



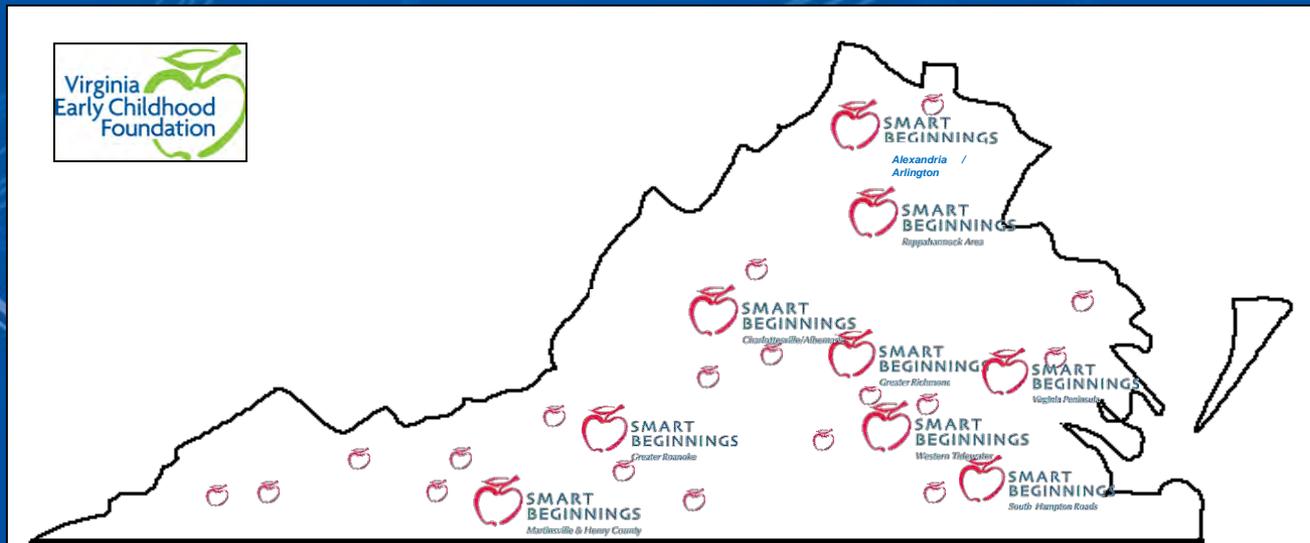
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Greater Richmond

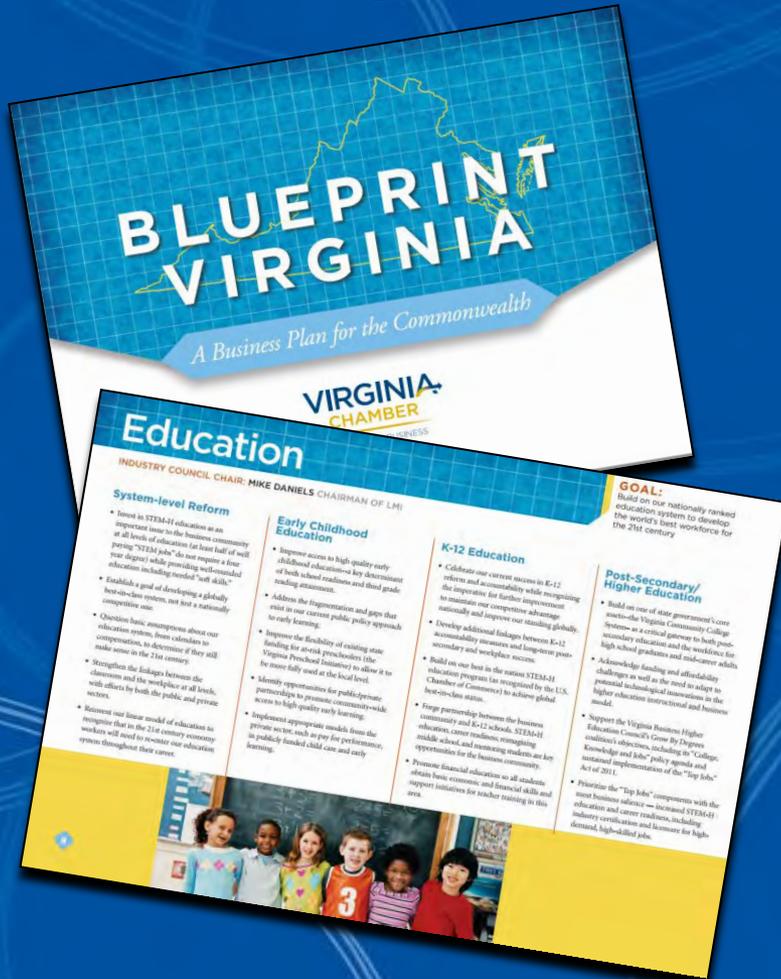
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Presentation to the
Hanover County Board of Supervisors
December 10, 2014

