

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND DOCUMENTS FOR CAREGIVERS/TEACHERS/DIRECTORS

Professional development opportunities and documents for caregivers/teachers/directors include, but are not limited to:

- early childhood education courses from colleges and universities;
- scholarships such as the Virginia Child Care Provider Scholarship Program (www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cc/professionals_resources.cgi then click on “Programs” then “Scholarship Program”);
- credentialing programs;
- VDSS Infant and Toddler Endorsement program (www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cc/professionals_resources.cgi then click on “Courses” then “Fall 2011 Catalog - Endorsement”);
- VDSS Child Care Professional Development Classes (www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cc/professionals_resources.cgi then click on “Courses”);
- local, regional and statewide training and conferences;
- VDSS distance learning program entitled The Program for Infant/Toddler Caregivers (www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cc/professionals_resources.cgi then click on “Courses” then “Fall 2011 Catalog – Distance Learning”);
- READ-A-BOOK program (www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cc/professionals_resources.cgi then click on “Programs” then “Read~A~Book Program”);
- Virginia Professional Development Registry (VPDR, www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cc/professionals_resources.cgi then click on “Courses” then “Fall 2011 Catalog – Endorsement”);
- Virginia *Early Childhood and Child Care Professional Development Career Lattice* (www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cc/professionals_resources.cgi then click on “Guidance & Resources” then “Career Lattice”);
- Virginia *Competencies of Early Childhood Professionals* (www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cc/professionals_resources.cgi then click on “Publications” then “Competencies for Early Childhood Professionals”);
- VDSS document entitled *The Director’s Toolbox* (www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cc/professionals_resources.cgi then click on “Publications” then “Director’s Toolbox”); and
- Family Child Care Toolkit (<http://smartbeginnings.org/> click on “Star Quality Initiative” then “For Early Childhood Professionals”).