

## **Task Force on Early Childhood Education Initiatives**

### **Spring 2023 Report**

#### **Members:**

**Chair:** Mark L'Esperance

**Members:** Jennifer Lang-Rigal, Rick Larson, Sharon Lovell, Tara Parsons, Maryam Sharifian, Diane Stamp

**Charge:** The work of the Task Force on Early Childhood Education Initiatives includes:

- Reviewing the current state of JMU/CoE's academic, research and community engagement initiatives related to early childhood education
- Reviewing the Compensation Advisory Council (CAC) report and recommendations from May 2021
- Examining and assessing three options:
  - An E3 partnership with Sentara serving community members and JMU employees
  - A partnership with Sentara to build a stand-alone facility adjacent to the hospital, serving JMU and Sentara employees
  - A stand-alone facility on JMU campus serving JMU employees/community members (expansion of existing program)
- Examining and assessing opportunities to partner with existing childcare providers in Harrisonburg
- Exploring funding opportunities (federal, state, foundations, etc.)
- Exploring options for interim support through an expansion of the Young Children's Program

#### **Summary of Current Semester Activity:**

- The activities of this task force remain on hold for Spring 2023.

#### **Planned work:**

- The task force will convene in Fall 2023 to explore the university's progress and plan the next steps relative to the task force's charge.