

REACH Region III - Monthly Report: July

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Update

Clinical Corner



July Data

Adults

Referrals: 31
Active Clients: 64
Crisis Plan Hours: 42.1
Crisis Prevention hours:
351.4

Calls to Crisis Line

Information: 47



How Schools Can Support Neurodiverse Students

childmind.org

Crisis Prevention: 138
Crisis Face to Face
Response: 36 Face to
Face + 2 Telehealth
Total Calls: 223

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

**Crisis Therapeutic
Home**

Emergency Bed Days: 88
Step-down Bed Days: 31
Prevention Bed Days: 0

Children

Referrals: 15
Active Clients: 52
Crisis Plan Hours: 40.6
Crisis Prevention Hours:
157.2

Calls to Crisis Line

Information: 24
Crisis Prevention: 4
Crisis Face to Face
Response: 11 Face to
Face + 0 Telehealth
Total Calls: 39

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

Neurodiversity refers to the idea that a kid’s brain functions differently from those of neurotypical children. And it comes in many forms, such as learning disorders, ADHD, autism spectrum disorder, or sensory processing issues.

While neurodivergent students may possess unique strengths, such as exceptional memorization skills or hyper-focus abilities, they often require additional support from teachers, counselors, administrators, and support staff in the school to excel academically and socially.

Three fundamental areas where neurodivergent students tend to need help are behavioral issues, social challenges, and executive functioning.

If a child has behavior issues, it’s best to validate their feelings and assist them in problem-solving those behaviors by calmly talking through alternative ways to express themselves. Implementing supports that benefit both neurodivergent and neurotypical students can help prevent behavioral problems. These supports include visual aids, relaxation exercises, designated relaxation areas, and movement breaks.

[Click here to read more.](#)

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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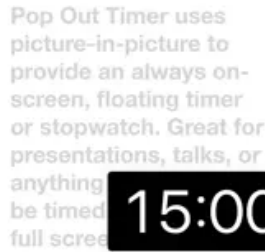
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Health



DBHDS/Office of Integrated Health

Apps



Pop Out Timer & Stopwatch

Pop Out Timer uses picture-in-picture to provide an always on-screen, floating timer or stopwatch.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

The August Newsletter Includes:

- The Annual Healthcare Visit Toolkit
- ABA Snippets
- Choking
- 4th Annual Statewide Nursing Conference
- App of the month - Medscape
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Books & Podcasts



Diversity Deep Dive

In this podcast, you will hear insights and uplifting stories of resilience and perseverance against the odds. We will share meaningful dialogue to positively impact diversity and inclusion by dispelling stereotypes, tackling biases, and providing best practices to achieve greater cultural competence.

Video



The Dandelion Shift: Seeing the Ability in Disability

Tedx Talks

In this talk, Laura Whitaker encourages us to view difference as ability, not disability. Laura Whitaker is the executive director of Extra Special People, a Watkinsville-based nonprofit that runs year-round programs and summer camps for more than 400 individuals of all abilities and their families in the Northeast Georgia area.

[Click here for episodes.](#)

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

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 and City of Bristol, Virginia

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.](#)

(Type 'REACH' in the search bar)

Opportunities and Events



UVA Supporting Transformative Autism Research: How to support people with autism during an emergency response (no hyperlink) - *free*

Learn more about this project with emergency responders - and what you can do!

Wednesday, August 30

noon - 1pm

[Register](#)

Monday, September 18

7pm - 8pm

[Register](#)

UCLA Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior: ADOS-2 Introductory Clinical Workshop - *fee based*

Monday and Wednesday, August 28 & 30

8:30am - 4:30 pm PT

\$500

Hart for Autism and Dr. Norm Geller: Advanced ADOS-2 Training - *fee based*

ONE DAY VIRTUAL EVENT

Monday, October 2

8am - 4pm EST

Cost: \$299

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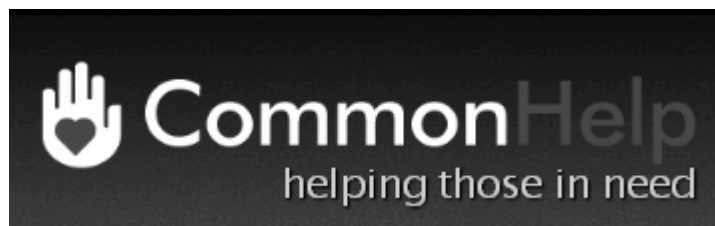
[Click Here](#) for Provider Development.

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 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

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

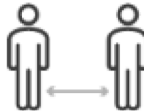
Vaccine Information Center - Virginia Department of Health

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


ACT NOW!



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STAY 6 FEET APART



AVOID CROWDS

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