

Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia
Early Intervention for Infants and Toddlers with Developmental Delays or Disabilities
Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

State VICC Meeting
Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council (VICC)
September 10, 2025

Minutes – DRAFT

Call to Order and Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 10:05AM by VICC Chair, Tricia Peny. A list of attendees is included at the end of this document.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of June 11, 2025, VICC meeting were motioned and approved without modifications.

NOTE → A final version of the minutes is now available online on the [VICC Meetings webpage](#) and on the [Commonwealth Calendar](#).

ITCVA Part C of IDEA Update

Kyla Patterson, Early Intervention Program Manager, provided the following information and updates on behalf of the ITCVA Part C Office:

- Federal Updates – The House and Senate are working on funding bills for FFY 2026. House and Senate committees have passed measures that maintain all IDEA programs as separate programs and level fund Part C.
- Virginia Legislative Updates - Fast track VA regulations to add several disciplines as Part C providers are out for public comment, which ends today. Practice Manual revisions are being reviewed internally at DBHDS prior to going out for public comment as it is an official guidance document. Virginia House Bill 1760, focusing on early childhood mental health, resulted in a work group that met four times reviewing two parts of the study – screening and assessment and training and resources to support children, families and providers. They have finished their work and are preparing a report to present to the General Assembly. Kyla will share recommendations at the December VICC meeting.

- Sliding Fee Scale - The Part C office is updating our sliding fee scale to determine family's ability to pay and establish a monthly cap. There is a fee appeal process, and this has been recently updated. This is work in progress and VICC will be updated as work continues.
- Child Count - Child find trends show July and August are trending above last year's birth - 1 count. Birth - 3 count continues to trend upward above last year's numbers but still below 2023 levels. Local System Managers reported higher referrals from hospitals and daycares.

Presentation: Family Voices

VICC parent representative Nyesha Nicholas shared her experiences as a parent navigating resources and advocating for her daughter and family.

Integrated Training Collaborative (ITC)

Morgan Colleton, VEIPD staff, provided an overview of the ITC's work and accomplishments during the previous quarter. An ITC infographic is included within the [VICC 2025-09-10 Updates and Presentations .zip file](#) posted online.

New Path Update

Robin Church, New Path Family Support Director, provided an overview of New Path's work and accomplishments during the previous quarter.

- Served 26 Early Intervention families in the last quarter. Four families partnered with four other families resulting in shared journeys.
- Four presentations were shared and recorded: Chaos or Growth (navigating family life), Family Engagement (with providers), Hidden Gem (new website for New Path), and Does My Child have a Developmental Disability (empowers parents to talk about their concerns).
- Robin plans to gather LSMs to talk about Early Intervention for families and learn about early intervention from the program side.
- The new website was launched in July.

- Scholarships are available to families for the ARC conference 9/29 – 10/1 in Virginia Beach.

Public Comment

No requests to make public comment were received prior to or at the meeting.

Presentation: Parent Education Advocacy Training Center (PEATC) - Kathleen Gibson

- Every state has a parent education advocacy training center under OSEP.
- Services free and confidential.
- Support birth to age 26 to empower families and youth with disabilities.
- Assistance is available in 300+ languages.
- Services include direct assistance, training and resources.
- Early Childhood Academy partners with VDOE to provide a self-paced online course for families of young children (birth to 6).
- The Special Education Workshop series includes a presentation on transition from Part C

Agency Reports

VICC member agency reports are attached. Highlights shared include:

[Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Service \(DBHDS\) – Kari Savage](#)

Kari Savage reported that the Office of Child and Family Services is receiving applications for contracted vendors to provide school based mental health services. VMAP care navigators are connecting families with resources.

[Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired \(DBVI\) – Donna Cox](#)

[Virginia Department for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing \(VDDHH\) – Eric Raff](#)

Work continues for the Deaf Mentor Project. Mentors teach ASL, share life experiences, share assistive technology resources, and work with families. They are recruiting for 4th cohort of deaf mentors to expand the mentor pool.

[Virginia Department of Education \(VDOE\) – Dr. Dawn Henricks](#)

[Virginia Department of Education-Project HOPE– Dr. Patricia Popp](#)

[Virginia Department of Health \(VDH\) – Toni Hayes](#)

[Department of Medical Assistance Services \(DMAS\) – Karla Callahan](#)

The new contract for cardinal care was effective July 2025. Humana has replaced Molina. The dental benefit has now been in place for 20 years.

[State Corporation Commission-Bureau of Insurance \(SCC\) – Rebekah Allen](#)

Rebekah Allen reported that there have been no early intervention complaints, or any other issues reported regarding § 38.2-3418.5 of the Code of Virginia.

Presentation: Congenital CMV – Kyla Patterson, Early Intervention Program Manager

- Cytomegalovirus (CMV) is a common virus. One in three children are already infected by age 5. Stays for life and can reactivate. Most people do not have symptoms.
- Congenital infection, symptomatic, is listed in our eligibility criteria. Request was made to remove the symptomatic requirement for CMV.
- Kyla Patterson consulted with VDH and received data on CMV in children birth to age 3.
- VDH consultants recommended removing the symptomatic requirement for CMV.
- VDH is considering adding screening for CMV to the newborn hearing screening program which would result in all children being tested.
- If a change to eligibility criteria for CMV is made, the Practice Manual will need to be updated and sent out for public comments.

- VICC discussed next steps: pursue it now, table it or revisit it if it becomes part of the VDH newborn screening. A recommendation was made to wait until December to have more information about the timeline for VDH adding the newborn screening.

Open Forum

ITCVA was accepted to attend the Fiscal Academy and participated in a three-day collaboration. Participants learned there was variability among states regarding fiscal management (family fees, billing insurance). Each state was asked to develop a financial capstone plan. Virginia chose to enhance fiscal monitoring across the state. Tricia Peny expressed the desire for VICC members to participate in this endeavor. She proposed a finance committee to assist in this work. We will revisit forming this committee in December.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15PM.

Attendance

Name	Seat/Role	Present	Absent
Dawn Ault	Head Start	X	
Victoria Bhardwaj	Public Provider		X
Amanda Bishop	Parent	X	
Dana Childress	Personnel Preparation		X
Tracey Deal	Provider		X
Christina Harrison	Private Provider		X
Kristen Heinan/Katheryn Frazier	Private Provider?	X	
Kirsten Hodge	Parent		X
Sheila Holas	Private Provider		X
Sarah Jeffries	Parent	X	
The Honorable Emily Jordan	Legislator	X	
Teddi Kenyear	MH Provider		X
Nyesha Nicholas	Parent	X	
Tricia Peny	Early Intervention	X	
Will Ritter	Parent	X	
Floriye Shala	Parent		X
Stephanie Tharp	Parent		X

Katie Vance	Parent		X
Leann White	Parent		X
Jill Yates	LSM	X	

Name	State Agency	Present	Absent
Karla Callaham	DMAS	X	
Donna Cox	VDBVI		X
Toni Hayes	VDH		X
Dawn Hendricks	VDOE		X
Pat Popp	VDOE - Project HOPE		X
Eric Raff	VDDHH	X	
Marly Santoro /Rebecca Allen	SCC Bureau of Insurance	X	
Kari Savage	DBHDS	X	
VACANT	DSS		