

Workforce Solutions

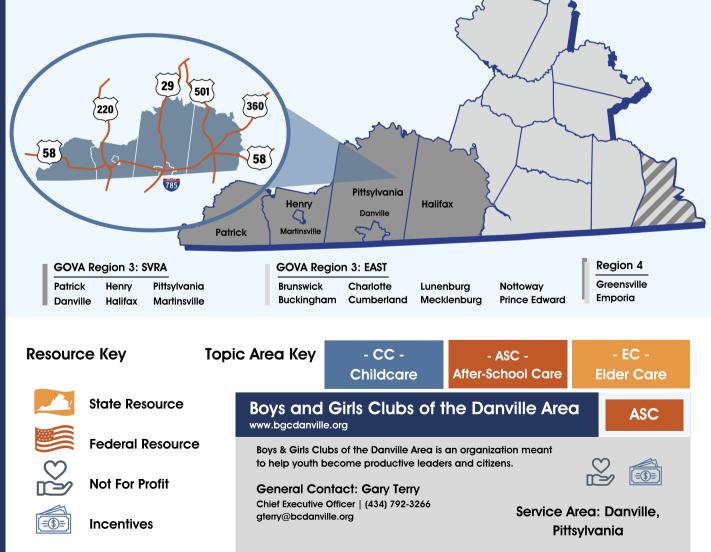
Childcare, After-School Care and Elder Care Resources for Your Region

Why are childcare, elder care and after-school care something that affect business? When employees struggle to find high-quality dependent care, they may miss multiple days of work or even leave the workforce entirely. However, when employees have access to dependent care that meets their needs, absenteeism and turnover rates fall and morale rises.

Since the start of the pandemic, supporting working families has become even more essential to business success. Working with employees to understand their specific needs, offering more workplace flexibility and even providing benefits to subsidize care costs can equip parents and caregivers with the tools and support they need to ensure their own engagement and productivity at work. Whether employees are searching for dependable daycare options, afterschool care for older children or elder support for parents and grandparents, employers can help connect workers to reliable service providers and financial resources, ensuring a stable and dependable workforce. 58% of parents report leaving the workforce because they are unable to find childcare solutions that meet their needs.

26% of parents report leaving the workforce because they cannot afford childcare.

(U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, page 9)



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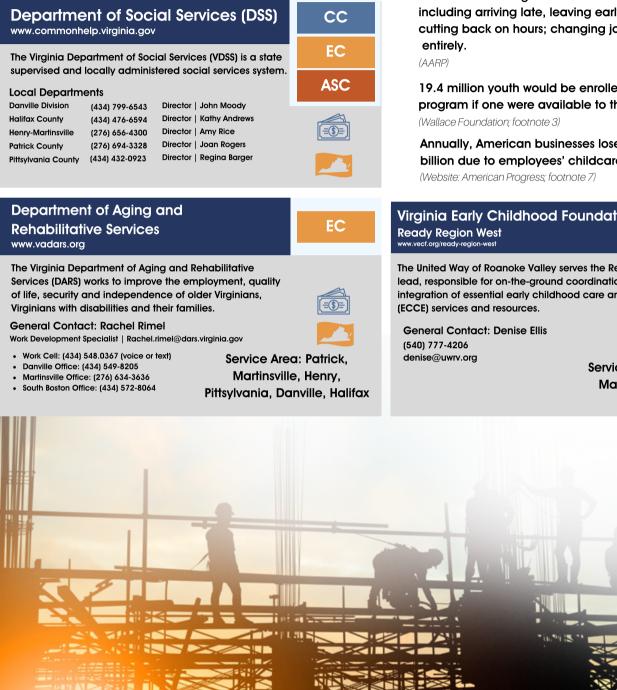
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50% of Americans live in a "childcare desert" with few options for licensed childcare at any cost.

(Website: American Progress; footnote 30)

An estimated 1.6 million mothers could enter the workforce if childcare assistance was offered to low- and middle-income workers.

(Website: American Progress; footnote 49)

68% of elder caregivers make work accommodations, including arriving late, leaving early or taking time off; cutting back on hours; changing jobs; or stopping work

19.4 million youth would be enrolled in an after-school program if one were available to them.

Annually, American businesses lose an estimated \$12.7 billion due to employees' childcare struggles.

Virginia Early Childhood Foundation

The United Way of Roanoke Valley serves the Ready Region West lead, responsible for on-the-ground coordination and integration of essential early childhood care and education

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