

Update

Clinical Corner



March Data

Adults

Referrals: 37
Active Clients: 194
Crisis Plans: 9
Prevention hours: 642.46

Crisis Therapeutic Home

Emergency Bed Days: 127
Step Down Bed Days: 39
Prevention Bed Days: 16

Children

Referrals: 17
Active Clients: 67
Crisis Plans: 5
Prevention hours: 230.866



National Autism Awareness

April is National Autism Awareness Month and [Autism Speaks](#) is offering a free **100 Day Kit for Newly Diagnosed Families of Young Children.**

This was created specifically for families of children ages 4 and under to make the best possible use of the 100 days following their child's diagnosis of autism.

[Click here](#) for more information and for the free download.

[Click here to download current REACH Referral Form.](#)

Events



MCPS Transition Fair

You are invited to attend!
Learn about programs and services available to students with disabilities.

When: Thursday, May 4th

Time: 4-6pm - Drop In.

Where: Christiansburg High School Cafeteria.

[Click here](#) for the flyer.

Chuck E. Cheese's Sensory Sensitive Sundays

What: A safe and fun space for children with autism or other special needs.

When: The first Sunday of every month.

From 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

[Click here](#) for more information.

[Click here](#) for a Calendar of Events!

"Five Tips that Helped Improve My Child's Behavior." - [Click here](#) for an Autism Speaks guest post by Chrissy Kelly, a mom of two boys with autism.

In local news **"Radford University Student Spreading Awareness About Autism By Telling His Story."** - WDBJ7.

A Radford University student is just one of the millions of people in the U.S. who make up the autism puzzle, and he is using his story to help raise awareness.

[Click here](#) to read the article and to view the video.



How much do you know about Autism?

[Click here](#) to take our quiz!

Video

Apps

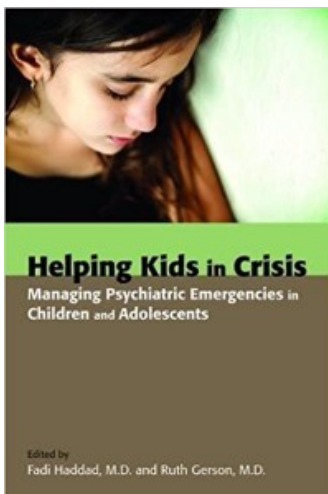


aacorn

aacorn is the world's first 'intelligent' augmentative assistive communications solution (AAC) for children with autism, apraxia, downs, ms, developmentally delayed language - and their families.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Books



Helping Kids in Crisis: Managing Psychiatric Emergencies in Children and Adolescents. Edited by Fadi Haddad, M.D., and Ruth Gerson, M.D.



Sesame Street: Abby Cadabby & Julia Sing Sunny Days

Julia, A Muppet With Autism, Joins The Cast of 'Sesame Street'. -as heard on *NPR: Morning Edition*.

For the first time in a decade, the classic children's television show *Sesame Street* will introduce a new Muppet on the air.

Her name is Julia. She's a shy and winsome 4-year-old, with striking red hair and green eyes. Julia likes to paint and pick flowers. When Julia speaks, she often echoes what she's just heard her friends Abby and Elmo say. Julia has autism. [Click here](#) to read the complete article from NPR - written by David Folkenflik.

Medical News



Red Cross Refreshers

This is a practical, easy-to-use guide for clinicians working with child and adolescent psychiatric emergencies across a range of settings- from emergency rooms to schools to community pediatric or mental health clinics.

[Click here](#) to read a free preview.

Did you know that CPR skill retention begins to decline within a few months after taking CPR class? Less than half of certified CPR course participants are able to pass a skills test just one year after training.

Fortunately the Red Cross offers short, online refresher modules to brush up on those life-saving skills.

Visit redcrossrefresher.com and work your way through the modules to see how much you remember!

[Click here](#) to read more from Nurse Carrie Browder.

Opportunities



Comfort vs. Control from the Parents' Perspective

Free Webinar!

This webinar will be hosted by Kim Sanders, President of Ukeru Systems.

What: Free, online panel discussion on parents' perspectives on trauma-informed approaches in behavioral healthcare.

Panelist include:

Sean Campbell, father of an Autistic 10-year-old son
Rhonda Richardson, mother of an adult Autistic son.

There will also be allotted time for participants to ask questions and engage directly with the panelists.

When: Thursday, April 27th, 2:30-3:30 PM ET

[Click here](#) to register online!



RAM of Virginia/Smyth County

Free Medical, Dental and Vision Services for Adults and Children.

When: Friday-Sunday, May 5th, 6th, and 7th.

Where: Mountain Empire Airport, Rural Retreat, VA.

[Click here](#) for the flyer with more information!



49th Annual Autism Society National Conference July 12-15, 2017 in Milwaukee Wisconsin *Your Quality of Life Conference*

Please plan on joining us in Milwaukee for this one-of-a-kind opportunity to change lives! We are planning many wonderful sessions, exciting keynotes and optional social events to make your experience both educational and fun!

[Registration is open.](#) The conference will take place at [The Wisconsin Center](#) and our conference hotel is [The Hilton Milwaukee City Center](#) which is connected by skybridge to the Wisconsin Center. More details will be coming soon.

[Register today >>](#)

DBHDS



News and Press Releases

[Click Here](#) for the latest!

Housing Resources for People with Developmental Disabilities

Information Session



What: Information Session for individuals in the Settlement Agreement Population, their family, friends, Support Coordinators, and others!

When: April 25th, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Where: Smyth Bland Regional Library, Marion, VA 24354.

The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services' (DBHDS) Division of Developmental Services invites you to attend an information session to learn more about the resources available to help people in the Settlement Agreement population access their own home in the community with appropriate supports.

Please RSVP by April 20, 2017 by emailing: anna.bowman@dbhds.virginia.gov

[Click here](#) for the flyer!

Pilot Mobile Rehab Engineering Team

Mission: To provide mobility equipment maintenance and repair services in the community to individuals with I/DD.

[Click here](#) for more information and MRE team assessment form

HEALTH EQUITY IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

The DBHDS Office of Health Equity Advancement (OHEA) leads efforts to provide improved services to diverse and under-served individuals and works toward eliminating the disparities within the state's mental health, intellectual disability and substance-use disorder system.

[Click here](#) for the website.

Resources



The Arc of Virginia

Our Mission. The Arc of Virginia promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.

Our Vision. People with intellectual and developmental disabilities are valued as classmates, coworkers, neighbors, citizens and friends.

[Click here](#) for their website.



NADD

NADD is a not-for-profit membership association established for professionals, care providers and families to promote understanding of and services for individuals who have developmental disabilities and mental health needs. [Click here](#) for their website.



The Virginia Tech Autism Clinic

VTAC in the Psychology Department of Virginia Tech, opened in the Fall of 2005 to provide clinical services to individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families in the surrounding New River Valley.

[Click here](#) for their latest Blast Announcement with **Events, Research, and Monthly Group Meetings!**

[Click here](#) for their website.



Special needs require special attorneys.

The Special Needs Alliance

The Special Needs Alliance is a national, non-profit organization committed to helping individuals with disabilities, their families and the professionals who serve them. [Click here](#) for their website.

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