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CITY OF SUFFOLK RECEIVES STAIRWAY TO SUCCESS AWARD

SUFFOLK, VA (October 5, 2017) The City of Suffolk was honored with the Stairway to Success Award - Gold Level which recognized the City's excellence in its commitment to early childhood education at the Virginia Municipal League's (VML) Annual Banquet and Awards program on October 3, 2017 in Williamsburg, Virginia. The award was made possible by the City of Suffolk's Early Childhood Development Commission's (ECDC) dedication to excellence in childhood education.

This achievement was made possible due to a collaborative effort with the Suffolk Public Library, Suffolk Public Schools, Suffolk Department of Social Services, Suffolk Parks & Recreation, Suffolk Department of Economic Development and Sentara Obici Hospital. The ECDC provides resources, services, and programs for caregivers and children, from birth through age eight, to support a child's social, physical, emotional and cognitive growth.

The Stairway to Success Award is awarded to deserving VML member localities. The program seeks to increase local government's role in early childhood education, which in turn, builds a qualified, well-educated workforce. The competition awards points to localities for specific actions that enhance the early childhood experience.

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