

_____ would like to participate in Virginia Quality administered through a partnership between the Office of Early Childhood Development and the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation. The partnership is hereinafter referred to as 'the Hub'. Virginia Quality is coordinated in the Eastern Region by Tidewater Community College in partnership with Children's Harbor, The Planning Council, Smart Beginnings Western Tidewater and other area partners.

I understand that the process to participate in the Virginia Quality will involve:

- Completion of an application or online profile for above named Program.
- Submission of all relevant documents that support this application and any subsequent observations will be kept and be available for review by the Hub and the local coordinating agency (Virginia Quality Eastern Region). This includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - verification of good standing with regulations of the regulating authority for private programs or the site visit checklists for VPI programs which will be submitted by the Department of Education;
 - copies of any forms or documents referred to in this application;
 - Curriculum Checklist, CLASS, Environment Rating Scale, and Quality score calculator and reports.
- Maintenance of good standing with the requirements of the appropriate regulating authority. A program may be suspended or removed from Virginia Quality when any of the following occurs:
 - numerous, repeated or serious risk non - compliances with state child care regulatory requirements (for private programs);
 - physical move to a different location;
 - not actively participating in the Virginia Quality technical assistance process;
 - founded case of abuse or neglect as noted in § 63.2 - 1508 of the Code of Virginia;
 - failure to maintain facility's inspection reports in accordance with DOE requirements (for public schools)
 - founded complaint or absence of a current Exemption letter (for faith exempt programs); or
 - a notice of proposed denial or revocation of licensure is issued (for private programs).

Any facility that receives notification of a proposed denial or revocation of state child care licensure or approval must verbally notify the local coordinator within five (5) business days and in writing within ten (10) business days.

- Granting permission for the Hub to release data gathered during the VSQI process for evaluation and research purposes. No individual program, staff or child information will be identified in the final report.
- I understand that Virginia Quality requires demonstration of quality in the following ways on the standards listed below:

VIRGINIA QUALITY STANDARDS

1. Health and Safety (assessed by documentation)
2. Education & Qualifications (assessed by documentation)
3. Curriculum & Assessment (assessed by documentation and observation)
4. Interactions & Environment (assessed by observation)

Criteria: Specific quality standards that must be met to achieve a particular Level within Virginia Quality. Requirements define the quality Levels. **Required Improvement Activities:** Specific quality improvement activities that must be completed to progress to the next Level within the Star Quality Initiative.

I, (Name) _____, (Title) _____

agree to notify the Virginia Quality Coordinator promptly if any of this information changes. Any of the information provided throughout my participation may be checked by local coordinators, staff at the hub, or an agency approved by the Hub. If the information is found to be false, the program may be withdrawn from Virginia Quality. If an application is resubmitted with correct information, it may be reconsidered at the discretion of the hub.

I agree to the above terms. _____
Initials Date