



It Takes a Region
Working Together to Create
Smart Beginnings for all Children

2010 Annual Summit

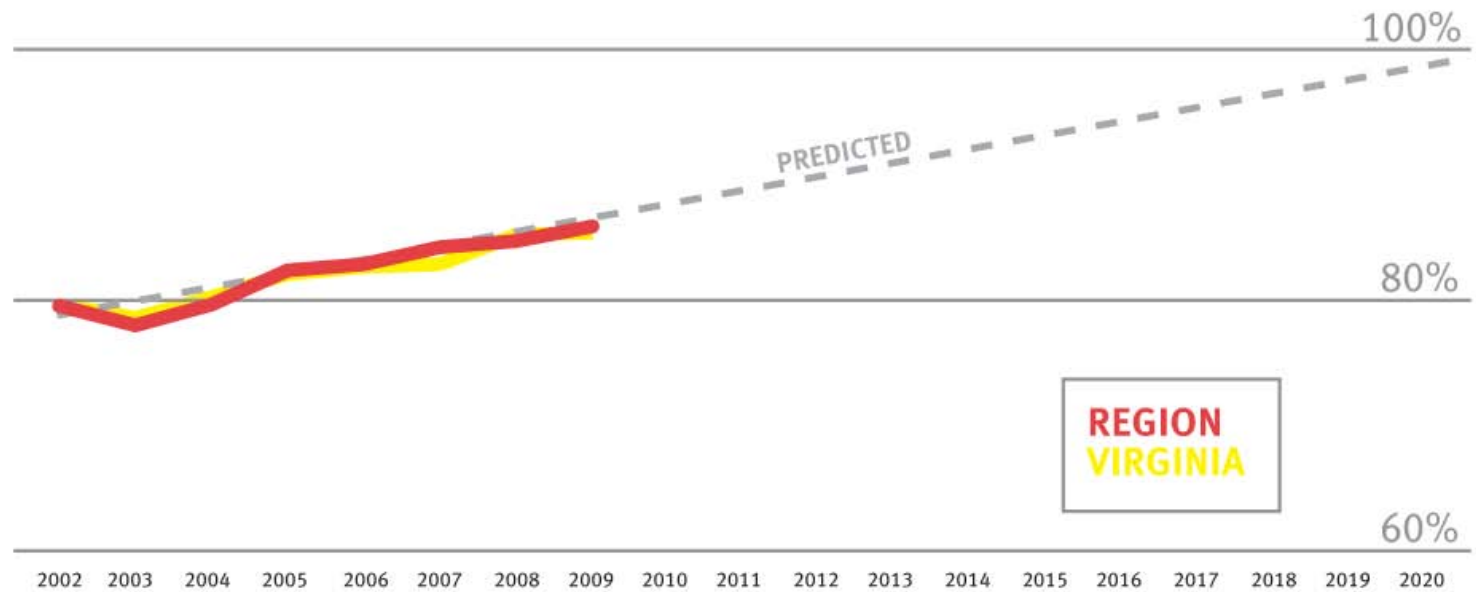
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**Get the facts on
early childhood
development.**



