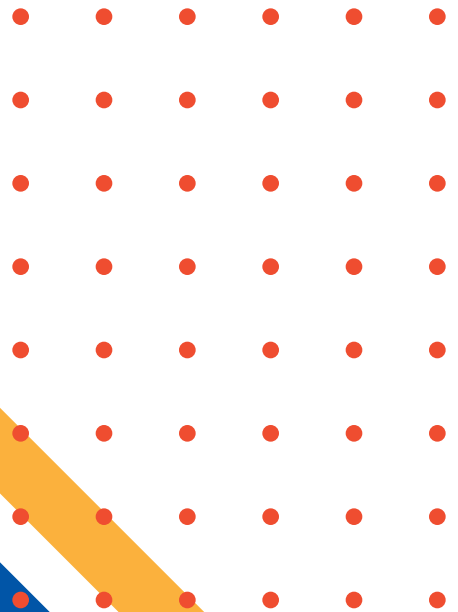
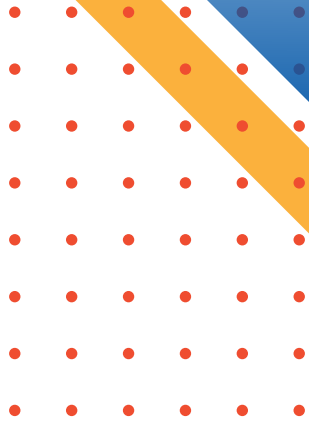




United Way of
Southwest Virginia

REGIONAL SOUTHWEST MIXED DELIVERY IMPACT REPORT 2022



THE ISSUES

Early childhood care and education are essential in developing the skills necessary to succeed in school and to live healthy and fulfilling lives. For at-risk children and families in Southwest Virginia, access to childcare can be challenging, and with a virtual dearth of pediatric mental health professionals, the childcare provider serves a critical role as a centralized hub for the services necessary for early childhood development. Therefore, access to affordable, high-quality preschool services is of paramount importance.



THE GOAL

In order to meet the early childhood needs of our region's at-risk children and families, we are working to bolster our communities' early childhood care and education resources by using Mixed Delivery Grants to provide contract-based public funding that will serve children who meet Virginia Preschool Initiative eligibility criteria in private early childhood care and education (ECCE) settings. This program allows licensed ECCE providers to increase access to high-quality preschool for children who otherwise would not have the opportunity to attend. In addition, Mixed Delivery Grants provide an opportunity to strengthen partnerships across the region and to encourage public-private community collaborations.



WHAT WE'RE DOING...

FOR FAMILIES

Through the use of Mixed Delivery Grants, we're providing at-risk families in our region with the option of choosing a high-quality, publicly funded, private preschool provider that meets their child's needs and their family's preferences for full-day, full-year preschool.

FOR CHILDREN

Children can attend publicly-funded preschool in private settings, where they will have access to the same quality features available in other publicly-funded pre-school classrooms. There they will make friends and build relationships with nurturing teachers who will help them grow across all areas of development: physical, cognitive, and social-emotional.

FOR PROVIDERS

Mixed Delivery grants will provide contract-based public funding to serve children who meet Virginia Preschool Initiative eligibility criteria in private early childhood care and education (ECCE) settings. This program allows licensed ECCE providers to increase access to high-quality preschool for children who otherwise would not have the opportunity to attend.

THE IMPACT

CHILDREN SERVED

220

children provided access to a high-quality, publicly funded, private preschool

PROVIDERS SERVED

17

sites provided with contract-based public funding to serve children who meet Virginia Preschool Initiative eligibility criteria

LOCALITIES SERVED

15

COUNTIES AND CITIES IN OUR SERVICE AREA

Each public program has the opportunity to participate in the Leadership Team for strategic planning of slots and they also have the ability to receive free professional development around the topics of CLASS Interactions and Curriculum Implementation.

CRITICAL DATA

97%

of Regional Mixed Delivery providers were successful in assessing their students using PALS and VKRP tools.

100%

of the sites were able to complete 2 CLASS Observations (Fall and Spring). This tool evaluates the Interactions of Teachers and Students and how in-depth the interactions impact their learning environment.

THE STORIES



Blue Mountain Childcare is located in Abingdon, a small town in Southwest Virginia. Childcare is not attainable for many within our region, for many reasons, a big one being cost. Our facility participates with the Mixed Delivery Grant and was able to offer 15 tuition-covered slots to our small town. All of our families awarded a slot have expressed their need and gratitude for a program like this. Specifically, six of our families have shared that if it were not for this program, they would not be able to afford to send their children.

*-Amanda Crigger,
Director of Blue Mountain Childcare*



PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

- Blue Mountain Therapy
- Bright Beginnings
- Copper Hill Child Care
- Discovery Day Care
- First United Methodist Church
- Imagination Station
- Itty Bitties
- Kids Kikkin It
- Liddle Adventures
- Liddle Tykes
- Miss Amy's Child Care Center
- Radford Early Learning Center
- Rainbow Riders Childcare Center
- Roof Top Grayson County (Igniting Futures Academy)
- Valley Interfaith Child Care Center
- Virginia Tech Child Development Center for Learning and Research



We are so very appreciative of United Way! So many kids gained such knowledge and growth in our Pre-k this year! Thank you again!

*-Shawna Shannon
Kids Kikkin It Pre-K, LLC*

