

REACH Region III - Monthly Report for March 2019

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Update

Clinical Corner



March Data

Adults

Referrals: 31
 Active Clients: 170
 Crisis Plan Hours: 218.8
 Prevention hours: 428

Calls to Crisis Line

Information: 6
 Prevention: 73
 Crisis/Face to Face
 Response: 40

*Average Crisis/Face to
 Face Response Time: 67*

National Autism Awareness

April is National Autism Awareness Month and we would like to spotlight ASAN.

Nothing About Us Without US

Our Mission

The Autistic Self Advocacy Network seeks to advance the principles of the disability rights movement with regard to autism. ASAN believes that the goal of autism advocacy should be a world in which autistic people enjoy equal access, rights,

minutes

Crisis Therapeutic Home

Emergency Bed Days:
132

Step-down Bed Days: 51
Prevention Bed Days: 0

Children

Referrals: 19
Active Clients: 75
Crisis Plan Hours: 98.4
Prevention Hours: 239.5

Calls to Crisis Line

Information: 4
Prevention: 13
Crisis/Face to Face
Response: 15

*Average Crisis/Face to
Face Response Time:*
57.8 minutes

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!

REACH Region III

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and opportunities. We work to empower autistic people across the world to take control of our own lives and the future of our common community, and seek to organize the autistic community to ensure our voices are heard in the national conversation about us. Nothing About Us, Without Us!

Who We Are

The Autistic Self Advocacy Network is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization run by and for autistic people. ASAN was created to serve as a national grassroots disability rights organization for the autistic community, advocating for systems change and ensuring that the voices of autistic people are heard in policy debates and the halls of power. Our staff work to advance civil rights, support self-advocacy in all its forms, and improve public perceptions of autism. ASAN's members and supporters include autistic adults and youth, cross-disability advocates, and non-autistic family members, professionals, educators, and friends.

What We Do

Our activities include public policy advocacy, the development of autistic cultural activities, and leadership trainings for autistic self-advocates. We provide information about autism, disability rights, and systems change to the public through a number of different educational, cultural, and advocacy related projects.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

[Click here](#) for the Resource Library, including Toolkits.

Apps

Video



Sesame Street and Autism

Features include:

- Articles with tips and strategies
- Videos featuring real families and Sesame Street's Abby Cadabby
- 8 Interactive Family Routine Cards
- We're Amazing 123! digital storybook

[Click here](#) to learn more or to download.

Books & Podcasts



Loud Hands: Autistic People, Speaking
by Julia Bascom

Loud Hands: Autistic People, Speaking is a collection of essays written by and for Autistic people.



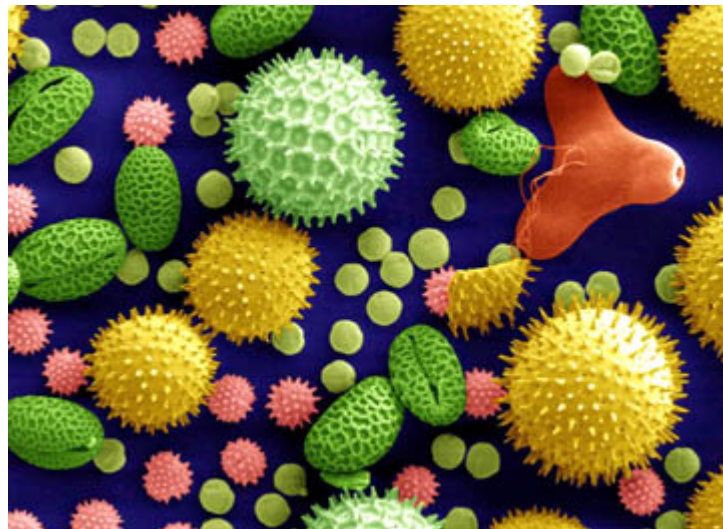
Click video above or [click here](#) to view.

Sensory Easter Basket Ideas

[youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

Sensory Easter Basket Ideas by Fathering Autism
Need sensory Easter basket ideas for your sensory seeker? Here's a fun list of ideas and a cool way to box them up so your Easter surprise is foreshadowed by the candy.

Medical News



Allergy Season Is Upon Us

Should I treat my allergies with immunotherapy?

Spanning from the dawn of the Neurodiversity movement to the blog posts of today, Loud Hands: Autistic People, Speaking catalogues the experiences and ethos of the Autistic community and preserves both diverse personal experiences and the community's foundational documents together side by side.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Diversity & Inclusion



Neurodiversity as a Competitive Advantage

by Robert D. Austin and Gary P. Pisana

Harvard Business Review

Meet John. He's a wizard at data analytics. His combination of mathematical ability and software development skill is highly unusual. His CV features two master's degrees, both with honors. An obvious guy for a tech company to scoop up, right?

Until recently, no. Before John ran across a firm that had

You can take this quiz and then discuss results with your allergist to see if immunotherapy is an appropriate option for you.

[Click here](#) to take the quiz.

The Office of Integrated Health: Health and Safety Alerts

Health and Safety Alerts are issued when there is a specific health or safety concern that without increasing awareness through education could result in a serious or fatal injury.

[Click here](#) to view.

[Click here](#) to view the Office of Integrated Health Newsletter.



Virginia Department of
Behavioral Health &
Developmental Services

In the News



TV Show To Profile Job Seekers With Disabilities

by Shaun Heasley

begun experimenting with alternative approaches to talent, he was unemployed for more than two years. Other companies he had talked with badly needed the skills he possessed. But he couldn't make it through the hiring process.


[Click here](#) to continue reading.

A new television series chronicling the experiences of people with autism and other special needs as they search for meaningful employment is set to debut.

