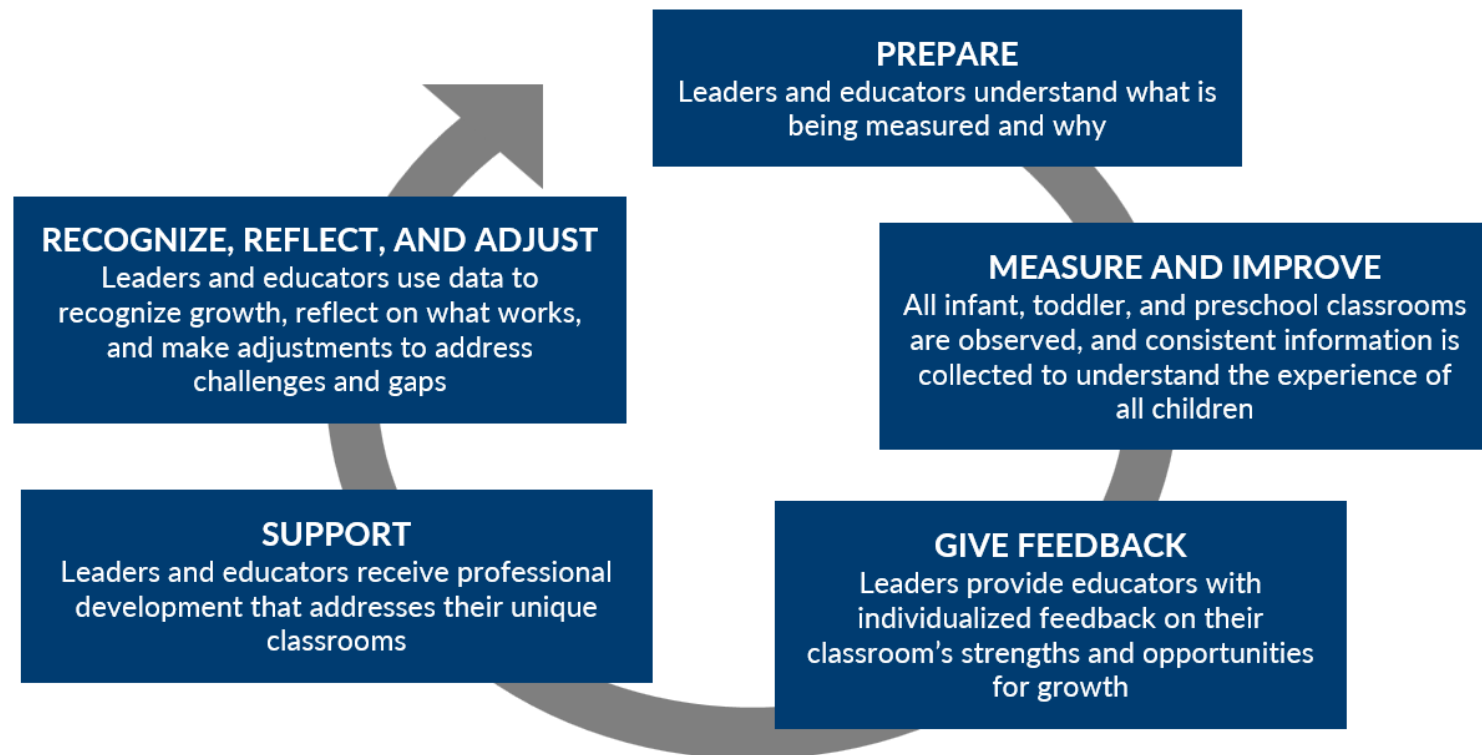




## VQB5 2024-2025 Improvement Supports Overview

Virginia has multiple quality improvement partners that provide professional support to birth-to-five educators in alignment with the goals and measured objectives of VQB5. Through VQB5, the VDOE will continue to strengthen the coordination and alignment of all state and federally funded quality improvement efforts to ensure VQB5 programs have the support they need. This includes ensuring supports and [resources](#) are available consistently across [Ready Regions](#).



An important feature of VQB5 is that measurement, feedback, and supports are ongoing and frequent. Educators and leaders have opportunities to measure their progress multiple times a year. At the same time, reflection on data is embedded throughout the measurement cycle. This leads to continuous growth, year over year.



### List of VDOE Quality Improvement Partners as of July 2024

The following list includes the 2024-2025 quality improvement partners that the VDOE is currently working with to work with and provide funding arrangements for through either federal or state funding sources. These providers are currently responsible for working with birth-to-five programs to provide training, coaching, or coursework intended to improve the early childhood system.

VDOE Quality Improvement Partners: <i>Classroom and Site Support</i>	Primary Purpose	Eligible Participants	Cost for eligible participants
<a href="#">Virginia Infant &amp; Toddler Specialist Network</a> (VA-ITSN)	Improve the quality of care and education that infants and toddlers receive in child day centers and family day homes, by supporting success within VQB5, increasing provider education and competency, and increasing the use of practices to promote social and emotional development of infants and toddlers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Coaching and TA services targeted to VQB5 sites with the lowest Infant and Toddler CLASS scores.</li></ul>	✓ VQB5 programs ✓ Some services available to non-publicly-funded programs	Free for VQB5 programs  Small fees may apply for non-VQB5 programs
<a href="#">Advancing Effective Interactions and Instruction</a> (AEII)	Improve the quality of teacher-child interactions in birth-to-five programs with professional development resources.	✓ VQB5 programs ✓ Some online resources available to all ECCE programs	Free
<a href="#">Virginia Early Childhood Consultation</a> (VECC)	Coaching and consultation services for VQB5 early childhood classrooms with the greatest need. The program supports the skills of leaders and teachers to 1) promote healthy social-emotional environments, 2) teach behaviors to help children develop behavioral regulation, positive relationships, and social skills, and 3) respond to behavioral challenges effectively in collaboration with families.	✓ VQB5 programs with a Need Support VQB5 Quality Rating	Free

