

Taskforce on Early Childhood Initiatives End of Year Report – May 2022

Membership

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Charge: The work of the Task Force on Early Childhood Education Initiatives will include:

- 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:

- Current Task Force Activities on hold

Future Work Planned:

- Task Force will meet fall 2022 to discuss current options for next steps.