

A woman with dark hair, wearing a green sweater, is smiling and looking down at a young child. The child, also wearing a green sweater, is smiling and looking at the woman. They are both looking at a collection of colorful alphabet letters (yellow, red, blue, green) arranged on a surface. The woman's hand is visible, pointing at the letters. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a bookshelf.

Quality Preschool Options

For Your Young Child

Did you know?

90% of brain growth happens before kindergarten!

Which Option is Right for You?

	Cost	Ages	Eligibility	Hours	School Year	Meals Provided	Transportation Provided	Questions?
Virginia Preschool Initiative	Free	3-4	Family Income and Child/Family Risk	8:00am - 3:00pm	Same as public schools	Yes	Yes	Mecklenburg County VPI 434-738-6111
Head Start	Free	3-4	Family Income and Child/Family Risk	Full Day: 8:30am - 3:00pm Part Day: 8:30am - 1:00pm	Same as public schools	Yes	Yes	Tri-County Community Action Agency Head Start 434-575-7916
Childcare Centers	Varies. Many accept subsidy.	6 weeks to 5 years	Varies	10 - 12 hours a day	Year round	Yes	No	Childcare VA 833-778-0204 Scan QR code below to search for childcare providers near you.
Family Childcare Homes	Varies. Many accept subsidy.	6 weeks to 5 years	Varies	10 - 12 hours a day. Some night & weekend care	Year round	Yes	No	

Virginia Preschool Initiative



Tri-County Community Action Agency Head Start



Childcare Centers/
Family Childcare Homes



ChildCareVA

Point your smart phone camera at the QR code to go to the site for more information!



Receive Free Parenting Tips and Local Resources on Your Phone!

- Text **READYVA** to **274448**
- **Bright by Text** will send you tips, information, and resources specific to your child's age and where you live.

Search for Childcare in Your Area

Search by zip code, care type, quality rating, and subsidy participation at ChildCareVA.com.



Childcare Resources and Referrals

Local childcare resource and referral agencies can help you take the guesswork out of choosing care by providing:

- Childcare referrals by phone
- Childcare subsidy information
- Special needs child care referrals
- Translation services
- Parent workshops, hotlines, and newsletters

Toll Free: (866) 543-7852

Mon - Fri, 8:30am to 4:30pm

<https://www.childcareaware.org/>

OUR MISSION

To strengthen the system of individuals and organizations educating and caring for children ages birth to five.

Our goal is to ensure that all children are physically, emotionally, and intellectually ready to succeed in life.



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