



Investing in School Readiness

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NONPROFIT RECOGNIZES EDUCATORS SUPPORTING SCHOOL READINESS

Fairfax, VA – Fairfax Futures announced the creation of an annual award designed to encourage partnerships between community early childhood programs and Fairfax County Public elementary schools in support of young children’s school readiness. The award, to be presented at Fairfax Futures’ April 14 School Readiness Symposium, will recognize individuals who create connections and inspire others to help young children make successful transitions to kindergarten. Nominees must be an early childhood educator from a licensed or permitted Fairfax County community program or a Fairfax County Public School principal, teacher, or education specialist. The award description and nomination form are available at www.fairfaxfutures.org

“Helping children and families experience a smooth transition to kindergarten can contribute greatly to students’ future success in school, “ notes Vera Steiner Blore, Fairfax Futures executive director. “By recognizing child care and public school educators who go the extra mile to build connections and neighborhood partnerships, we hope to encourage others in our community to make a similar investment in young children’s bright futures.”

The 2007 School Readiness Educator Award and School Readiness Symposium are made possible through a generous grant from the Freddie Mac Foundation. Winners will be selected by Fairfax Futures. Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerald E. Connolly and Dean Klein, Senior Community Relations Manager, the Freddie Mac Foundation will present the awards at the Symposium on April 14th in Fairfax.

Fairfax Futures is dedicated to ensuring that our county’s youngest children are well prepared to succeed in school and in life. In collaboration with partners across the county, we invest in early childhood education and school readiness by bringing attention and financial resources to sustain our region’s future. www.fairfaxfutures.org

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