

READY REGION SOUTHEASTERN: FAMILY ENGAGEMENT



What is the Goal of Family Engagement?

Family Engagement is part of a broader vision for building Virginia's Unified Quality Measurement and Improvement System (VQB5) that provides opportunities for families to offer guidance and input on early childhood decisions that matter the most to them.

Centering Family Voice

Family voice is integrated throughout as a critical driver of the work. There are 4 domains of Family Engagement in Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Systems: representation, transparency, impact, and commitment. These domains help support and enhance family engagement activities at the systems level.

What Does Authentic Family Engagement Look Like?

- ★ Families understand their early care and education options and can make a well-informed decision for their child.
- ★ Families see themselves represented in diverse program leadership.
- ★ Communications are family-centered and responsive.
- ★ Families and early educators develop meaningful and respectful relationships.
- ★ Families are engaged as partners in their children's learning and development.
- ★ Families mentor one another and advocate to address early childhood systems challenges.

Family Councils

Ready Regions are charged with developing diverse and equitable Family Councils that represent their region and provide valuable input and guidance to ensure that the needs and wants of families guide and shape the region's family engagement efforts.

Family Engagement Annual Cycle

As a funded state priority, there are two key components of Virginia's Family Engagement annual cycle: The collaborative self-assessment process and the creation of a Family Engagement Workplan.

Family Engagement Self-Assessment:

The Self-Assessment helps regions identify areas of strength and areas for focused improvement (at either the regional or community level).

Family Engagement Workplan:

Based on results of the self-assessment, each sub-region will develop specific goals for their annual Family Engagement Workplan.

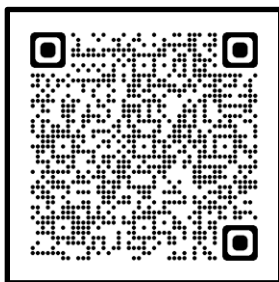
Ready Region Southeastern (RRSE) has been charged with helping our region identify current needs and opportunities for improving family engagement work and elevating family voice and choice.

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2023-2024 School-Year

For the 2023-2024 School-Year, Ready Region Southeastern's Workplan is focused on creating and working closely with Family Councils. Our goal is to ensure diverse and equitable membership and to partner with Family Council to initiate and implement ECCE systems change throughout our region.

If you are interested in becoming an active member of a Family Council, meetings are held monthly (rotating between virtual and in-person dinner meetings), tablets and stipends are provided. Please visit: [Family Council Working Group](#) to learn more or scan the code below.



3 Established Sub-Region

Family Councils



Eastern Shore

Accomack & Northampton Counties

Hampton Roads

Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth,
Virginia Beach

Western Tidewater

Franklin, Isle of Wight County,
Southampton County and Suffolk

RRSE PARTNERS

- ❖ Family Council Members
- ❖ Families
- ❖ Virginia Promise Partnership
- ❖ Minus 9 to 5's Thriving Families Workgroup
- ❖ Child Care Centers
- ❖ DSS Representatives
- ❖ Early/Head Start Representatives
- ❖ ECSE Providers
- ❖ Family Day Homes
- ❖ Mixed Delivery Programs
- ❖ Private Child Care Representatives
- ❖ School Divisions
- ❖ VPI Representatives

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