

Update

Clinical Corner



May Data

Adults

Referrals: 35
 Active Clients: 187
 Crisis Plan Hours: 44.25
 Prevention hours: 453

Calls to Crisis Line

Information: 11
 Prevention: 159
 Crisis/Face to Face
 Response: 50

Crisis Therapeutic Home

Emergency Bed Days: 95
 Step-down Bed Days: 71
 Prevention Bed Days: 14



It's LGBTQ Pride Month!

People who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) can face number of challenges in society related to accessing education, care, and support for their individual needs.

Unfortunately, there is also limited information about understanding and supporting the needs of Individuals with IDD who identify as LGBT. In fact, individuals with IDD are often viewed as asexual, and rarely receive the supports needed to develop their sexual identity.

There is a need for providers to increase their

Children

Referrals: 20
Active Clients: 68
Crisis Plan Hours: 95.45
Prevention Hours: 171

Calls to Crisis Line

Information: 5
Prevention: 9
Crisis/Face to Face
Response: 26



We have a new referral form!

Please replace the old form with this new form.

[Click here](#) to download it, and please share with anyone in your system that makes REACH referrals. Thank you!

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awareness, and be more responsive to the concerns of individuals with IDD who are developing their sexual identity.

[Click here](#) to view *Our Compass*, a documentary directed by Tess Vo. *Our Compass* was collaboratively created with a group of 8 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth labelled with intellectual disabilities.

[Click here](#) to view an evaluation of a program instituted in Ontario called "sprOUT". sprOUT is a collaborative community-based project developed in partnership with lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, and questioning(LGBTQ) people labelled with intellectual disabilities and their allies.

[Click here](#) for the printable tip sheet for accessible approaches to collaboration and community engagement

In The News



GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVES 1,695 NEW DD WAIVERS!

The introduced budget for the 2018 Session included 875 Waivers total...

Apps



CareSync

CareSync makes it simple to access, organize, and securely share you and your loved ones' important health information.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Books & Podcasts



Stories of the Rainbow Support Group

by: John Allen

Experience the birth of the first support group for sexual minorities with developmental disabilities!

[Click here](#) for more information.

Diversity & Inclusion

Thanks to the collective advocacy of people across the Commonwealth, that number has almost doubled!

[Click here](#) to keep reading the announcement from the Arc of Virginia.



Fathers and Autism

2 Things Dads Do Better Than Moms

Fathers play a vital role in the cognitive, social and emotional development of their children.

Don't believe what modern TV shows you, Fathers play a vital role in the development of their children and science is there to prove it. In fact, there are 2 things that fathers do better than moms for their children's development.

[Click here](#) to keep reading on mendability.com to find out what they are.

From Mentor to Parent: A Father's Story

Ticket to Work, Jun 18, 2018

The Ticket to Work (Ticket) team recently had an opportunity to interview Ollie Cantos in honor of Father's Day. Ollie is a lawyer who serves as the



" A Special Outing"

produced by John Allen.

In "A Special Outing (Parts 1 and 2)", a homegrown documentary posted on YouTube, we get a small but helpful glimpse into the often muted conversations about the relationship needs of gay, lesbian, and bi-sexual individuals with developmental disabilities.

This documentary is less than 20 minutes in length, and was written and produced by John Allen, the author of the text *Stories of the Rainbow Support Group* (Benchmark Institute, 2003).

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education and was recently appointed to serve on the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities.

[Click here](#) to continue reading.

Medical News



Polypharmacy

Polypharmacy is most commonly defined as taking five or more medications daily. The prevalence of polypharmacy in the United States is a national concern spanning decades. [Click here](#) to continue reading.

Opportunities and Events

SUMMER PROGRAMS

2018 Camp and Activities Guide

[Click here](#) for a printable version of this awesome summer guide.



Family fun movies playing on Tuesdays & Wednesdays for the summertime!

Admission to the Summer Movie Express is only \$1. Tickets available for purchase at the box office and all movies in most locations start at 10:00 am. Check with your theatre for exact showtimes. Each week both movies play on both days. A portion of the proceeds goes to the Will Rogers Institute.

[Click here](#) for participating theatres near you and more information.



21st Annual Golf Classic To Benefit Persons with Intellectual Disabilities

WHERE:

Blacksburg Country Club
1064 Clubhouse Rd.
Blacksburg VA

WHEN:

Monday, August 13, 2018

TIME:

12:00 P.M. Check in.

1:00 P.M. Tee-off

Shot Gun start

FEE:

\$75 per person (includes lunch)

For more information please contact IDA at 438-0310 or e-mail

sheila@idanrv.org



We are also in need of donations, tee sponsorships, and door prizes for this event. All proceeds support our efforts to provide services for persons with intellectual disabilities in the NRV.

EFFORT

Enabling Friends For Our Response Teams

Food! Fun! Training!

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the Fire & Rescue Depts of the County have joined forces to develop a program focusing on our Community of Individuals with Disabilities

What: We are inviting your loved one to participate in a One-Day Event where they will be introduced to:

- OBSTACLE COURSES ADAPTED FOR ALL ABILITIES
- PROPER METHOD FOR CONTACTING 911
- PROPER WAYS OF EFFECTIVE BANDAGING
- UNDERSTANDING SAFE MEANS FOR EXTINGUISHING FIRES
- TRY ON OUR FIRE FIGHTER GEAR

When: JULY 14 10:00a-1:00p

Where: Christiansburg Recreation Center

[Click here](#) for the flyer.

