

# TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

## Notice:



**Due to technical difficulties during the Seasonal Updates Webinar hosted on March 12, 2024, the live presentation was not recorded. We apologize for the inconvenience. Instead, the slide deck is being shared for those who were unable to attend the live webinar.**

**If you have any questions about the information that was shared, please contact Saretha Williams**

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# Office of Child Care Health and Safety

**Seasonal Updates  
(Webinar)**

**&**

**Eastern/Peninsula Regional  
Listening Session  
(In-person)**



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# OFFICE OF CHILD CARE HEALTH AND SAFETY: HOME OFFICE TEAM

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# OFFICE OF CHILD CARE HEALTH AND SAFETY: EASTERN AND PENINSULA

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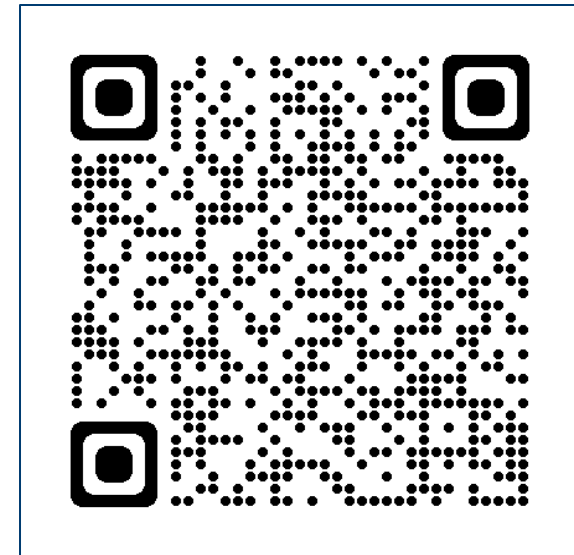
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# THE PURPOSE

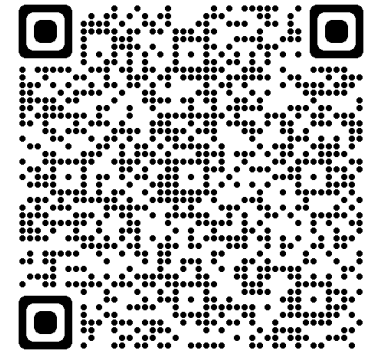
- ❖ The purpose of this Seasonal Update is to share what OCCHS has been working on the past 3 months and what is on the horizon. The purpose of the Regional Listening Session is to bring the early childhood community together to engage in conversation with the Office of Child Care Health and Safety (OCCHS) team.
- ❖ This is an opportunity for early childhood professionals to engage with the members of the OCCHS regional office teams and home office team, while receiving information about the work being done to promote healthy and safe environments in Virginia's world of early childhood.

# DIVISION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION

## VIRGINIA'S FOCUS ON SCHOOL READINESS

The years before a child enters school directly impact a child's ability to thrive in kindergarten and beyond. [School Readiness](#) means preparing all children for kindergarten by supporting birth-to-five programming by:

- Using high-quality curriculum and assessment strategies
- Encouraging teacher-child interactions
- Providing individualized professional development
- Creating programming that supports family engagement



Virginia Department of Education is responsible for child care licensing/regulation and the child care subsidy program. This shift is part of Virginia's broader effort to unify and strengthen the birth-to-five landscape in Virginia.

# DIVISION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION

The Office of Child Care Health and Safety is an office within the Division of Early Childhood Care and Education. As part of this Division, we share the focus of children being ready for school.



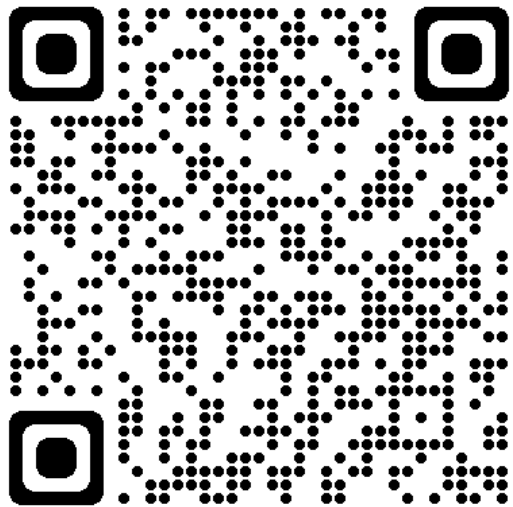
When these three components come together, children and families benefit which results in a benefit to the Commonwealth of Virginia.



