



Northern Virginia partners,

Please tailor and use these templates to reach out to your networks in preparation for the April 9 hearing in Fairfax. Thank you! Please contact Emily (emily@vakids.org) or Mary Beth (marybeth@mbstsolutions.com) with questions or to share ideas.

Partner template e-alert

Early care and education policy and investment decisions are made each year at the federal, state *and* local levels. Right now, Fairfax County is taking action to balance a local budget and set priorities for the coming year. Local leaders matter, and your voice counts!

Fairfax, Join Us for a Day of Action on Wednesday, April 9th!

Early childhood advocates will gather at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, April 9th at [Main Street Child Development Center](#) to *Rally for Early Learning* and, later in the day, will participate in the [county's public hearing at 3:00 PM at Government Center in Fairfax](#). The hearing and rally fall during the Week of the Young Child which provides a great opportunity to demonstrate why early childhood matters. Join us! **WEAR PURPLE NEXT WEDNESDAY TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT OF THESE EFFORTS!**

- ✓ **Step 1:** [Sign up with the County](#) for a chance to speak on April 9th
- ✓ **Step 2:** Contact [Mary Beth](#) to let Voices know you plan to be there so we can coordinate for the strongest action and message and share talking points.
- ✓ **Step 3:** [Pass the word along about the Rally for Early Learning](#) at 10 AM on April 9th
- ✓ **Step 4:** If you can't be there in person on April 9th, you can still participate! Contact Mary Beth for more details on how you can contribute children's artwork to the rally and hearing.

[If your network includes early educators who could contribute to art to deliver to the Board of supervisors, insert: Another way to take action, right from your own program: we would love to collect art projects and deliver them to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors during the hearing on April 9. Contact staff [contact/marybeth@mbstsolutions.com](mailto:marybeth@mbstsolutions.com) today to let us know you want to do this so we can coordinate picking up your art by April 7 or 8!]

[If appropriate for your network, insert: Arlington and Alexandria advocates, stay tuned for news and opportunities with your local leaders too!]

Please share this alert with your friends and colleagues in Northern Virginia. Thank you! We look forward to working with you!

[your contact info]

Suggested Facebook update

Fairfax County advocates, please join us to take action on April 9! Sign up to speak at the public hearing on April 9. Just three minutes can make a big difference! Check out details from our partner, Voices for Virginia's Children. <http://vakids.org/topics/northern-virginia-advocacy-activities-around-early-childhood>

Promote our Fairfax Day of Action event page:

https://www.facebook.com/events/282245358604708/282245365271374/?notif_t=like

Suggested Twitter posts

We're taking action on April 9 to make early learning a priority in Fairfax! #schoolreadiness4NoVa

Check out tools from @vakids to take action in NoVa! <http://vakids.org/topics/northern-virginia-advocacy-activities-around-early-childhood> #schoolreadiness4NoVa

Fairfax: RT to say early learning is a priority! #schoolreadiness4NoVa

Local leaders matter and your voice counts! Support early ed in the local budgets.

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