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1997 Hampton Roads Healthy Communities' Partnership (HRHCP) applied to Hampton Roads Partnership for Virginia Regional Competitive Act (RCP) Planning Grant.

1998 HRHCP is one of 10 local initiatives that received RCP funding from the Hampton Roads Partnership (HRP).

1999 Square One founded by the HRP and replaces HRHCP initiative. The Hampton Roads Health Coalition serves as the grant administrator for Square One.

1999 Square One hosted *The Early Years: Building Foundations for Success in School* with a keynote address from Nina Sazer O'Donnell, highlighting early care efforts in Hampton Roads.

1999 Square One presented its annual outcomes report, *The Status of Children 0-5 in Hampton Roads*, indicating critical factors for future success amongst Hampton Roads children.

2000 Square One launched its interactive web site, www.SqOne.org.

2000 *Year of the Young Child*. Square One led media campaign, endorsed by Hampton Roads Mayors and Chairs, highlighting best practices for school readiness and locally sponsored childhood events.

2000 Square One, in partnership with Virginia Commonwealth University-Virginia Institute for Social Services Training Activities (VCU-VISSTA), designed a curriculum and facilitated prevention and early intervention (PEI) training for early care providers and home visitors focusing on topics including infant development and parent child interaction, reaching 139 regional, early care staff.

2000 Square One launched *Hampton Roads Ready to Read* Initiative, providing planning funds and technical assistance to an initial group of 5 localities to develop community action plans that result in an increased number of children who begin kindergarten ready to read.

2000 Square One hosted *Building Foundations for Success in School* with keynote remarks from Neal Pierce addressing critical themes for success in early grades and global economic development.

2000 Square One presented its annual outcomes report, *Making Children a Priority: The Status of Children Aged 0-5 in Hampton Roads*, an objective appraisal concerning the status of young children throughout our region.

2000 Square One joins the Consortium for Infant and Child Health (CINCH), chairing Community Empowerment and Education workgroup, to lead Hampton Roads' regional agenda for children's health.

2001 Square One facilitated PEI training activities for early care providers and home visitors in Hampton Roads through collaborative relationship with VCU-VISSTA Eastern Region Area Training Center in Hampton, reaching 171 care providers.

2001 Square One named administrator for T.E.A.C.H. in Hampton Roads, including 43 participating childcare providers.

2001 Square One launched *Hampton Roads Ready to Read* workshops to promote reading to young children in Hampton Roads.

2001 Hampton Roads Health Coalition awarded \$50,000 from the Annie E. Casey Foundation as transition funding for Square One.

2001 Square One presented *Early Childhood and Youth Violence: A Community Forum* featuring James Garbarino, Ph.D., addressing community involvement in early development.

2001 Square One presented its annual outcomes report, *Children's Well Being in Hampton Roads: Assessing the Last Decade*, communicating Hampton Roads' progress in meeting benchmarks critical to early health and education.

2002 Square One featured in Virginia Municipal League annual conference.

2002 Square One, in partnership with Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters and Hampton Healthy Families, presented school readiness and children's health workshops for parents and professionals representing 12 Hampton Roads communities.

2002 Square One awarded an Early Learning Opportunities Act (ELOA) discretionary grant totaling \$804,000 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Child Care Bureau for a 17 month period.

2002 Square One provided the City of Norfolk with funding totaling \$105,000 and the City of Portsmouth with funding totaling \$119,000 to implement *Ready to Read Initiatives*.

2002 Square One expanded PEI training opportunities in collaboration with VCU-VISSTA, reaching 1,112 early childhood educators, home visitors, nurses, social workers and parents.

2002 Square One conducted a *Ready to Read* Conference featuring Wally "Famous" Amos as a keynote speaker, to focus Hampton Roads' attention on literacy development.

2002 Square One presented its annual outcomes report, *An Assessment of Children's Health and Well Being in Hampton Roads*, indicating critical periods during the early years and their impact on long-term development.

2002 Hampton Roads Health Coalition awarded a second grant from the Annie E. Casey Foundation totaling \$50,000 as transition funding for Square One.

2003 Target Stores awarded Square One \$10,000 in support of *Operation Bedtime Story*, a multi-media public awareness campaign focused on the importance of early reading opportunities including parents and childcare providers.