VDOE Quality Improvement Partners: <i>Special Education Support</i>	Primary Purpose	Eligible Participants	Cost for Eligible Participants
<a href="#">Training and Technical Assistance Centers</a> (TTAC)	Provide professional development, technical assistance, and resources to school divisions, programs, and classrooms serving children ages 2-5 with Individualized Education Programs (IEP).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ School divisions</li> <li>✓ VQB5 child care centers with children with IEPs</li> </ul>	Free
<a href="#">VCU Autism Center for Excellence Early Childhood</a> (VCU-ACE)	Provide professional development, technical assistance, and resources to school divisions, programs, and classrooms serving children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) ages 2-5 with IEPs and to families raising and supporting young children with ASD.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ School divisions</li> <li>✓ VQB5 child care centers with children with ASD</li> </ul>	Free
<a href="#">Early Childhood Special Education Consortium</a> (ECSE Consortium)	Partnership with Radford University and Lynchburg University to provide tuition assistance to Virginia preservice and in-service teachers pursuing the courses leading to licensure in Early Childhood Special Education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ College students seeking ECSE licensure</li> <li>✓ Provisionally licensed teachers seeking ECSE licensure</li> </ul>	Free
VDOE Quality Improvement Partners: <i>Head Start Support</i>	Primary Purpose	Eligible Participants	Cost for Eligible Participants
<a href="#">Virginia Head Start Association</a> (VHSA)	Provide training and advocacy support to enhance the growth of Head Start educators, agencies, partners, and others who impact the lives of Head Start children and families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Head Start and Early Head Start programs</li> </ul>	Free Service Area Networks

<a href="#">Virginia Commonwealth University - Head Start Statewide Needs Assessment</a> (VCU)	VCU conducts an annual needs assessment for the Head Start Collaboration office that examines the relationships Head Start grant recipients have with state and community partners.	✓ Head Start and Early Head Start programs	Free
<b>VDOE Quality Improvement Partners: <i>Workforce Support</i></b>	<b>Primary Purpose</b>	<b>Eligible Participants</b>	<b>Cost for Eligible Participants</b>
Virginia <a href="#">Child Care Provider Scholarship Program</a> (VCCPSP)	Provide tuition assistance for the early care and education workforce to complete undergraduate courses in early childhood education.	✓ All child care and family day home educators	Free
<a href="#">Early Educator Fast Track Initiative</a>	Support Ready Regions and interested child care programs with recruiting and training new assistant teachers through an accelerated 4-week virtual course aligned with CHD 120 – plus provide pathways to continue education and receive competitive employment compensation.	✓ Child care programs	Free
<b>VDOE Quality Improvement Partners: <i>Focus on Principles of Early Learning and Development</i></b>	<b>Primary Purpose</b>	<b>Eligible Participants</b>	<b>Cost for Eligible Participants</b>
<a href="#">Early Learning Standards Microcredential</a>	Online training courses on the new learning guidelines for children ages birth-to-five, resulting in a microcredential. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special focus on supporting family day home and child care educators</li> </ul>	✓ All birth-to-five programs	Free
<a href="#">STREAMin3 Curriculum Model and PD Support</a>	Low-to-no cost comprehensive birth-to-five curriculum option. Online materials and PD tools available to all publicly-funded	✓ VQB5 programs	Free for eligible programs

	<p>early childhood programs in Virginia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Targeted coaching supports available to those classrooms in most need, determined by VQB5 data.</li> </ul>		
<a href="#">Wolf Trap Early Childhood STEM Learning Through the Arts Initiative</a>	Provide on-site and online training in Early Childhood STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) and Literacy.	✓ School divisions, PK-1st grade	Free
<b>VDOE Quality Improvement Partners: Health, Safety, and Operations Support</b>	<b>Primary Purpose</b>	<b>Eligible Participants</b>	<b>Cost for Eligible Participants</b>
<a href="#">Better Kid Care</a> - Penn State Extension	Online courses used to meet licensing and subsidy health and safety requirements.	✓ All child care programs	Free
Child Care Resource and Referral ( <a href="#">Child Care Aware of Virginia</a> )	Provide resource and referral services to connect families to high quality child care that is available and accessible in Virginia, and to provide professional development for child care programs on topics of health and safety (e.g., CPR/first aid and emergency preparedness training), strengthening business practices, and participating in the Child Care Subsidy Program.	✓ All child care programs	Free
<a href="#">Community College Workforce Alliance</a> - Child Care Provider Training (CCWA)	Distance learning courses to meet health and safety requirements.	✓ All child care and family day home educators	Free

Additional training and technical assistance opportunities are available to VQB5 programs. To discuss professional development options in your area, please contact your [Ready Region](#). For more detailed information regarding VQB5 Quality Improvement Supports, please see Section 7 of the [VQB5 Guidelines](#).

For questions regarding VQB5 Quality Improvement Supports, please contact [vqb5@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:vqb5@doe.virginia.gov).