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Secretaries Holton and Hazel Tout Fairfax Nonprofit That Delivers Quality Preschool to At-Risk Children through Strong Private-Public Partnerships

Fairfax, VA – June 20, 2016 – Virginia Secretary of Education Anne Holton and Virginia Secretary of Health & Human Resources William Hazel toured Main Street Child Development Center (Main Street), a Fairfax-based nonprofit organization, on Friday, June 17th.

Secretaries Holton and Hazel visited to learn about Main Street’s unique model, which delivers high-quality preschool and school age programs, and is supported by a complex network of partnerships and funding streams.

Main Street’s guests – both members of Governor Terry McAuliffe’s Cabinet – demonstrated particular interest in effective public-private partnerships that generate positive outcomes for children and families.

"I want to thank Main Street Child Development Center for hosting Secretary Hazel and me," Secretary Holton said. "It was a great opportunity to see an innovative program serving a diverse group of children by combining local, state and federal resources. This unique model will undoubtedly help to inform our future work."

Executive Director Carol Lieske led her distinguished visitors on a tour that included each classroom, where they interacted directly with students – 75% of whom qualify as low-income – and observed class learning activities.

"I am so pleased to share our program with Secretaries Holton and Hazel," states Lieske. "They engaged our children and teachers, and experienced *first-hand* the high-quality education, support and care that build a foundation for our students’ future successes."

In addition to Deputy Secretary of Education Holly Coy, staff members from Fairfax County Office for Children and the VPI+ Federal Grant Program accompanied Secretaries Holton and Hazel on the tour. Main Street collaborates with Fairfax County Office for Children in implementing Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) and Child Care Assistance and Referral (CCAR) programs, both designed to provide quality preschool experiences for at-risk children.

About Main Street Child Development Center

Founded in 1973, Main Street Child Development Center is a 501(c)(3)-registered nonprofit organization with a mission to provide high-quality, comprehensive early childhood education programs and support services for children and their families, regardless of financial circumstances.

Each year, Main Street directly impacts the lives of 300 individuals including 125 preschool students, ages 2-5, through a full-day, year-round preschool program; 25 elementary school students, ages 5-10, through a school age childcare program; and 150 parents through engagement activities and adult education opportunities.

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