2003 Square One hosts a *Ready to Read Conference* presenting its *Early Literacy Community Corporate Awards* to Target and Verizon, and an *Early Literacy Community Individual Award* to Thelma Harrison for their efforts to improve early literacy across Hampton Roads.

2003 Square One presented *Building Foundations for School Success: Connecting or Disconnecting? The Growing Brain in an Electronic Age* featuring Jane Healy, Ph.D. who focused the region's attention on early brain development, electronic media and implications for learning.

2003 Square One selected by the Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF) as one of the 6 communities in the United States who had developed successful school readiness coalitions.

2003 Square One presented its annual outcomes report, *Children's Health and Well-being in Hampton Roads: Trends Across the Last Decade*, available at www.SqOne.org, reflecting critical factors for future success amongst Hampton Roads children.

2004 Square One featured in *Improving School Readiness Outcomes: Lessons from Six Communities*, a publication of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, distributed nationally and available at the Foundation website www.aecf.org.

2004 Square One awarded \$120,000 from VCU-VISSTA to expand PEI training, including the Eastern and Central regions of Virginia. PEI courses reached 1,600 early care providers, home visitors and caregivers with free training opportunities.

2004 Square One launched *Operation Bedtime Story*, a multimedia public awareness campaign created to focus Hampton Roads' attention on the importance of early literacy.

2004 Square One awarded \$15,000 from the E.C. Wareheim Foundation to implement literacy outreach activities.

2004 Square One joins CINCH workgroups including Asthma, Obesity Prevention, Immunization and Strategic Development, to lead Hampton Roads' regional agenda for children's health.

2004 Target Stores awarded Square One \$5,000 in support of *Hampton Roads Reads!*, developed to improve reading readiness in identified low-level literacy preschools.

2004 Square One awarded Places and Programs for Children, Inc.'s *Safe Harbor Program Award*, in recognition of its commitment to improving the lives of children and families in Hampton Roads.

2005 Square One awarded \$170,000 in a subcontract with VCU-VISSTA to expand PEI training statewide, including Piedmont, Northern and Western regions of the Commonwealth.

2005 Square One awarded The Norfolk Foundation's *Building Excellence Grant*, totaling \$25,000, in support of resource and strategic development.

2005 Square One, assisted by Mosaica Consulting, compiled a three-year 2005-2008 Strategic Development and Resource Plan.

2005 Square One launched *Hampton Roads Reads!* Program.

2005 Square One awarded \$7,000 from the E.C. Wareheim Foundation to implement literacy outreach activities.

2005 Square One presented its annual outcomes report, *Children's Health and Well-being in Hampton Roads*, available at www.SqOne.org.

2005 Square One appointed a Leadership Advisory Board comprised of city officials, educators and business leaders throughout Hampton Roads to heighten awareness and reduce barriers to best practice in early care and education.

2006 Square One awarded \$124,000 from the Cities of Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Virginia Beach to facilitate PEI training and program evaluation throughout Hampton Roads.

2006 Places and Programs for Children, Inc. awarded Square One curriculum developer and trainer, Beverly Bullock, with the *Safe Harbor Award* for her dedication to improving the lives of children and families in Hampton Roads.

2006 Square One, in collaboration with VCU-VISSTA, facilitated PEI training throughout the five regions of the Commonwealth, representing over 129 municipalities. 1,780 childcare workers, home visitors and caregivers representing more than 169 agencies participated in 10,680 hours of training at free or reduced cost, led by a pool of over 32 masters' prepared facilitators.



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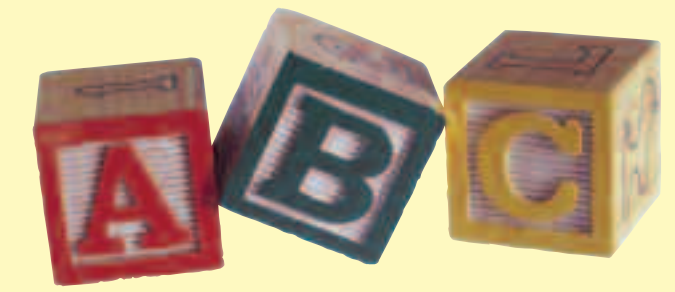


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