

REACH Region III - Monthly Report: February

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Update

Clinical Corner



February Data

Adults

Referrals: 29
 Active Clients: 61
 Crisis Plan Hours: 147.6
 Crisis Prevention hours: 299.5

Calls to Crisis Line

Information: 50
 Crisis Prevention: 129
 Crisis Face to Face



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March is Social Work Month

During Social Work Month take time to learn more

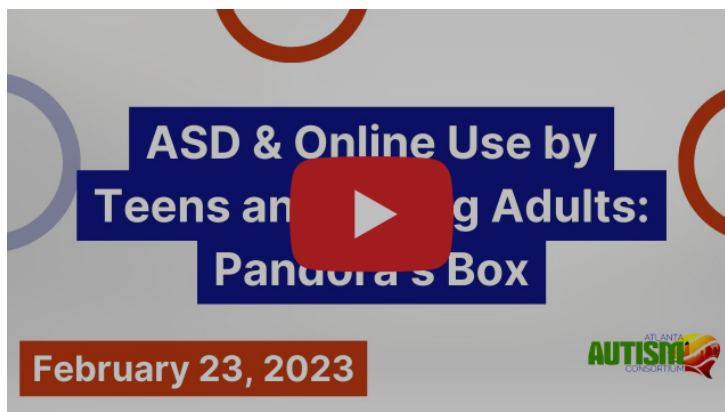
Response: 31 Face to Face + 6 Telehealth
Total Calls: 216

about the many positive contributions of the profession.

Average Crisis/Face to Face Response Time:
49.3 minutes

Crisis Therapeutic Home

Emergency Bed Days: 23
Step-down Bed Days: 50
Prevention Bed Days: 0



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Children

Referrals: 18
Active Clients: 44
Crisis Plan Hours: 57.8
Crisis Prevention Hours: 207.1

ASD & Online Use by Teens and Young Adults: Pandora's Box

AAC/YouTube.com

Calls to Crisis Line

Information: 17
Crisis Prevention: 13
Crisis Face to Face Response: 11 Face to Face + 3 Telehealth
Total Calls: 44

Individuals with autism spectrum disorders develop differently. These differences are usually present in social interaction, communication, and sensory processing, and become visible through a wide variety of behavioral responses that differ from individuals without autism spectrum disorders. Since behavioral addiction and ASD share common characteristics, individuals with ASD may be more vulnerable to behavioral addiction. Some typical behavioral addictions include compulsive internet use and gaming.

Average Crisis/Face to Face Response Time:
46.1 minutes

Our Referral Form

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

All adolescents and young adults are introduced to many things on the internet at an early age. Those gateways of exposure include easy access different lifestyles, deep involvement in gaming and other media, internet pornography, alcohol and drug use, sexual experiences at a young age, and the opinions of many individuals who are not of a similar mind.

REACH Region III
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Apps



Personal Zen

Play to help relieve stress.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

This presentation offers parents of young people and young people solid, accessible advice regarding the internet. The successful navigation and use of the internet for teenagers and young adults is brought into perspective by an expert who has over two decades of clinical experience and specializes in working with pre-adolescents, teenagers, and young adults, along with their families.

Books & Podcasts



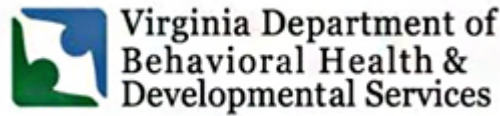
Fish in a Tree

by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

An uplifting novel that will speak to anyone who's ever thought there was something wrong with them because they didn't fit in.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Health



DBHDS/Office of Integrated Health

The March Newsletter Includes:

- How to Lower Fall Risk in the Home
- App of the Month: StopFalls
- Bed Bugs
- ABA Snippets

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Employment Opportunities



REACH Region III Is Hiring!

The **REACH** program is the statewide crisis system of care that is designed to meet the crisis support needs of individuals who have a developmental disability and are experiencing crisis events which put them at risk for homelessness, incarceration, hospitalization, and/or danger to self or others.

REACH services are available statewide, with one regional program being located in each of the Commonwealth's five DD regions.

REACH Mission Statement

Individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities shall be supported with services that allow the individual to live the most inclusive life possible in his/her community which includes access to appropriate and effective crisis stabilization, intervention, and prevention services including mental health treatment services when indicated.

What does it mean to our staff to work for REACH?

"I enjoy working in the REACH program as it allows me to be creative and to utilize skills and abilities that most programs do not. REACH services also allows me the opportunity to witness the impact of my work on clients and their families/providers." - Junior Stoots, REACH Coordinator

"Working for REACH means to me being the first line of support when working with a challenging population. It means being flexible and dependable for my co-workers and the consumers we serve." – Nicole Dailey, CSP II-Utilization and Training

REACH Region III - Southwestern Virginia.

