




**TAKING STEPS
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Virginia's Early Care & Education Learning Collaboratives

Virginia's ECELC Partnership

Virginia Early Childhood Foundation

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TALKING POINTS

- ECELC Project overview
- Advisory Council partner roles
- Partnership history
- Questions?




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- Nemours Children's Health System
- CDC
 - Targets Child Care Environments
 - Multi-Year Cooperative Agreement
 - 9 States



 



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- Childhood Obesity Prevention Learning Collaboratives
 - Year-long, regional training/TA project
 - 25 ECE programs/region
 - Program-level Action Plans for Change
 - Excellent resources and funding



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- Virginia's ECELC Partnership
 - Convened for proposal 2013
 - Cross-systems
 - Child Health, Quality Child Care









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- Virginia Early Childhood Foundation
- Child Care Aware
- Department of Social Services
 - Infant Toddler Network
 - Quality Rating & Improvement System
- Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth
- Department of Health
 - Obesity Prevention Staff
 - Child Care Health Consultants
 - Community Nutrition



- The Virginia Early Childhood Foundation, a public-private partnership providing leadership and driving initiatives to ensure that Virginia's children enter kindergarten healthy and ready to learn.



Partnerships as Potluck:

What will you give?
What will you get?



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Advisory Council: Partners Roles

- VECF – Convened Partners
- Supervise Project Manager
- Implementation
- Areas for sustaining

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Advisory Council: Partners Roles

- Child Care Aware – manages trainers/TA
- Communications & Access to Programs
- Professional Development links

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Advisory Council: Partners Roles

- VFHY– statewide health campaigns
- Created EC specific resources
- Local Health Action Team links

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- Health Department– Obesity Prevention, CCHC
- Expertise physical well-being
- WIC, CACFP, Breastfeeding

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Advisory Council: Partners Roles

- Department of Social Services – QRIS
- Infant Toddler Specialist Network
- QI links

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VECF's Partnership Story

- History
- Decision-maker engagement
- Flexible
- “Bearing gifts”

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- VECF Perspective
 - Partnerships can be really hard.
 - Relationships are key
 - How can I help partners?
 - (audience, access, data)
 - Discern goals at multiple levels

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Seek Opportunities to Leverage

- Health department mission
- Hospital foundation pilot
- Link to local efforts

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