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People Incorporated of Virginia Responds to COVID-19 **Head Starts, daycare will remain closed for the remainder of the academic year**

ABINGDON, Va. – People Incorporated has closed their 11 Head Start centers and one daycare as part of the agency’s response to the spread of the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, in Virginia. Head Starts and the Child Development Center in Clintwood will remain closed through the end of the academic year. This policy aligns with Governor Ralph Northam’s order on Monday to close all K-12 schools for the academic year. The agency is coordinating with local school districts on meal delivery in the interim.

“People Incorporated is committed to protecting its staff and clients during this uncertain time,” said People Incorporated CEO Rob Goldsmith. “We are doing our part to slow the spread of this new disease while maintaining accessibility to our services.”

All other agency services remain available. Offices in Abingdon, Bristol, Grundy, Lebanon, Manassas and Woodstock are closed for the foreseeable future as employees telework from home.

Clients who do not have access to a phone may contact People Incorporated on a phone in the front lobby of the Thayer Building office located at 1173 West Main Street in Abingdon. The lobby is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT every weekday. Clients are encouraged to call the mainline at 276-623-9000 and will be transferred to the appropriate staff. Clients may also e-mail the agency at info@peopleinc.net.

About People Incorporated of Virginia

People Incorporated is a non-profit Community Action Agency and Community Development Corporation committed to providing opportunities for economically disadvantaged people to reach their goals in order to enhance their lives, families, and communities. People Incorporated develops programs and strategies that are designed to move people and communities into the economic mainstream. In Fiscal Year 2019, People Incorporated provided services to over 9,500 clients. For more information about People Incorporated’s programs and services contact the Abingdon office at 276-623-9000 or visit us at www.peopleinc.net.

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