Areas Served:

Blue Ridge BH: Botetourt, Buchanan Town, Daleville, Eagle Rock, Fincastle, Oriskany, Roanoke City, Troutville, Arcadia, Catawba, Craig, New Castle, Newport, Paint Bank, Bent Mountain, Roanoke, Vinton, Salem, Vinton

Cumberland Mt CSB: Big Rock, Buchanan, Grundy, Pilgrims Knot, Vansant, Castlewood, Cleveland, Dante, Honaker, Lebanon, Rosedale, Russell, Tazewell

Highland CS: Washington County, Abingdon, Clarksville, Damascus, Emory, Glade Spring, Meadowview

New River Valley CS: Radford, Willis, Copper Hill, Floyd, Giles, Narrows, Pearisburg, Rich Creek, Staffordsville, Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Claudville, Montgomery, Riner, Shawsville, Pilot, Allisonia, Draper, Dublin, Hiwassee, New Bern, Pulaski, Pembroke, Meadows of Dan

Danville-Pittsylvania CSB: Danville, Blairs, Callands, Chatham, Gretna, Pittsylvania, Ringgold, Sandy Level

Dickenson County BHS: Birchleaf, Breaks, Clinchco, Clintwood, Dickenson, Haysi

Mt. Rogers CSB: Bastian, Bland, Rocky Gap, Carroll, Atkins, Ceres, Chilhowie, Elk Creek, Fires, Galax, Grayson, Groseclose, Hillsville, Independence, Mouth of Wilson, Smyth, Sugar Grove, Troutdale, Whitetop, Saltville, Marion, Barren Springs, Crockett, Fort Chiswell, Foster Falls, Ivanhoe, Max Meadows, Wythe, Wytheville, Rural Retreat

Piedmont CS: Martinsville, Boones Mill, Burnt Chimney, Callaway, Ferrum, Franklin, Glade Hill, Penhook, Rocky Mount, Smith Mountain Lake, Union Hall, Wirtz, Axton, Bassett, Collinsville, Fieldale, Henry, Ridgeway, Spencer, Stanleytown, Patrick

Planning District One BHS: Dryden, Ewing, Jonesville, Lee, Middlesboro, Pennington Gap, Rose Hill, Stickleysville, Norton, Clinchport, Duffield, Dungannon, Gate City, Hiltons, Nickelsville, Scott, Weber City, Appalachia, Big Stone Gap, Coeburn, Pound, St. Paul, Wise,

Southside CSB: Warfield, Alberta, Brunswick, Gasburg, Lawrenceville, Rawlings, Alaton, Boydton, Buffalo Junction, Chase City, Clarksville, Clover, Halifax, Mecklenburg, Nathalie, Scottsburg, Skipwith, South Boston, South Hill, Sutherlin, Virgilina, Bracey

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

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Opportunities and Events



ONLINE EVENTS

[Autism Speaks: National Pathways to Employment event - free](#)

Thursday, March 30
noon - 2pm EST

[University of Kansas Division of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics: ADOS-2 virtual clinical training](#)

- fee-based

Modules 1-4

March 30-31

8:30am - 4:30pm both days

Fees: General Registration \$550

Graduate Student/Intern/ Post-Doctoral Student \$200

Autism Diagnostic Team Member \$200

Questions? Chandra Gordon: cgordon3@kumc.edu 913-588-6342

[Finding Cooper's Voice: The Secret World of Autism With Kate Swenson - fee-based](#)

Monday, April 3

10am-noon Central Time

IN-PERSON EVENTS

[OCALICON's Premier Autism and Disabilities Conference: Call for Proposals](#)

Call closes March 31 (Conference November 14-17)

[Blue Mountain Therapy: All Abilities Easter Egg Hunt](#)

Saturday, April 1

noon

Blue Mountain Therapy

17507 Lee Highway,

Abingdon, VA

[Chuck E. Cheese: Sensory Sensitive Sundays](#)

The Roanoke location is open 2 hours early on the first Sunday of every month, specifically for children with autism and other special needs.

4059 Electric Road

Roanoke, VA

[The Autism Society of Central Virginia, the Virginia Down Syndrome Association and The Arc of Virginia : Life in the Community Symposium](#)

Saturday, April 15

9am-4pm

Dominion Energy's Innsbrook Conference Center

5000 Dominion Blvd

Glen Allen, VA

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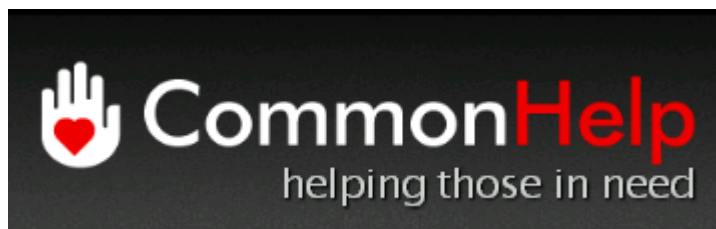
[Click Here](#) for Provider Development.

Resources

The ARC of the United States

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

[Click here](#) to view!



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.

[Click here](#) for Events and News!

[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



Commonwealth Autism

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

development and knowledge regarding autism in Virginia. [Click here](#) for more information.

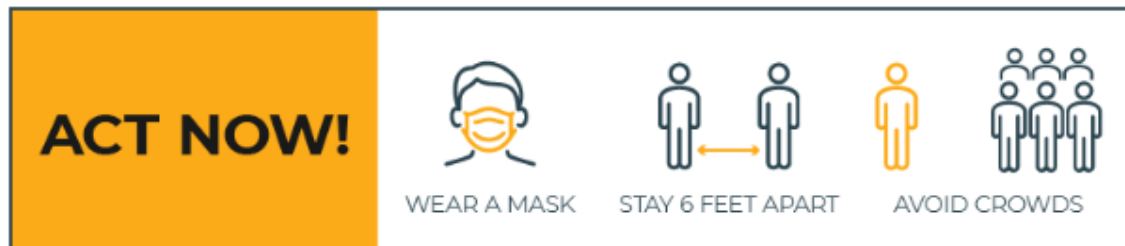


New River Valley Disability Resource Center
A Non-Profit Center for Independent Living; Serving the NRV

[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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