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
- COVID-19: VECF’s position statement and recordings of stakeholder calls and webinars for ECCE providers that provide guidance on financial resources
- Brief overview of the Preschool Development Grant B-5 (PDG) and Mixed Delivery Grants (MDG) opportunities
- New timeline and deadlines in the PDG letter of intent (LOI) and application process
- Questions from webinar participants
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).
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.
Changes in Timeline for Applications for New Early Childhood Opportunities:

New Deadlines for PDG
Change in Timeline for Applications for New Early Childhood Opportunities – Preschool Development Grant Birth-Five (PDG B-5)

Current Pilots

- VECF, VDOE and UVA partners will work to support current pilots as needed based on community context. Flexibility will be provided to all pilots and we will not require any additional activities.
- There may be optional opportunities (e.g., teacher survey) that could be beneficial to participants and communities.
Change in Timeline for Applications for New Early Childhood Opportunities – 
Preschool Development Grant Birth-Five (PDG B-5)

Potential Applicants

- VECF and VDOE teams have shifted all deadlines for the Letters of Intent (LOI) and Application.
- We will keep LOIs on file from communities that have already submitted and will accept any new LOIs if a community wants to submit by April 20th.
- Communities who have submitted LOIs prior to new deadlines will have the opportunity to review and, as necessary, amend LOIs based on changes in their local ECCE landscapes due to COVID-19.
Change in Timeline for Applications for New Early Childhood Opportunities – PDG

The new timeline for PDG is as follows:
- Deadline for Regular Submission of LOI: April 20, 2020 (5 pm)
- Review of LOIs: April 21-28, 2020
- Notification of Decisions: April 28, 2020
- Posting of Full PDG Application: May 1, 2020
- Deadline for Submission: June 15, 2020 (5 pm)
- Review of Applications: June 16-30, 2020
- Notification of Decisions: July 1, 2020
Keeping Informed

• To receive information and details about PDG and MDG opportunities, application requirements, and deadlines, please:
  – Follow VECF on Facebook (www.facebook.com/SmartBeginnings) or Twitter (@SB_VECF).
  – Visit our website, www.vecf.org, for the most up-to-date information.

• Comments and questions, please send inquiries to info@vecf.org. Questions may not receive individual responses, but they will inform updated FAQs.