READY CHILDREN

Fall PALS-K Trend

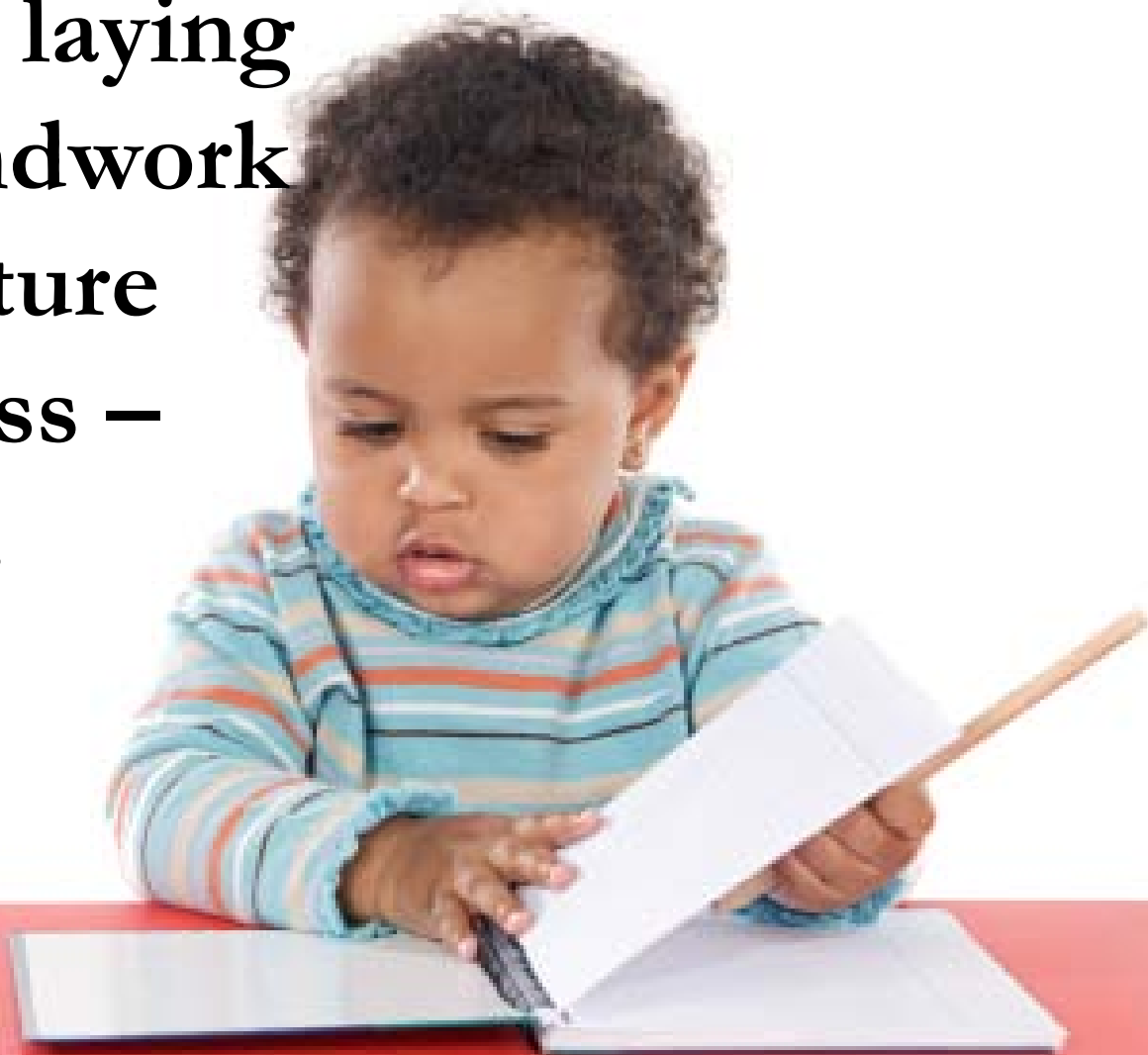




9,500 Children

\$42 Million

**We're laying
groundwork
for future
success –
today.**



Regional Plan for Children's School Readiness



Creating Smart Beginnings
for Children from Birth to 5



READY FAMILIES + READY SERVICES + READY SCHOOLS + READY COMMUNITY

READY CHILDREN

Five Year Regional Priorities

- **Ready Families**

Evidence-based home visiting and parenting education

- **Ready Early Care and Education**

Virginia Star Quality Rating and Improvement System and professional development

- **Ready Health**

Early prevention and intervention services and social/emotional health

- **Ready Schools**

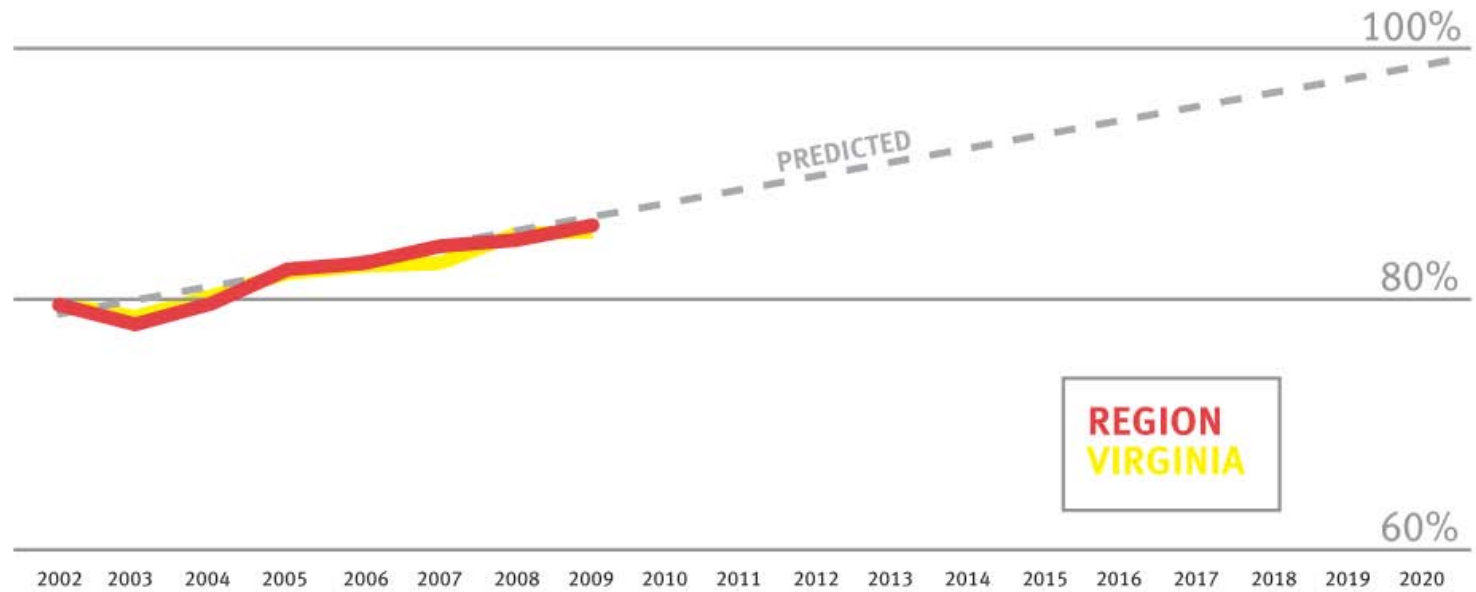
On-time enrollment of Pre-K and Kindergarten and definition of children's Kindergarten readiness

- **Ready Communities**

Building champions, advocacy, locality priorities, systems coordination

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Developments:

- United Way Women's Leadership Initiative developed strategic plan in alignment with SRP
- In-kind support from Martin Agency for public engagement campaign
- VA Star Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) expanded to X localities. A total of x programs have participated.
- City of Richmond and Hanover County set early childhood development as strategic priority
- ChildSavers is leading a collaborative project for infant/toddler mental health
- Five school districts set registration date
- \$75,000 available to support locality-focused school readiness planning

