

REACH Region III - Monthly Report for April 2019

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Update

Clinical Corner



April Data

Adults

Referrals: 34
 Active Clients: 175
 Crisis Plan Hours: 195.81
 Prevention hours: 571.11

Calls to Crisis Line

Information: 11
 Prevention: 126
 Crisis/Face to Face
 Response: 30

*Average Crisis/Face to
 Face Response Time:*



Mental Health Awareness Month

Early Childhood Mental Health

Center on the Developing Child/Harvard University

As early experiences shape the architecture of the developing brain, they also lay the foundations of sound mental health.

Disruptions to this developmental process can impair a child’s capacities for learning and relating to others — with lifelong implications.

60.8 minutes

Crisis Therapeutic Home

Emergency Bed Days: 71
Step-down Bed Days: 90
Prevention Bed Days: 19

Children

Referrals: 20
Active Clients: 77
Crisis Plan Hours: 46.75
Prevention Hours: 199.57

Calls to Crisis Line

Information: 11
Prevention: 7
Crisis/Face to Face
Response: 13

Average Crisis/Face to Face Response Time:
45.15 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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By improving children's environments of relationships and experiences early in life, society can address many costly problems, including incarceration, homelessness, and the failure to complete high school.

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Medical News



Costly Confusion: Medicare's Wellness Visit Isn't The Same As An Annual Physical

Kaiser Health News

When Beverly Dunn called her new primary care doctor's office last November to schedule an annual checkup, she assumed her Medicare coverage would pick up most of the tab.

The appointment seemed like a routine physical, and she was pleased that the doctor spent a lot of time with her.

Apps



iReward

iReward is a motivational tool for your iPhone, iPod Touch, or iPad.

You can create a star chart or token board to help reinforce positive behaviors using visual rewards.

Use of motivational charts is not limited to any one group. We all benefit from motivation to achieve our goals! This type of praise or approval will help parents of typically developing children, children with autism, developmental delays, ADHD, and anxiety disorders.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Books & Podcasts



Day In Washington: the Disability Policy Podcast

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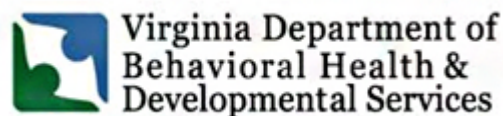
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Until she got the bill: \$400.

Dunn, 69, called the doctor's office assuming there was a billing error. But it was no mistake, she was told. Medicare does not cover an annual physical exam.

Dunn, of Austin, Texas, was tripped up by Medicare's confusing coverage rules. Federal law prohibits the health care program from paying for annual physicals, and patients who get them may be on the hook for the entire amount. But beneficiaries pay nothing for an "annual wellness visit," which the program covers in full as a preventive service.

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Health Trends Newsletter

Office Integrated Health/DBHDS

[Click here](#) to view the May 2019 Newsletter!

Topics include:

*Medication management

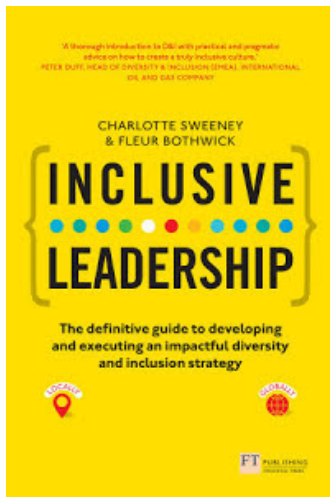
***Save the Date** (May 30th) for a Skin Integrity and Oral Health Training given at the Wall Residences Office in Danville. Check out the newsletter for info on how to register!

Video

nationally syndicated disability policy blog/podcast. Updated weekly, these 6 minute podcasts offer an easy to understand analysis of current disability policy and politics.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Diversity & Inclusion



The most successful organisations are those with the most diverse and engaged workforces.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

News



Google Unveils New Accessibility



Click above video to view.

Giving Artists With Disabilities a Space to Thrive

Great Big Story

Creative Growth Art Center in Oakland, California, is the world's first and largest nonprofit center dedicated to giving artists with disabilities the space to let their talents shine.

Since 1974, the center has served hundreds of artists with developmental, mental and physical disabilities who lacked formal education in the arts.

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Initiatives

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Tech giant Google says it is working on multiple projects designed to improve day-to-day life for people with various disabilities.

Google CEO Sundar Pichai demonstrated how a new Live Caption feature on Android phones will transcribe any audio or video — no matter its origin — in real time and allow users who don't speak to respond by typing.

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Easy Summer Crafts

Easy Kids Craft/YouTube

Here are 3 Easy Summer Crafts for you to make this season.

You can have fun making funky popsicles, paper plate watermelons and paper plate citrus fruit.

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Opportunities and Events



2019 Camp and Activities Guide

[Click here](#) to view.

Faison Center: College 101 Program 2019

July 7 - 20, 2019

Faison's Ready. Set. Go! Summer College 101 Program is designed to provide rising High School Seniors an opportunity to experience college.

Faison's College 101 Program provides a two week overnight college experience on the University of Richmond campus with the support of trained professionals from The Faison Center and University faculty.

The students will gain the confidence they need to embark on their college career and to gain a strong sense of college life. College 101 will help to teach success on the campus while taking the anxiety out of the unknown.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

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.



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!



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

Employment Opportunities

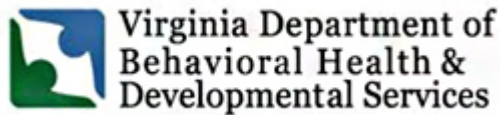
Come check out our job openings for REACH Region III.

[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.

[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

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.



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



Commonwealth Autism

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



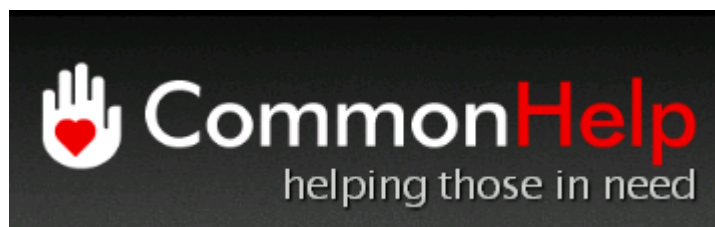
New River Valley Disability Resource Center

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



Virginia Common**Help**

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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