Building a Coalition



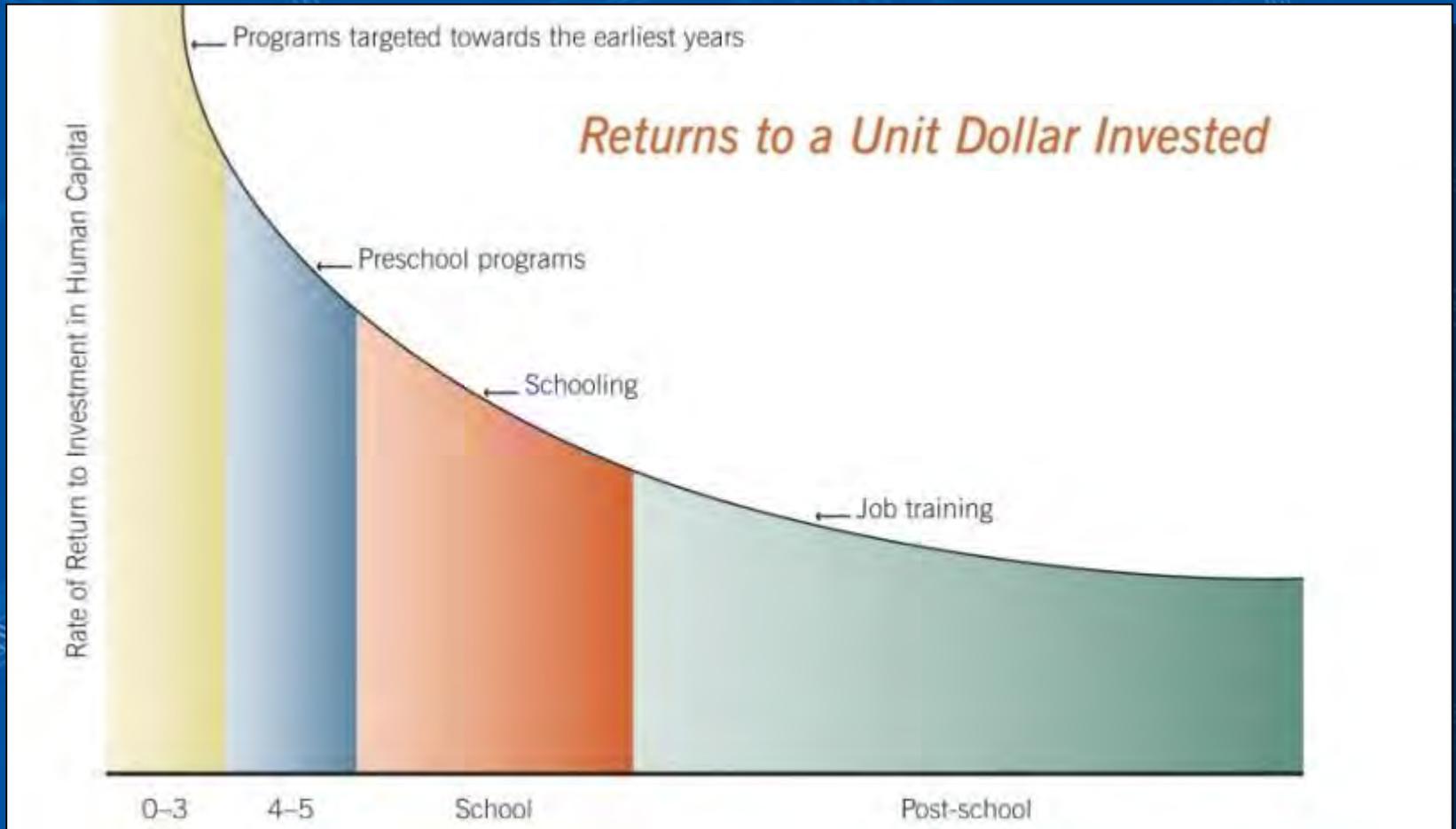
Blueprint Virginia Virginia Chamber of Commerce



