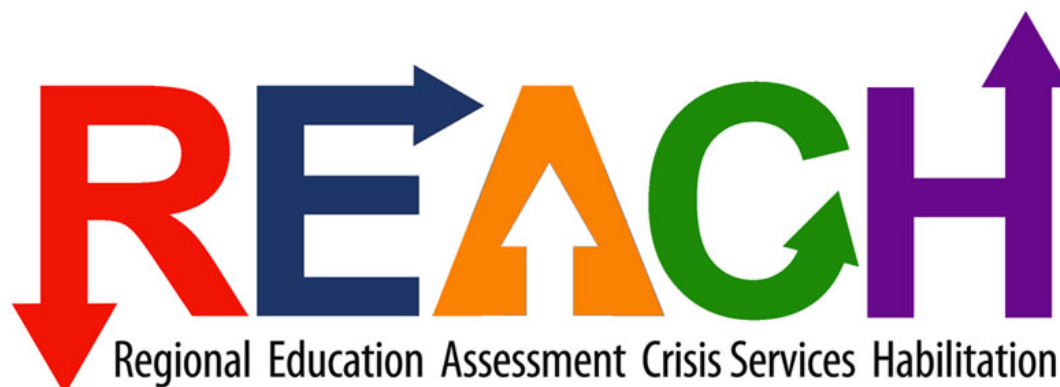


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Update

Clinical Corner



July Data

Adults

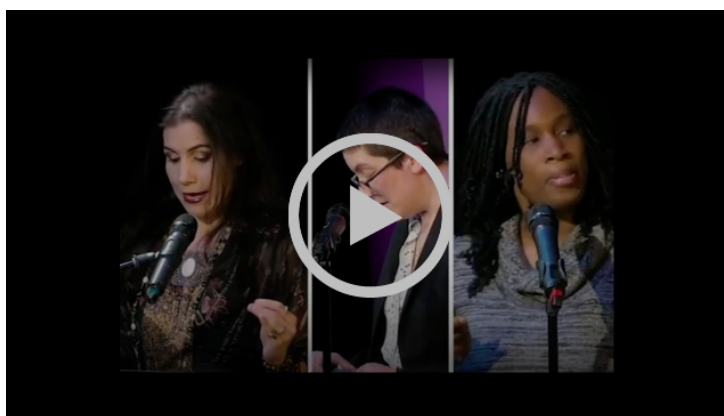
Referrals: 24
Active Clients: 155
Crisis Plan Hours: 51.25
Prevention hours: 516

Calls to Crisis Line

Information: 12
Prevention: 192
Crisis/Face to Face
Response: 24

Crisis Therapeutic Home

Emergency Bed Days: 78
Step-down Bed Days: 93
Prevention Bed Days: 8



[Click above to view.](#)

Flying University: Women on the Autism Spectrum

Presented by [Spectrum](#)

Most autism research — and, by extension, most stories about autism — focuses on men and their experiences.

To shine a spotlight on women with autism, on 28 March, Spectrum teamed up with the science-storytelling venue Caveat in New York City. Three autistic women talked about their experiences dating, looking for jobs and the particular

Children

Referrals: 21

Active Clients: 55

Crisis Plan Hours: 24

Prevention Hours: 151

Calls to Crisis Line

Information: 4

Prevention: 7

Crisis/Face to Face

Response: 9

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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Email: info@swvareach.org

Fax: 540.267.3403

Apps



TOBY Autism Therapy (Therapy Outcomes By You)

An early intervention program empowering parents to get started with therapy at home.

challenges that racial minorities with the condition can face.

[Click here](#) or on the video above to view and learn more.

In The News



Medical Schools Adding Focus On Developmental Disabilities

disabilityscoop.com

by Courtney Perkes

An innovative new program is aiming to ensure that the next generation of doctors is far more prepared to treat the needs of those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

“Having more providers trained in developmental medicine and taking care of this population across the lifespan will result in better access to care and also better quality of care,” Chandan said.

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Global Summit Shines a Spotlight on People with

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

[Click here](#) for the article on TOBY by Angelika Anderson "For Children With Autism, Tablet App May Deliver Life Skills." - from www.spectrumnews.org.

Books & Podcasts



AllAutismTalk

What to Expect from ABA Service Providers - with Dr. Hannah Rue.

"Connecting the Autism Community One Podcast at a Time" Our podcast offers a friendly conversation with inspiring individuals in the autism community. Our aim is to provide valuable insights and information as well as access to support in communities throughout the United States.

We are proud to welcome Dr. Hanna Rue to AllAutismTalk for a monthly, in-depth conversation about the latest research and treatment options for individuals on the autism spectrum.

[Click here](#) to listen.

