

## SMART BEGINNINGS WESTERN TIDEWATER

### JOIN OUR TEAM!

Smart Beginnings Western Tidewater is hiring a part time **Preschool Development Grant Birth-5 Project Manager**. Duties include strengthening local early childhood systems through collaboration, CLASS observations and training, extensive outreach and technical assistance for early child care programs, data collection, and more! Interested candidates may submit a resume to [maburgess@franklinva.com](mailto:maburgess@franklinva.com). The City of Franklin is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### PDG B-5 WORKFORCE SURVEY

In the coming weeks, Preschool Development Grant Birth-5 program leaders, teachers, and family child care providers will receive an invitation to complete the **Fall 2020 VA PDG B-5 Workforce Survey**. The survey is voluntary and aims to understand the experiences and challenges of early educators navigating COVID-19. Participants will receive a \$20 Walmart gift card for completing the survey.

### CHILD & ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM FALL ENGAGEMENT

This October, Smart Beginnings Western Tidewater distributed Healthy Harvest Baskets to early child care programs for Farm to CACFP Week activities. Baskets included locally grown produce and nutrition education resources for educators to incorporate into menus, taste testing, and lesson planning. Did you know that CACFP programs can purchase directly from farmers markets and community supported agriculture programs? Learn more at [www.usda.gov/farmtoschool](http://www.usda.gov/farmtoschool) and visit [www.vachildcarefoodprogram.org](http://www.vachildcarefoodprogram.org) to locate a food program sponsor nearest you. This project is supported by the **Virginia Early Childhood Foundation** and the **Nemours Foundation**.



### PROJECT PATHFINDERS

The Virginia Early Childhood Foundation is accepting Spring Semester 2021 **Project Pathfinders Scholarship** applications until December 1, 2020. Scholarships are available to lead teachers, assistant teachers, and administrators seeking to complete an early childhood credential from a Virginia community college. Visit [www.smartbeginnings.org/project-pathfinders](http://www.smartbeginnings.org/project-pathfinders) for more information.

### REV YOUR BEV DAY

On November 13, 2020, early care providers across Virginia will celebrate **Rev Your Bev Day**. Rev Your Bev Day is an annual statewide day of action to raise awareness about the health benefits gained by children and adults when they choose water instead of sugar sweetened beverages. Register to receive a FREE classroom toolkit at [www.revyourbev.com/registration](http://www.revyourbev.com/registration). To learn more about Rev Your Bev visit [www.revyourbev.com](http://www.revyourbev.com). Please contact Hannah Robbins [hrobbins@vfh.org](mailto:hrobbins@vfh.org) if you have questions!

### VIRGINIA QUALITY MINI-GRANT

Join a network of educators dedicated to continuous quality improvement. For a limited time, child care programs that join **Virginia Quality** will receive a \$500 ECERS mini-grant! Contact Smart Beginnings Western Tidewater Virginia Quality Coordinator Toni Johnson at [tonijohnson0714@gmail.com](mailto:tonijohnson0714@gmail.com) to sign up today!

### UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS

#### Race & Culture in the Classroom

Presented by Dr. Kawanna Ward

November 4, 2020, 6-8pm

#### Early Childhood Collaboration

Community Presentation by Anne Bruehl

November 18, 2020, 9-11am

Call 757-562-8594 or email [maburgess@franklinva.com](mailto:maburgess@franklinva.com) to register. Training certificates available!