For more information please call:

Kim Haug: 540.357.2302

Potsie Smith: 540.357.2316

This is a joint effort with the MCSO, County Fire and Rescue Departments.

Location sponsored by the Christiansburg Parks and Recreation Department.

Collaborative event with Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services.



Skills for Living...and Working

As you transition to work, life skills such as problem solving and decision-making, effective communication, financial management and coping strategies become more important than ever. Many young adults age 18 through 35 are either living on their own or becoming more independent for the first time.

While parents and other family members of youth with disabilities play a large role in teaching these skills, there are many organizations ready to assist with additional life skills training.

[Click here](#) to continue reading and explore resources.



Parent Survey

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is asking for your assistance in promoting the completion of the survey by each of your families who has a child with a disability and is provided special education services through an individualized education program (IEP) by whatever means you deem appropriate. Families who have more than one child receiving special education services should be afforded the opportunity to complete a survey for each of their children.

Collection of survey data may begin immediately upon receipt of the printed survey and the opening of the online survey. This year's timeline for completion and submission of survey responses, in any modality, is set at September 30, 2018. The VDOE has renewed its goal of increasing the number of survey responses we receive. As such, during the collection window, the VDOE will engage in a number of technical assistance outreach efforts to parents and parent organizations to ensure that every parent of a child with a disability in the Commonwealth has the opportunity to participate in the survey.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment toward ensuring that we involve each parent in his/her child's special education program. If you have questions or need assistance concerning this survey process, please contact Hank Millward via email at Hank.Millward@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 371-0525.

English Version <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VDOE2018English>

Spanish Version <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VDOE2018Espanol>



VIRGINIA PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION

CALL FOR PAPERS AND PRESENTERS

Can You Present at the 2018 VAPRA Conference?

Our theme is

“Pickin a Path to Recovery”

The Virginia Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association is pleased to announce the 34rd Annual Statewide Conference

Where: Holiday Inn Bristol Conference Center, Bristol, VA

When: November 14th-16th

[Click here](#) for flyer.

[Click here](#) for vendor registration form.

NRVCS Autism Support Group

What: A monthly support group meeting for local families. Meetings are educational, parent-driven, and supportive. Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders (including those previously diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome, Pervasive Developmental Disorder, Childhood Disintegrative Disorder, Rett's Disorder), and other developmental and/or intellectual disabilities are welcomed to join.

When: Monthly

Where: NRVCS Radford Center, 401 W. Main Street, Radford, VA 24141 ([Click here](#) for Map)

Parents: Wadsworth Room (#119)*

Kids: Norwood Room (#108)

***Please sign in youth in the Norwood Room!**

[Click here](#) to subscribe to mailing list, so that you can be made aware of meeting dates/times/staff and menu!



Do you have an event that you would like to see in the newsletter? [Click here](#) to submit it!

Employment Opportunities

Come check out our job openings for REACH Region III.

[Click here](#) for the flyer.

For more information on available positions and to apply [click here](#).

Do you have an open position you would like to see in our newsletter? [Click here](#) to submit it.

DBHDS



[Click Here](#) for the website.

[Click here](#) to review - **DBHDS Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Report**

[Click here](#) to review - **General Memo RE: HB 1775 ID to DD Change 2017**

[Click here](#) to review - **Office Integrated Health - June 2018: Health Trends**

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



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 Blast Announcement with **Events, Research, and Monthly Group Meetings!**

[Click here](#) for their website.



Special needs require special attorneys.

The Special Needs Alliance

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 Autism Council

This website is Virginia's clearinghouse on best practices and research-based education and training opportunities to advance personnel development and knowledge regarding autism in Virginia. [Click here](#) for more information.

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.



Commonwealth Autism

[Click here](#) to view State Resources compiled by Commonwealth Autism.

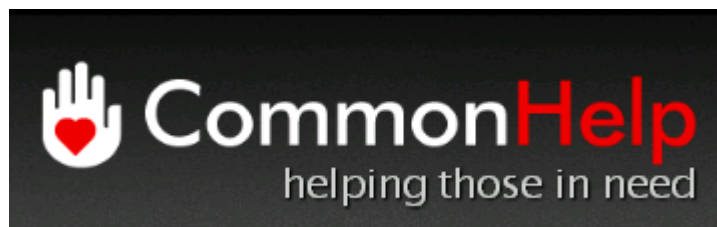
DDHSN Dental Services

[Click here](#) to download the application for dental services through DDHSN.

The forms are to be used if you are giving patients/ARs information about the DDHSN community programs that will eventually replace the RCSC clinics.

Casey Tupea is now taking referrals from Regions 1 and 3 to get clients in her system before the training center closes.

Once the programs is in place they will receive an office assignment. Casey.Tupea@dbhds.virginia.gov



Virginia CommonHelp

Apply for help with food, child care, heating and cooling bills, health care and cash assistance. [Click here](#) for their website.

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