Disabilities

The Telegraph

by Anne Gulland

People with psychosocial and learning disabilities are the most discriminated group of disabled people, according to campaigners.

[Click here](#) to read more.

Medical News



Extreme Heat

Heat-related deaths are preventable

cdc.gov

WHAT:

Extreme heat or heat waves occur when the temperature reaches extremely high levels or when the combination of heat and humidity causes the air to become oppressive.

WHO:

Children
Older adults
Outside worker
People with disabilities
More males than females are affected.

WHERE:

Houses with little to no AC

Diversity & Inclusion



Supporting Diversity in the Developmental Disabilities Network through Minority Partnerships

*UCEDD Minority Partnership
Grants Evaluation Report*

Over the years, much attention has been placed on reducing or eliminating racial and ethnic disparities amongst Americans.

Although there has been improvement, racial and ethnic disparities persist. For example, the life expectancy for White/Caucasians with Down syndrome is about 55 years compared to 25 years for Blacks/African Americans.

[Click here](#) to continue reading.

Construction worksites
Cars.

HOW TO AVOID:

Stay hydrated with water, avoid sugary beverages

Stay cool in an air conditioned area

Wear light-weight, light colored, loose fitting clothes

[Click here](#) to learn more from cdc.gov and view full-size infographic.

Challenge



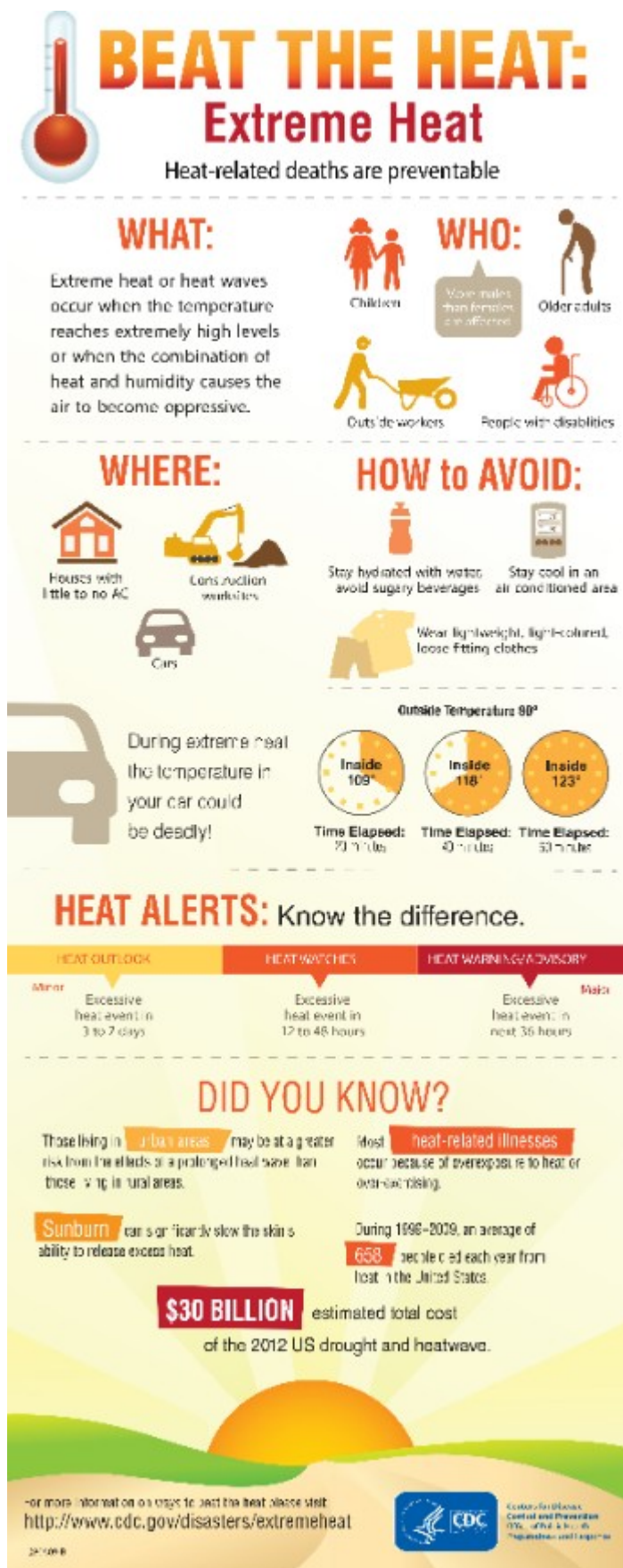
Peanut Butter Challenge

www.wdbj7.com

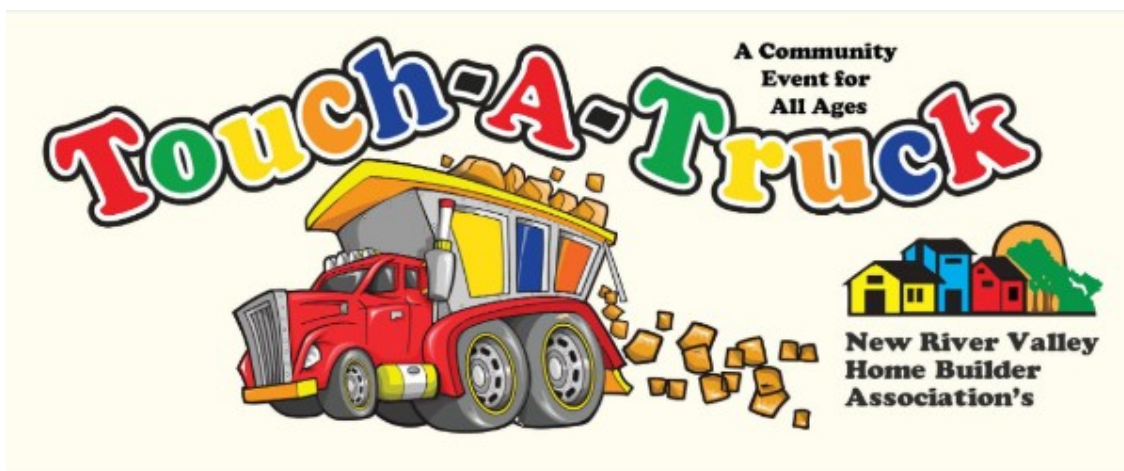
Coordinators with **Feeding America Southwest Virginia** food bank say there are many kids who go hungry in our hometowns.

This month the food bank issued its Peanut Butter Challenge to help stock the pantry.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the challenge and how to donate!



Opportunities and Events



Touch-A-Truck NRV

When: Saturday, August 18th, 2018 @ 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Where: New River Valley Mall

Price: Free!

[Click here](#) to learn more!

This FREE family event is a fun way to get children's imaginations in gear so they can learn about careers that involve some of these big trucks, such as construction, landscaping, and even law enforcement. Our community's children will get to have a safe and hands-on learning experience by climbing into the driver's seat, exploring the vehicles, honking horns and asking questions with the people that operate these vehicles on the job.