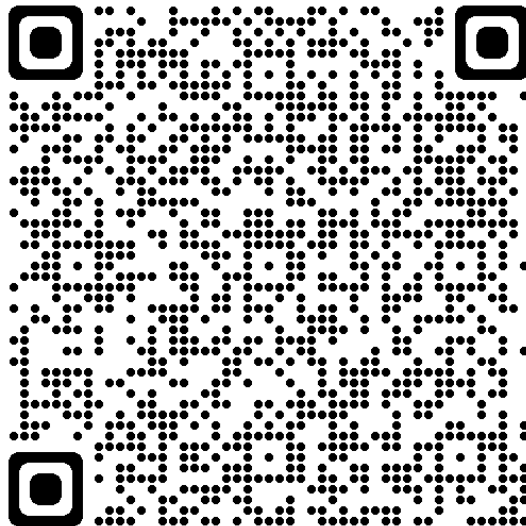
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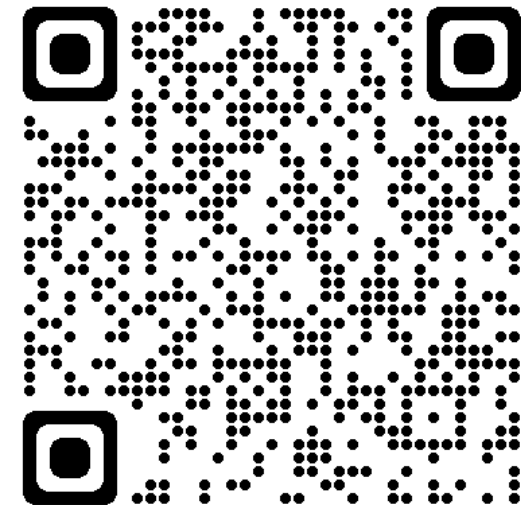
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# OFFICE OF CHILD CARE HEALTH AND SAFETY: ACCOMPLISHMENTS



- ❖ **Technology**
- ❖ **Field Operations**
- ❖ **Regulations/Standards**
- ❖ **Legislation**
- ❖ **Data**



# OFFICE OF CHILD CARE HEALTH AND SAFETY: CURRENT WORK



- ❖ **Legislation**
- ❖ **Regulations and Guidance**
- ❖ **Writing Convention**
- ❖ **New Licensing System**



# OFFICE OF CHILD CARE HEALTH AND SAFETY: ON THE HORIZON



- ❖ **New legislation**
- ❖ **New licensing system**
- ❖ **Writing convention change**
- ❖ **CDC regulations updating**
- ❖ **Virginia Annual Health and Safety Update Training Launch**

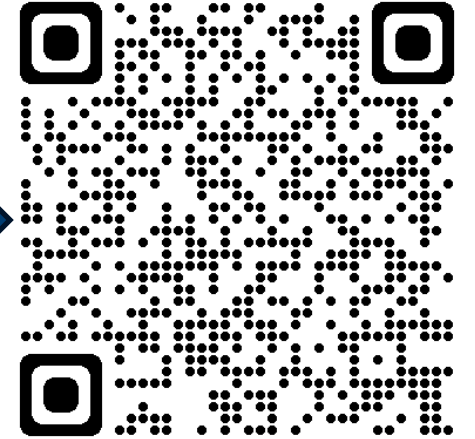


# SEASONAL UPDATES AND REGIONAL LISTENING SESSIONS

## ❖ Location:

- Waterside District – 333 Waterside Drive, Norfolk VA 23510
- Parking is FREE after 6:00pm
- OCCHS staff will be available in The Market Norfolk area inside the building.
- Food will not be provided but can be purchased from the many vendors available.
- Website: <https://watersidedistrict.com/>

Scan QR Code



## ❖ Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

### Next Seasonal Updates and Regional Listening Session

❖ Date: July 23, 2024

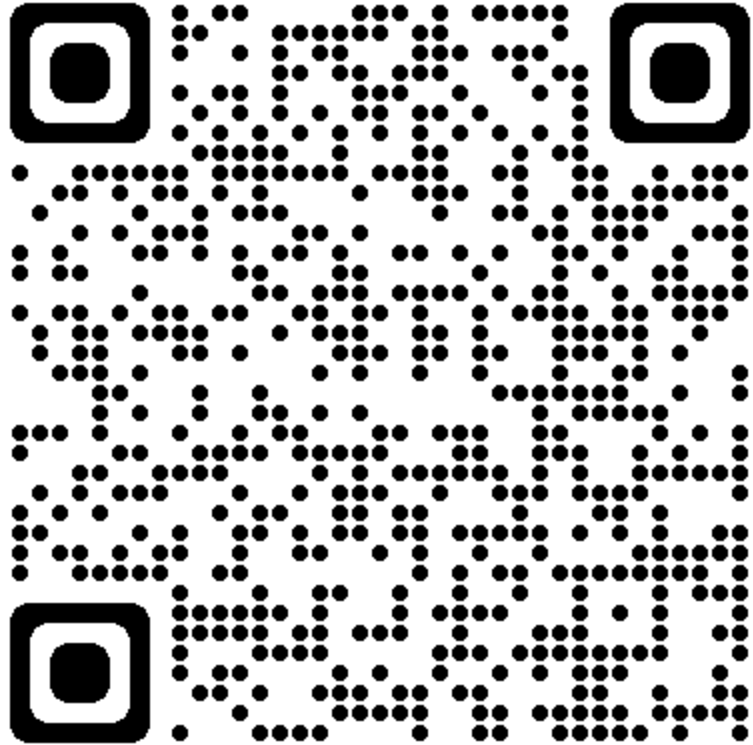
❖ Time: TBD

❖ Location: Northern Region

The Seasonal Updates and Regionals Listening Sessions will be posted in the VDOE – Readiness Connections.

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