Child Development Services

ChildSavers’ Child Development Services (CDS) offers six programs to help child care providers with training and professional development. Programs include credentialing, mentoring, and nutrition education.

Quality matters, and we can help.

Child Care Aware
Offers consultation, resources, training and education, and assistance with quality indicators.
(804) 644-9590  childcareaware@childsavers.org

Virginia Quality
Assists with building strong early care environments through training in quality child care, coaching, and technical assistance.
(804) 644-9590  centralregion@childsavers.org

Child Development Associate (CDA)
Offers group training and advising toward a nationally-recognized credential.
(804) 644-9590  CDA@childsavers.org

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
Offers nutrition training and education, and reimbursement for nutritious meals.
(804) 644-9590  CACFP@childsavers.org

Virginia Infant Toddler Specialist Network
Assists with building strong early child care environments for children ages 0 - 3. VA ITSN offers training in quality child care, coaching, and technical assistance.
(804) 644-9590  VAITSNCentral@childsavers.org

Voluntary Registration
Provides family child care providers with a basic framework for providing health and safe environments.
(804) 644-9590  VR@childsavers.org
90% of brain development occurs before the age of 5.

As humans, our first five years can alter the rest of our lives. That’s why it’s important that all children are afforded quality early child care.

Where do we start?

Did you know that quality is neither monitored nor measured consistently across all Virginia public child care and Pre-K programs? Because of this, 40% of our children do not enter K - 12 with the literacy, math, self-regulation and social skills needed to thrive. This is an even bigger challenge in communities of color and low-income areas.

ChildSavers is strives to provide training to thousands of child care providers across Virginia. By standardizing curriculum, nutrition, sanitation and safety practices, more early educators will have the skills needed to prepare all of our children with the foundation they need for school readiness.

The current reality:

- 70% of low-income children are without access to affordable child care.
- 75% of publicly-funded early care programs do not participate in VA’s quality measurement system.
- Virginia ranks 37th nationally in early childhood governance.

Why Our Work Matters

Increase ROI by 13%

When we invest in early care, we see lower incarceration rates and reliance on government programs - an estimated 13% ROI.

Identify special needs early

Quality early education can help parents and teachers detect developmental issues sooner, allowing for intervention at a younger age.

Equal opportunities for growth

When all children have access to quality early education, all children can enter kindergarten on the same playing field.