Virginia’s ECELC Partnership
Virginia Early Childhood Foundation

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TALKING POINTS
• ECELC Project overview
• Advisory Council partner roles
• Partnership history
• Questions?
Taking Steps to Healthy Success:

Virginia’s Early Care & Education Learning Collaboratives

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

- 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
**Key Elements of ECELC**

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

- **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?
Advisory Council: Partners Roles

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

Advisory Council: Partners Roles

- Child Care Aware – manages trainers/TA
- Communications & Access to Programs
- Professional Development links
Advisory Council: Partners Roles

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

Advisory Council: Partners Roles

- Health Department– Obesity Prevention, CCHC
- Expertise physical well-being
- WIC, CACFP, Breastfeeding
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- Department of Social Services – QRIS
- Infant Toddler Specialist Network
- QI links

VECF’s Partnership Story

- History
- Decision-maker engagement
- Flexible
- “Bearing gifts”
Key Elements of ECELC

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

Seek Opportunities to Leverage

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