Preschool Development Grant LinkB5 Data Portal

What is the LinkB5 Data Portal?

The LinkB5 data portal is a website that connects communities of child care and education providers serving children ages birth to five.

LinkB5 is part of the PDG B5- Preschool Development Grant Birth to Five.

The goal is to help communities collect information about their unique early childhood resources.

Why a new data platform?

- LinkB5 will capture your communities' unique early childhood resources
- Understanding resources is important for improving our programs and helping our children
- Early childhood voices are stronger as a community

What is the goal of LinkB5?

- Connect different providers to one system
- Capture basic information about early childhood sites
- Understand community resources from the perspective of:
    - Site directors
    - Principals
    - Teachers and aides

What is the long-term vision?

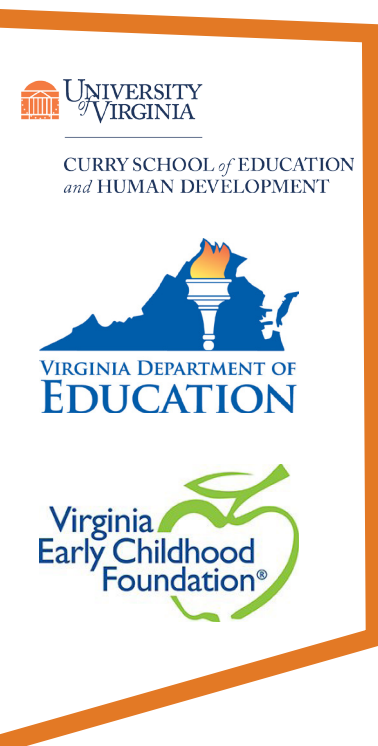LinkB5 was built to help communities across Virginia to:
- Offer more information to families about resources in their communities
- Highlight strengths of early childhood teachers and leaders
- Help directors and principals support improvement in their classrooms
- Support communities and families to ensure all children enter school ready

How do I get started?

- Be on the lookout for more information about LinkB5 from your PDG B5 contact!
- Use support resources and the hotline to get your questions answered
- Receive an invitation to set a password and log in!

What about my teachers?

- Teachers and aides will also be a part of LinkB5
- Teachers and aides are included so their voices will be heard
- LinkB5 Outreach team will support leaders and teachers throughout the process

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Which PDG B5 activities happen through LinkB5?

PDG REGISTRATION

PDG Registration is the process of 'signing up' participating sites and teachers for PDG:

- Establishes a list of participating sites, Site Administrators, and Teachers/Aides
- Provides data used by the Teacher Recognition Program
- Establishes a starting point for Data Collection (information will carry over)

DATA COLLECTION

Data Collection is when all project participants are invited to complete profiles about their sites and themselves:

- Site Administrators complete profiles about themselves, their sites, and the classrooms at their sites
- Teachers/aides complete profiles about themselves as professionals
- CLASS observations are entered into LinkB5

What is my role in Registration?

- Community Leads will confirm lists of participating sites and Site Administrators, then invite Site Administrators to register
- Site Administrators will register, then invite Teachers/Aides
- Teachers/aides will register
- Community Leads and Site Administrators will help ensure all sites and Teachers/Aides complete Registration

We will support you and your partners as they register in LinkB5.

What is my role in Data Collection?

- Community Leads engage with Office Hours and Trainings to ensure information gets into LinkB5
- Understand timelines and windows/deadlines so you can support your Site Administrators completing profiles in the LinkB5 system
- Invite Site Administrators to enter information
- Outreach to your sites in order to ensure that all data is entered during Data Collection into LinkB5
- Site Administrators support one or many sites in entering information
- Fill out profiles about themselves, their sites, and the classrooms at their sites
- Invite Teachers/Aides to enter information
- Outreach to their Teachers/Aides to ensure that all data is entered during Data Collection into LinkB5
- Teachers/Aides fill out a brief profile about themselves as professionals
- CLASS Observers or Site Administrators enter CLASS scores into LinkB5

Outreach and support from LinkB5 continue as you and your partners enter information and complete profiles during the Data Collection window.

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