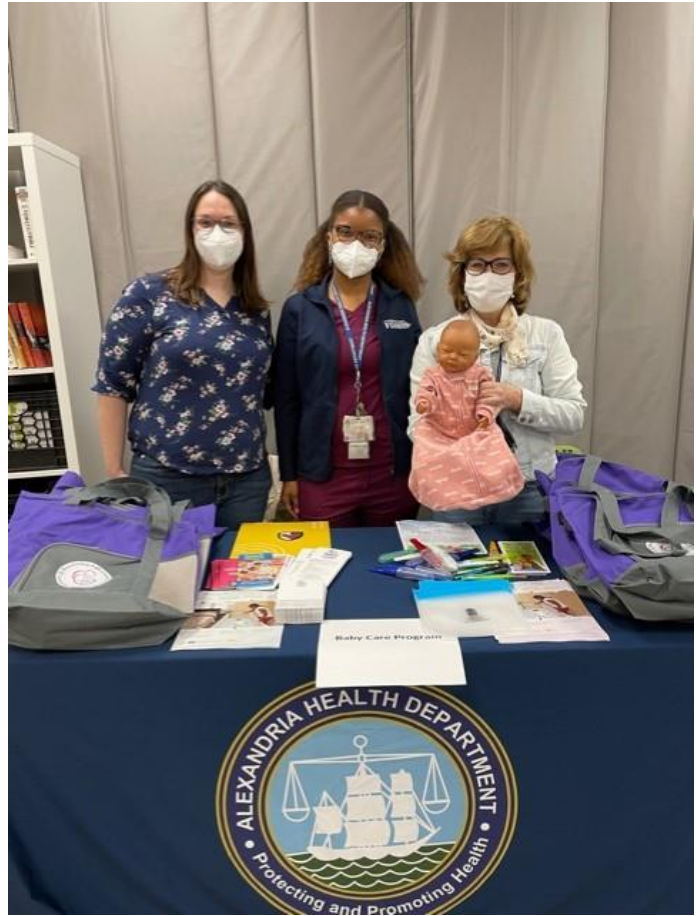


3,000 SCREENINGS SINCE APRIL 2020

Community Baby Shower



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Connect and Play

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إنضم إلينا في Connect & Play

إنضم إلينا في الساعة 10 من صباح أول يوم جمعة من كل شهرا!

William Ramsay Recreation Center
5650 Sanger Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22311

أحضر أطفالك وتعرف على الأنشطة الممتعة التي يمكنك القيام بها معهم لمساعدتهم على التعلم والنمو!

نأمل أيضاً أن تبقى للتعرف على أصدقاء جدد والإستمتاع بتناول بعض المرطبات!

لمساعدتنا في التخطيط للحدث، يرجى التسجيل من خلال الرابط:
<https://bit.ly/KFYconnectandplay>

في حال كانت لديك أية أسئلة، عندها يرجى مراسلتنا على البريد الإلكتروني info@kidsfirstyears.org ومتابعتنا على وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي.

فعاليات Connect & Play القادمة:
الجمعة، 3 فبراير/شباط 2023
الجمعة، 3 مارس/آذار 2023
الجمعة، 3 أبريل/نيسان 2023

سوف يحصل كل من يحضر على لعبة لتقديمها لطفله!



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Join us to Connect & Play

Join us at 10am on the first Friday of every month!

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5650 Sanger Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22311

Bring your children and learn about fun activities that you can do with them to help them learn and grow!

We hope you will also stay and visit with new friends and enjoy some refreshments!

To help us plan, please register at:
<https://bit.ly/KFYconnectandplay>

If you have any questions, email us at info@kidsfirstyears.org and follow us on Social Media.

Upcoming Connect & Play Events:
Friday, February 3, 2023
Friday, March 3, 2023
Friday, April 14, 2023

Everyone who attends will leave with a toy for your child.



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Únase a nosotros para Conectar y Jugar

Únase a nosotros a las 10 am el primer Viernes de cada mes!

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Alexandria, VA 22311

Traiga a sus hijos y aprenda sobre actividades divertidas que puede hacer con ellos para ayudarlos a aprender y crecer!

Esperamos que también se quede y visite a nuevos amigos y disfrute de algunos refrescos!

Para ayudarnos a planificar, regístrese en:
<https://bit.ly/KFYconnectandplay>

Si tiene alguna pregunta, envíenos un correo electrónico a info@kidsfirstyears.org y síganos en las redes sociales.

Próximos eventos de Conectar y Jugar:
Viernes, 3 de Febrero de 2023
Viernes, 3 de Marzo de 2023
Viernes, 14 de Abril de 2023

Todos los que asistan se irán con un juguete para su hijos!



Quality

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Working toward a Coordinated, Collaborative, Coherent, and Consistent System of Professional Learning



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Develop and coordinate professional learning opportunities to ensure all early care and education providers have the knowledge and skills to provide equitable, high-quality, and culturally responsive learning.



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The Vision



Stakeholders

Local

- Campagna Center
- Child & Family Network Center
- Dept. of Community and Human Services
- George Mason University
- Hopkins House
- Kids First Years
- Northern VA Community College
- Parent Infant Education
- Public Schools
 - Early Childhood Director
 - Early Childhood Special Education Director
 - Early Childhood Instructional Specialist
 - Early Childhood Center Principal

Gather stakeholders

Confirm Shared Vision

Examine the landscape

Identify goals

Plan action steps, timeline, resources needed, etc.

Implement the Plan

Evaluate progress

The Process

IDEAS SURFACING

Need for a centralized Alexandria hub

- For single access point for Professional Learning Early Childhood System
- For information storage and sharing
 - Pre-service career pathways
 - Professional learning resources and opportunities
 - Vetted list of trainers
 - Recruitment & Retention best practices
 - Qualified substitutes list
 - Internship information

