

# Press Release

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**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AWARDS CHILD  
DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES (CDR) CONTRACT TO CREATE STATEWIDE  
INFANT/TODDLER SPECIALIST NETWORK**

WILLIMSBURG, VA: On September 16, 2008 Child Development Resources (CDR) and the Virginia Department of Social Services signed a two-year, two-million dollar contract to implement an Infant/Toddler Specialist Network to improve the early care and education of infants and toddlers throughout Virginia under the direction and leadership of CDR.

"We are thrilled and humbled by the scope of this project," says Sheri Osborne, Director of CDR's Professional Training. Ms. Osborne, the primary author of CDR's proposal explains, "This network is a great step forward for young children and families in Virginia. With professional guidance and understanding from infant and toddler specialists, people caring

for our youngest children can be on a guided course of continuous improvement with the care they provide."

"We want our donors and our community to take great pride in the fact that CDR will lead this contract, but I emphasize that this is not a blank check to CDR for two million dollars. It will support some of our overhead costs, but it will not supplant our need for funds to continue to provide direct services to infants and toddlers in our community. The money from this contract stays in this contract," says Paul F. Scott, Executive Director.

CDR plans to work with partners throughout the state to maximize existing local networks. "CDR is committed to working with a larger, state-level leadership council and with highly effective organizations throughout Virginia," says Osborne.

"Virginians should take pride in becoming one of only 18 of 50 states to have this type of formalized network focused on its youngest citizens," adds Scott.

Kathy Glazer, Director of the Office of Early Childhood Development for Virginia, says, "We believe that Child Development Resources is uniquely qualified to lead this network. CDR's long history, experience in managing multi-million dollar grants, day-to-day care of infants and toddlers, and careful attention to every detail gives us great confidence that the infant/toddler specialist network will be a success."

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Child Development Resources has been in business since 1966 and touches the lives of 1,000 infants and toddlers locally each year through programs like Early Head Start, the Comprehensive Health Investment Program (CHIP), Investing in Fatherhood, and its long-standing Infant-Parent program that provides education and specialized therapy for children with disabilities or diagnosed developmental delays. Headquartered in Williamsburg, CDR employs more than 75 people and provides 90% of its services in children's homes. For questions about your infant or toddler, call 566-3300 or visit [www.cdr.org](http://www.cdr.org).