Early Childhood Education

- Improve access to high quality early childhood education--a key determinant of both school readiness and third grade reading attainment.
- Address the fragmentation and gaps that exist in our current public policy approach to early learning.
- Improve the flexibility of existing state funding for at-risk preschoolers (the Virginia Preschool Initiative) to allow it to be more fully used at the local level.
- Identify opportunities for public/private partnerships to promote community-wide access to high quality early learning.
- Implement appropriate models from the private sector, such as pay for performance, in publicly funded child care and early learning.

Workforce Development



Source: Heckman and LaFontaine (2007)

Local Champions in the Legislature

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Commission on Youth

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Commission on Youth Announces Adoption of Study Recommendations

RICHMOND – Delegate Christopher K. Peace, Chairman of the Virginia Commission on Youth, and Senator Barbara Favola, Vice Chair, announced today the adoption of Legislative recommendations for three of the Commission's



Guest columnist

**Peace and Treadway: Focus on
young children**

Strategic Plan Update

HANOVER COUNTY

Human Services Strategic Plan 2014-2019

PROMOTE CITIZEN INDEPENDENCE
AND A HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE



HEALTHY HANOVER

PROMOTE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND
WELLNESS

SCHOOL READY HANOVER

ENSURE CHILDREN ARE READY FOR SCHOOL
SUCCESS

Research indicates the long-term impact of a child's experiences during the first five years. Science shows early experiences literally shape how the brain gets built. A strong foundation in the early years increases the probability of positive outcomes. Hanover County is invested in educating youth and ensuring they have the necessary tools to succeed in school and after graduation.



Communicating with Parents

POSITIVE PARENTING NUGGET

hang in there



It's natural to dwell on the stressful moments that come with being a working parent. We can help you manage.

Visit hanovercounty.gov/parenting or call 804-365-4100 for helpful parenting information and child care resources.

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Helping Hanover County parents be the best they can be so their children enter school ready to succeed. Hanover County is a partner of Smart Beginnings Greater Richmond.

Paid for by the federal Child Care and Development through Virginia DSS and Hanover DSS

POSITIVE PARENTING NUGGET

PRIVACY



It's more than a setting. Help your teen learn boundaries online and off. We can show you how.

Search 'parenting' at hanovercounty.gov or call 804-365-4238 for helpful teen information resources.

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Kings Dominion



Snoopy Snippet

Learning begins at birth!



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SOCIAL & COPING

While you're waiting for your turn in line or anticipating the start of the next fun show, help your child learn patience. Hold hands, give your child a hug, a smile or a pat on the back...paying attention to children helps them feel special and safe.

Let your child hear the words you want him/her to use in each situation.

Other attractions that feature social & coping concepts include:
Peanuts Playhouse & Peanuts Showplace

Kindergarten Registration



96%

of parents said that seeing or hearing the information about school readiness helped them be better prepared to register their child.



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