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BIRTH – 3 YEARS EARLY INTERVENTION

The Infant & Toddler Connection of Alexandria/Parent Infant Education (PIE) Program

Provides early intervention support and services to infants and toddlers who are not developing as expected or who have a medical condition that can delay normal development. Early intervention supports and services are available for all eligible children birth through age two and their families regardless of the family's ability to pay. The PIE program is part of the statewide early intervention program known as the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia. Services offered include service coordination, developmental therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, social work services, speech therapy and vision services. The program served 397 children in FY25 and year to date for FY26 is serving 205 children. The program has two vacancies (A Therapist Supervisor and a Senior Therapist)

3 - 5 YEARS PRESCHOOL AND SCHOOL READINESS

Early Childhood Wellness

The City of Alexandria's Early Childhood Wellness program offers support for young children (birth to age 5) and their caregivers, focusing on mental health and early intervention. Our goal is to support the social, emotional, and behavioral well-being of young children, ensuring positive outcomes for them and their caregivers. **The program supported 475 educators, parents and children in FY25. Year to date FY26 the program has supported 111 educators, parents and children.** This number is low when preschools are closed for the summer. The program has one vacancy (Therapist Supervisor).

0-13 YEARS CHILD CARE PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

Child Care Subsidy Assistance

Families may be eligible for a childcare subsidy for children aged 0-13 if both parents are working, going to school or participating in training. Families pay a single fee based on their income directly to the provider of care. The remainder of the cost of care is paid by the Department of Community & Human Services. To be screened for this program, contact the Early Childhood Division at 703.746.5437 (KIDS). **The program supported 480 families in FY25. Year to date FY26 the program has supported 417 families**. This number is reflective of a mandated state waiting list. Alexandria has 132 families on the waitlist. The program has one vacancy (Family Services Specialist).

3- 21 YEARS YOUTH INTELLECUAL DEVELOPMENTAL WAIVERS

Medicaid Waiver Application and Case Management

The mission of Developmental Disability Services is to maximize independence of clients served in the most integrated community settings with the necessary support. Services are available to residents of the City of Alexandria with a diagnosis of an intellectual disability before age 18 or developmental disability before the age of 22. Children and young adults under the age of 22 years old can seek services with the Youth Intellectual and Developmental Disability Program through the intake phone number at 571.213.7963. **The program supported 187 families in FY25. Year to date FY26 the program has supported 208 families.** The program has one vacancy which is anticipated to be filled by November 30.

CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

Family Child Care Homes

Family Child Care homes are private homes in which an adult provides care for children. All family childcare homes in Alexandria caring for five or fewer children must be registered with the Early Childhood Division. Providers caring for more than five children (including their own under 14) must have an assistant, a Special Use Permit from the City and a license from the state. The city currently has 49 Family Day homes operating under local ordinance. This represents a decrease of 6 providers. The program has one vacancy (Family Services Specialist).