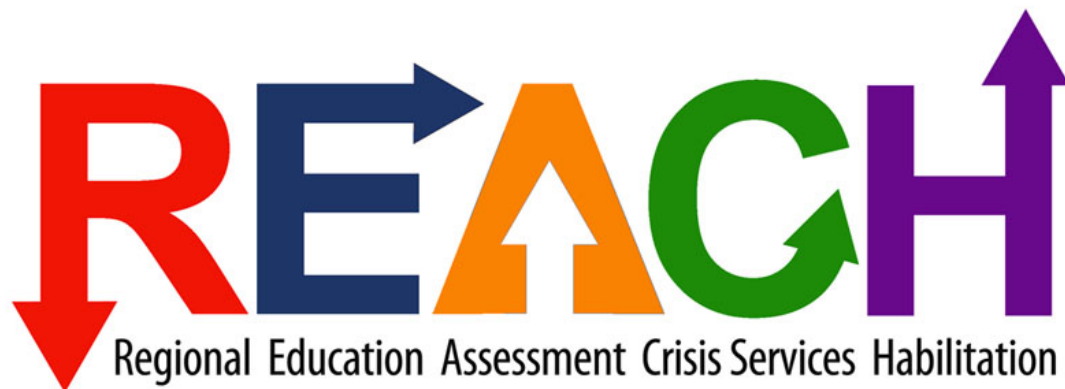


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Update

Clinical Corner



June Data

Adults

Referrals: 29
Active Clients: 90
Crisis Plan Hours: 121.7
Crisis Prevention hours: 428.9

Calls to Crisis Line

Information: 25
Crisis Prevention: 70
Crisis Face to Face



How To: Providing Choices

This video will demonstrate how to provide choices for students with ASD.

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

[Click here](#) to download transcript.

Response: 24 Face to
Face + 1 Telehealth
Total Calls: 120

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

Crisis Therapeutic Home

Emergency Bed Days: 22
Step-down Bed Days: 51
Prevention Bed Days: 3

Children

Referrals: 18
Active Clients: 67
Crisis Plan Hours: 96.56
Crisis Prevention Hours:
252.25

Calls to Crisis Line

Information: 23
Crisis Prevention: 10
Crisis Face to Face
Response: 14 Face to
Face + 0 Telehealth
Total Calls: 47

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

Our Referral Form

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

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[Click here](#) to visit the VCU RRTC site to access
trainings, webcasts, resources, and more.

Sensory-Friendly Party Ideas

Tips for throwing inclusive (and fun!) kids' parties

Cynthia Martin, PsyD for childmind.org

Kids with sensory processing issues have trouble
taking in information from their senses. Some are
oversensitive — bright lights, loud environments or
scratchy clothing might easily overwhelm them.

Others need a lot of sensory input to be
comfortable — they may love intense movement,
crashing into things or touching interesting
textures.

Because they experience the world a little
differently, kids with sensory issues are often
uncomfortable in chaotic or unpredictable settings.

Birthday parties are a classic example: lots of
people, lots of noise, unfamiliar food, stimulating
activities. For kids with sensory issues, all the
excitement can quickly get overwhelming.

[Click here](#) to continue reading.

Videos

Apps



Smiling Mind

Smiling Mind is a meditation and mindfulness app that allows users to practice those skills in different settings, such as the classroom or the workplace.

[Click here](#) to view.

Books & Podcasts



The LowDOWN Podcast

Hosts Marla Folden and Hina Mahmood of the Down Syndrome Resource Foundation welcome North America's leading Down syndrome experts, parents and self-advocates to cover topics from across the lifespan including health, physical and intellectual development, advocacy, employment and



Calming Crafts

Sea Lemon/YouTube.com

Things to help you relax and de-stress. Click on the video above or [click here](#) to view.

Health



Why is Pneumonia so Dangerous?

