

The following article appeared on the *Lorton Valley Star* website at [www.lortonvalleystar.com](http://www.lortonvalleystar.com) in the summer of 2006:

*Non-Profit Receives Development Funding from Fairfax*

Infant Toddler Family Day Care workforce development programs support the development of a highly skilled child care workforce in Fairfax County while building the capacity and resources of the immigrant community. The Fairfax Non-Profit receives funding from Fairfax County Community Consolidated Funding Pool for Workforce Development. Infant Toddler Family Day Care and its network of over 125 certified, home-based child care providers gives families the region access to quality, affordable child care in family settings.

Infant Toddler Family Day Care receives a grant from the Fairfax County Community Consolidated Funding Pool for \$65,000 to provide workplace English for Speakers of Other Languages and mentoring for a workforce of over 125 child care providers hailing from 26 countries. These providers provide early childhood education to 375 children in the Northern Virginia area. Infant Toddler Family Day Care has been bringing families together with our network of experienced and professionally trained child care providers since 1983. Our nurturing program provides care and early childhood development to children beginning at six weeks of age and beyond. With Infant Toddler, children benefit from the special experience of forming lasting relationships with their provider in a small, mixed age group setting where children learn and grow through play.

Infant /Toddler Family Day Care was recently recognized by the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region for its capacity, strong leadership and demonstrated outcomes in the area of workforce development. Infant /Toddler is among just 15 other nonprofit organizations to receive this prestigious award, which is featured in the Foundation's 2005-2006 Spirit of Giving Guide.