**By helping
our children,
we help our
whole
community.**





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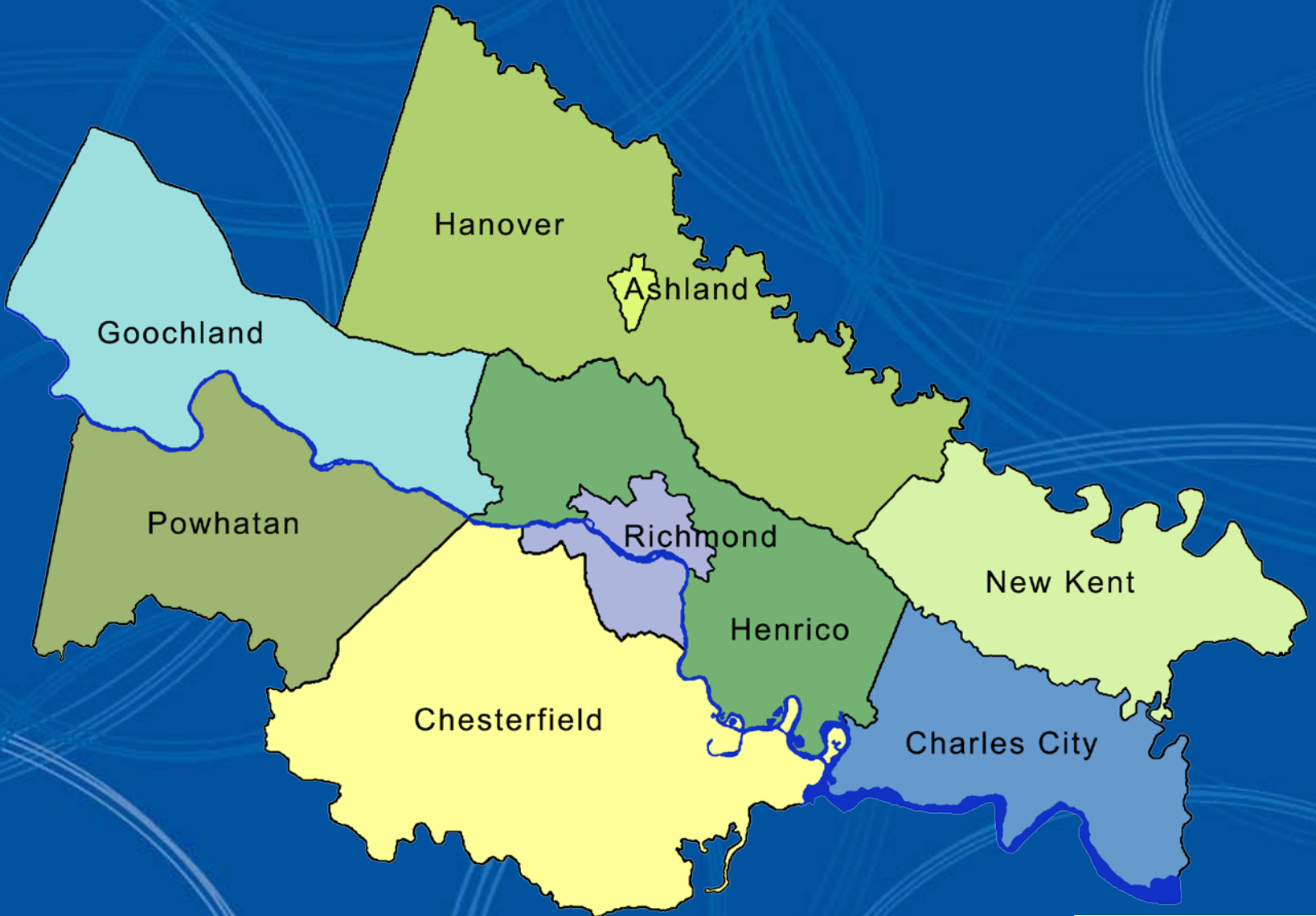
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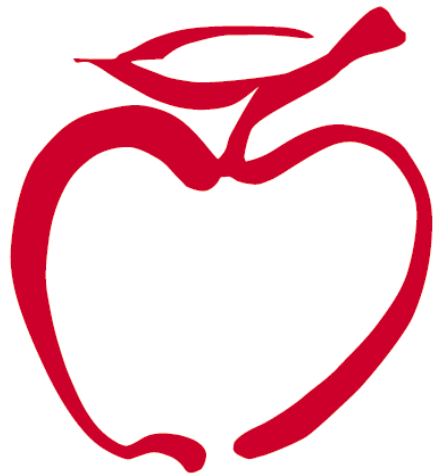
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Partners



SMART Ready for School.
Ready for Life.
BEGINNINGS

Greater Richmond



Reflection

- Everyone has a role
- Progress made
- Work to do
- Committed partners



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