Note that the horn-free hour is from 10 to noon for sensitive ears. There will also be food at this event.



ParentCamp VA Fall 2018

Join us for a great day of collaborative learning and conversation about Family Engagement in Virginia! Parent leaders and educators will have the opportunity to attend 3 sessions around hosting your own local ParentCamp and other topics of interest for increasing family engagement.

Sessions will be fast paced, informative, and participant focused.

Come ready to share experiences, opinions, hopes and ideas that will improve the education of all children and their families.

Price: FREE

When: Saturday, September 22, 2018

Where: Northside Middle School
6810 Northside High School Road
Roanoke, VA 24019

For more information about what you can expect at a ParentCamp, visit: www.parentcamp.org.

[Click here](#) to register.



Virginia's Medicaid Expansion New Health Coverage for Virginia Adults. **A Toolkit for Advocates**

VIRGINIA MEDICAID EXPANSION OVERVIEW:

The rules for health coverage in Virginia have changed, and we need everyone's help to spread the word.

Soon, many of our neighbors, friends and family members will be eligible for a new coverage option that offers quality, low-cost services. Beginning January 1, 2019, this coverage will be available for up to 400,000 adults, including many people who work in retail, construction, childcare, landscaping, food service or other jobs that don't provide health insurance.

Virginians who may have applied for Medicaid in the past and been denied may be eligible beginning

January 1, 2019.

[Click here](#) for **A Toolkit for Advocates** to learn more.

Access the eligibility tool on www.coverva.org to see if someone you know may be eligible for coverage

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 - **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.



Special needs require special attorneys.

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.

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.



Commonwealth Autism

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

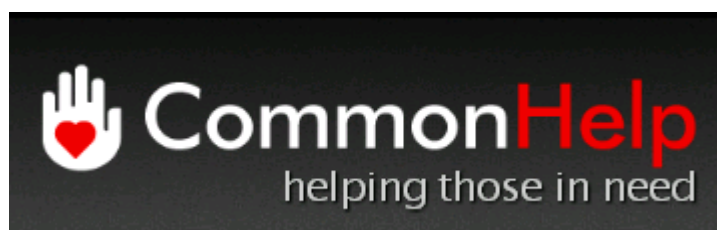
DDHSN Dental Services

[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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