

Task Force on Early Childhood Education Initiatives

Midyear Report – Fall 2021

Membership

Chair: Mark L'Esperance, College of Education

Members:

- Jennifer Lang-Rigal, American Association of University Professors at JMU
- Rick Larson, Human Resources
- Dennis Lo, Faculty Senate
- Sharon Lovell, College of Health and Behavioral Studies
- Joy Myers, College of Education
- Tara Parsons, Faculty Senate
- Tiffany Runion, Employee Advisory Council
- Maryam Sharifian, College of Education
- Diane Stamp, Finance

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 task force met in September to review charge and discuss the focus for the task force.
- Task Force work was placed on hold until senior leadership meets with Sentara Hospital regarding potential partnership.

Future Work Planned

- TBD