The eight-episode docuseries "The Employables" on A&E Network will feature two individuals with autism, Tourette Syndrome or other conditions in each episode.

[Click here](#) to read more from disabilityscoop.com

Opportunities and Events



SAVE THE DATES!

MENTAL ILLNESS & IDD

PRESENTED BY:
ROBERT FLETCHER, PH.D. &
KARYN HARVEY, PH.D.

Coming to REACH Region III
April 24th - May 2nd

** Details on Next Page **

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Register Now!

Mental Illness and I/DD

Presented by:

Robert Fletcher, PH.D & Karyn Harvey, PH.D.

1 Day Overview - April 30th

When: 9am - 5pm

Where: NRVCS Radford Center
Norwood Training Room
401 West Main Street
Radford, VA 24141

[Click here](#) to register for the 1 Day Overview.

2 Day Intensive - Offered in 3 Locations

ROANOKE

When: 2 Day Intensive - April 24th & 25th, 9am - 4pm

Where: Roanoke Higher Education Center, Room 212
108 North Jefferson Street
Roanoke, VA 24016

[Click here](#) to register for the 2 Day Intensive Roanoke Session

NEW RIVER VALLEY

When: 2 Day Intensive - April 26th & 29th, 9am - 4pm

Where: NRVCS Radford Center
Norwood Training Room
401 West Main Street
Radford, VA 24141

[Click here](#) to register for the 2 Day Intensive NRV Session

ABINGDON

When: 2 Day Intensive - May 1st & 2nd, 9am - 4pm

Where: Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center
Executive Auditorium
One Partnership Circle

[Click here](#) to register for the 2 Day Intensive Abingdon Session.

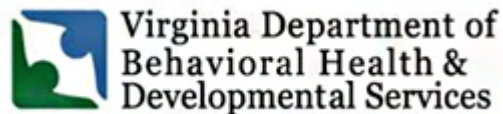
Please note:

You do not have to attend the 1 Day Overview in order to attend one of the 2 Day Intensive.



2019 Camp and Activities Guide

[Click here](#) to view.



Voters with Disabilities Engagement Expo

The Voters with Disabilities Engagement Expo is a pilot program developed by the Virginia Department of Elections (ELECT) to promote awareness about the wide variety of resources available to assist members of the disability community with the voting process.

Date and Time

Tue, April 30, 2019
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM EDT

Location

Eastern Henrico Recreation Center

1440 North Laburnum Avenue
Richmond, VA 23223

The goal of the event is to connect event attendees with voter education information and the opportunity to connect with members of the elections community. Attendees will be able to move through the expo, view demonstrations, engage hands-on with accessible voting equipment, pick up voter outreach information, and interact directly with Department of Elections staff and equipment vendors to get answers to their elections-related questions.

[Click here](#) for the flyer.

Commonwealth's Annual Behavioral Health Symposium

Strengthening Trauma-Informed Care in Virginia: Positive Connections and Resiliency Across the Lifespan

Join 350 clinicians and providers of behavioral health services for Virginia's 2019 Annual Behavioral Health Symposium, sponsored by the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS).

The symposium will be held June 6, 2019 and will focus on strengthening trauma-informed care throughout Virginia, including creating positive connections and building resiliency across the lifespan. This event is open to service providers in public and private settings.

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

Adult ASD Support Group - Blacksburg

Who: All adults with an autism spectrum disorder (Asperger's, Autism, PDDNOS, ASD) and their families are welcome.

What: A monthly support group on topics YOU want to talk about!

Where: Child Study Center - 460 Turner St. NW Suite 207

When: 6:30pm - 8:00 PM on the following dates

May 6th

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



Special Olympics
Virginia

Special Olympics - Play Unified

Changing the world is a team sport!

Like Area 9 on Facebook to stay up to date on NRV happenings and weather related messages.

[Click here.](#)

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!

SUBMIT YOUR



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.

REACH Information

Crisis Services

The DBHDS website has been updated with more in depth information on REACH, has updated contact info, and contains links to some of the forms that may be helpful for consumers to access.

[Click here](#) to view.

Brushing Up on Oral Health Techniques for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

The Health Supports Network at the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and The Virginia Department of Health's Dental Health Program are excited to present a FREE educational opportunity for people providing direct care to individuals with Developmental Disabilities.

[Click here](#) for the brochure for more information.

Promoting Skin Integrity and Prevention Skin Breakdown Workshop

The US Surgeon General in Healthy People 2000 and 2010, identified pressure ulcers as a national health issue for long term care and they are preventable!

Join the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services Health Supports Network team and learn how to present educational and skill building activities for your staff to prevent skin breakdown.

This interactive workshop is designed to "Train the Trainer". The curriculum and all of tools needed to teach the class will be provided.

[Click here](#) for the brochure for more information.

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

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.



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.



NADD



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 and [here](#) for **The Voice -Special Needs Alliance Newsletter**.



Commonwealth Autism

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



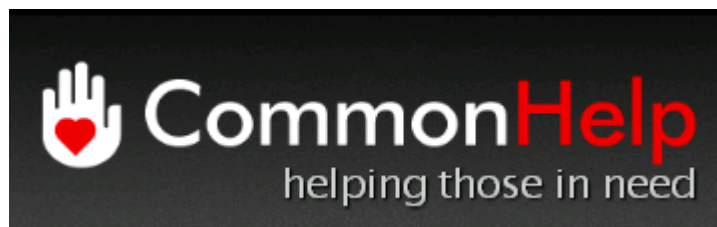
New River Valley Disability Resource Center

A non-profit Center for Independent Living serving the NRV

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[Click here](#) for their website for Events and Resources.



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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