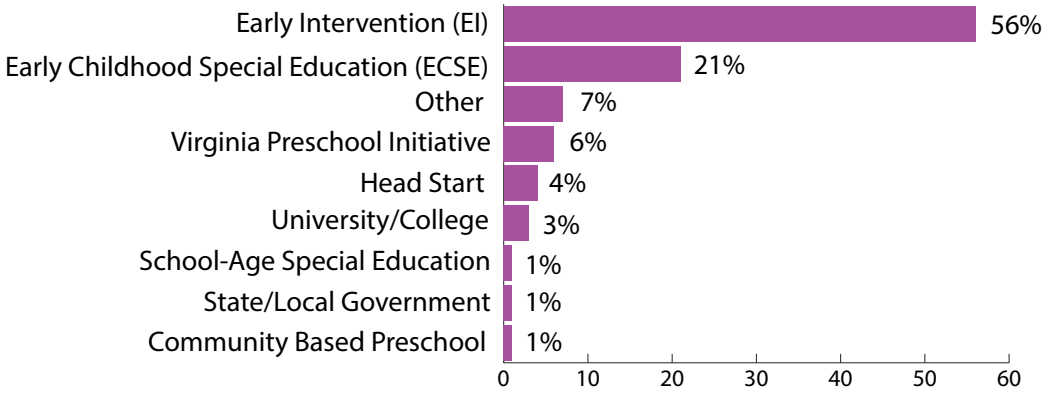
Creating Connections to Shining Stars 2026

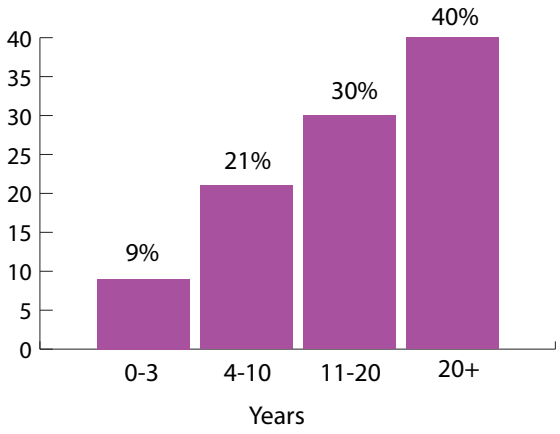
Creating Connections to Shining Stars 2026 was a collaborative effort between Virginia's Part C, Early Intervention and Part B, Preschool Special Education programs. The Conference focused on promoting and supporting the implementation of evidence-based practices in inclusive settings for infants, toddlers, and young children, both with and without disabilities. Shared results come from the evaluation survey responses of 296 conference attendees.

Participant Info

Attendee Primary Program

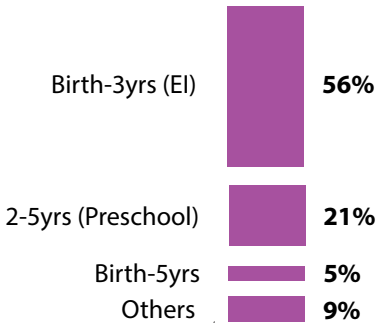


How long have you professionally supported young children?



*Rounded to the nearest whole number

What primary age group did attendees work with?



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"Every session was practice altering for me. I've been in early childhood for over 30 years and left every session reflecting on how to change and tweak my practice for the better. Loved the networking opportunities with our region and the "down time" breaks to connect with new people!"

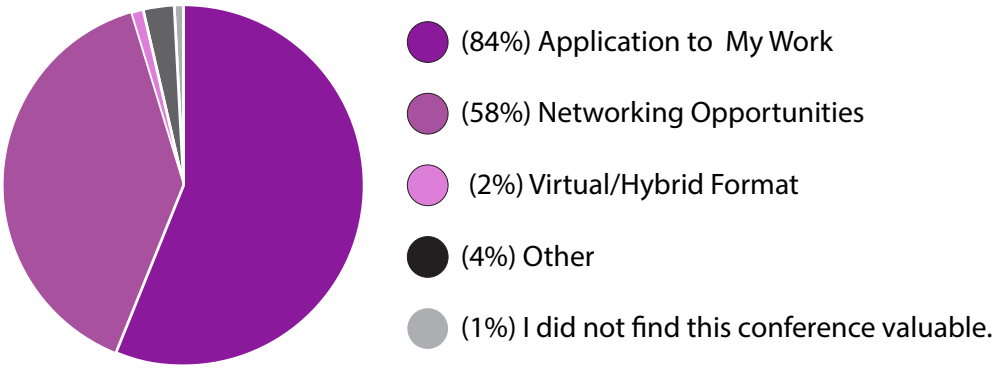
"Thank you for hosting such an invigorating conference. I left motivated and eager to work harder to guide other parents and encourage service providers and educators to look beyond the "problem" and see the whole child."

Primary Role	Attendee Percent	Primary Role	Attendee Percent
Administrator	16%	Physical Therapist	5%
Childcare Provider	0%	Service Coordinator	25%
Developmental Service / Special Instructors	6%	Speech/Language Pathologist	9%
Higher Education Faculty	2%	Social Worker	0%
Human Services Agency Staff	1%	Teacher - General Education	3%
Occupational Therapist	3%	Teacher - Special Education	13%
Paraprofessional	0%	Training / TA /PD Coordinator	2%
Parent/Family	1%	Other (please specify)	14%

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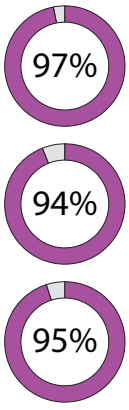
Conference Feedback

Most Valuable Aspects of the Conference



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Poll Results



CCSS motivated me to want to learn more.

CCSS motivated me to reflect and consider changes in my practice.

CCSS provided me with useful information and strategies.

Strongly Agree or Agree

97%

Very Satisfied or Satisfied with the conference.

What topics would you like to see included in future conferences?

"Practical, hands-on topics with real-world applications"

"Behavior and dysregulation"

"Family engagement and support"

"sensory regulation and processing"

"PT, motor development"

"Social emotional development"

"Autism and neurodiversity"

"Collaborating with families and interdisciplinary professionals"