Ted-Ed/YouTube.com

Explore how pneumonia attacks the tiny air sacs in your lungs and how your immune system works to fight off the infection.

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much more.

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Diversity & Inclusion



Community Inclusion

autism-society.org

Being a part of a community and feeling included is extremely important in people's lives.

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Virginia Department of
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Employment Opportunities



**Come check out our job openings for
REACH Region III.**

For information on available positions and to apply
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Opportunities and Events



PEATC and VDOE: Building Strong Parent Advocates online training series - Virtual

(2 free sessions)

July 11 - August 11, <https://bit.ly/3j6DTXT>

August 25 - September 19, <https://bit.ly/3lUtWXU>

Training takes approximately 6 hours and can be accessed anytime during your session.

Autism Society of Northern Virginia: Adulting on the Spectrum (free) Virtual

Saturday, July, 23

noon - 1pm

[Click here.](#)

Infinity Acres Ranch All Inclusive and Special Needs Day Camps

July 18 - 22, ages 7-17 - All inclusive

July 25th - 28th, ages 6-17 - Special needs campers with different abilities
(DD, ASD, ADHD)

Ridgeway, Virginia

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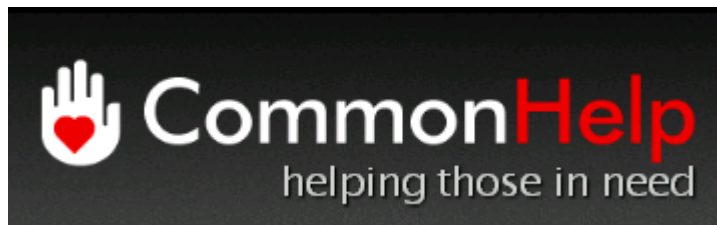
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Resources

The ARC of the United States

Our Virtual Program Library for People With Disabilities Is Now Live!

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Virginia CommonHelp

In these difficult times, many Virginians are looking for assistance with essential services.

Virginia CommonHelp makes it easy for you to apply for multiple Department of Social Services programs using one online application.

CommonHelp partners with several government agencies to offer Virginians a fast and easy way to apply for a wide range of services:

- Help with paying for childcare
- Home energy assistance
- Help with buying food
- Low or no-cost healthcare
- Temporary cash assistance for families with children

To determine your eligibility for one or more programs, you can complete CommonHelp's [online eligibility portal](#). The portal will tell you which programs you qualify for and how to apply for them online. Visit the [CommonHelp website](#) to learn more about the programs and government agencies that they partner with.

The Employment Toolkit for Job Seekers with Autism

readyjob.org

[Click here](#) to view.



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.

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[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.



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**.



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.



Commonwealth Autism

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



New River Valley Disability Resource Center

A non-profit Center for Independent Living serving the NRV

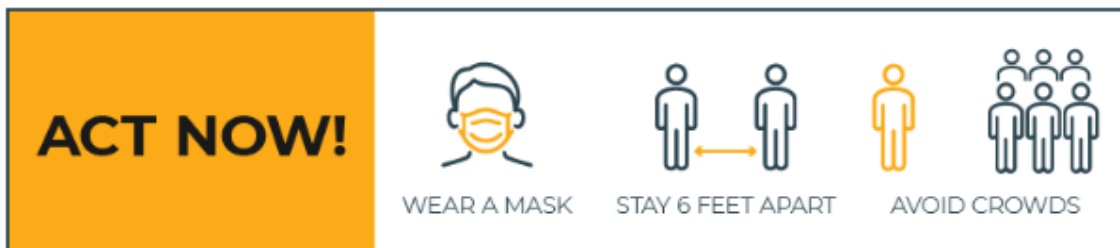
New River Valley Disability Resource Center

A Non-Profit Center for Independent Living; Serving the NRV

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

Vaccine Information Center - Virginia Department of Health

[Click here](#) for information on VDH COVID-19 Vaccination Response.



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