

## Registration Information

**Registration Fee:** \$17.50 if paid in advance with online registration on or before January 18, 2010. \$25.00 if paid after January 18, 2010. This includes the \$2.50 processing fee.

**Registration Deadline:**

February 1, 2010.

**Register Online:** Visit

[www.valleysmartbeginnings.org](http://www.valleysmartbeginnings.org) and click on "Summit." Upon registration you will receive an electronic confirmation letter.

**Parking:** Parking is allowed in JMU Convocation Lot F. Buses will be available to shuttle participants to the Festival Center and back between 7:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

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# 5th Annual EARLY CHILDHOOD LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

**Ready Services  
Ready Schools  
Ready Families  
+ Ready Communities  
= Children Ready to Learn**

Wednesday, February 10, 2010  
8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
JMU Festival Conference  
and Student Center

## Invitation

Our mission is to ensure that all children ages birth to five years old are ready to enter school healthy and prepared to succeed. You are invited to join community leaders from Augusta, Page, Rockingham, and Shenandoah counties as well as Harrisonburg, Staunton, and Waynesboro to work collaboratively and creatively toward this end.

## Summit Goals

- Understand the impact of school readiness on our economy and national security
- Mobilize various partners to achieve common goals around top priorities identified in our 2009 regional community needs assessment
- Provide a forum for networking among early childhood service providers, academicians, and business and community leaders centered around the common initiative of early childhood readiness



## *Smart Beginnings Shenandoah Valley* **EARLY CHILDHOOD LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

**8:00**      **Sign-in, Continental Breakfast, and Networking**

**8:30**      **Welcome & Summit Overview**

**8:45**      **Keynote: “It’s Just Good Business!”**

*Making the connection between early childhood readiness, workforce development, and economic growth.*

**Paul O. Hirschbiel**  
**President, Eden Capital**  
**Chair, Virginia Early Childhood Foundation**

**9:30**      **Keynote: “Ready, Willing, and Unable to Serve: Early Education and National Security”**

*Making the connection between early childhood readiness and national security.*

**Brigadier General John W. Douglass, US Air Force (Ret.)**  
**Executive Advisory Council, Mission: Readiness**

**10:15**      **Table Discussions**

**10:35**      **Annual Report: Smart Beginnings Shenandoah Valley**

*A report on the community needs assessment results and the 2010 top priorities as identified by our regional Leadership Council.*

**10:50**      **Breakout Session I: A Regional Look at Top Priorities**

*Meet with others from across the region to examine 2010 priorities.*

**12:00**      **Lunch and Breakout Session II: Locality Meetings**

*Meet with others from your locality to set a vision for your community.*

**1:00**      **Report Back and Wrap Up**