MDG/PDG
Weekly Q&A Sessions

OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD
Strengthening early childhood systems

ACCESS • QUALITY • FAMILY ENGAGEMENT • COLLABORATION

PDG B-5 AND MIXED DELIVERY
Agenda

• Introduction to VECF’s weekly Opportunities Ahead Q&A sessions
• Review of the “Why”
• Brief overview of the Preschool Development Grant B-5 (PDG) and Mixed Delivery Grants (MDG) opportunities
• Review of important dates in the Letter of Intent (LOI) and application process
• Questions from webinar participants
Review of Opportunities Ahead for Virginia Communities: PDG and MDG

- Participation in high quality early childhood programs can effectively support the school readiness of at-risk children. In order to help communities representing one or more localities increase the opportunities for young children and their families to benefit, VECF will offer opportunities for communities to apply to participate in PDG and/or Mixed Delivery Grants.

- **Virginia has been awarded a 3-year federal grant for PDG B-5. The Mixed Delivery opportunity described here is pending current state legislative/budget decisions.**

- Required Letters of Intent (LOIs) are due to VECF no later than March 20, 2020, 5:00 pm.
Preschool Development Grant
Birth to Five (PDG)

PDG funding will support new communities in convening community stakeholders and engaging them in assessing and improving access to and quality of all publicly funded ECCE for children B-5 by:

– **building relationships**, including communicating with and coordinating PDG activities with all publicly funded ECCE partners;

– **increasing access**, including by assessing current program enrollment practices, analyzing needs data, and beginning to implement coordinated enrollment activities;

– **improving quality**, including through providing CLASS observations and related quality improvement support in all publicly funded classrooms; and

– **engaging families** in communication and decision making.
Mixed Delivery Grants (MDG)

• Mixed Delivery Grants will support public/private systems of preschool delivery with a focus on expanding the number of at-risk 3- and/or 4-year-old children served in high-quality private/community-based ECCE by:
  – *building relationships* to ensure coordinated community decision-making and effective use of resources;
  – *increasing access* to high quality ECCE in private/community-based (non-school-based) settings for at-risk 3- and 4-year-olds;
  – *improving quality*, including through providing CLASS observations and related quality improvement support in publicly funded classrooms; and
  – *engaging families* in communication and decision making

• Mixed Delivery Grants are intended to increase the capacity of communities to serve at-risk 3- and 4-year-olds who currently are unserved in a publicly-funded ECCE program (e.g., VPI; Head Start; or subsidized child care in centers, homes, or preschools).
## Important Dates

- **February 21** - LOI Released
- **February 24, 2pm** - [LOI Informational Webinar](#)
- **February 28 - May 15** - [PDG/MD Weekly Q&A Sessions](#) (Fridays at 9am)
- **March 2 - March 11** - [One-on-One Calls Available by Appointment](#)
- **March 4, 3pm** - [TA Session](#)
- **TBD** - Additional TA opportunities, as needed
- **March 20** - LOIs Due by 5pm
- **March 20 - March 31** - LOI Evaluation Process
- **March 31** - Notification of Invitation to Apply
- **April 1** - Applications Released
- **May 20** - Applications Due by 5pm
- **First week of June** - PDG and MD grants announced
- **July 1** - Grant funding begins

Technical assistance in the form of webinars, FAQs, and phone calls will be provided throughout the application period. Please stay tuned to VECF social media and website for updates.