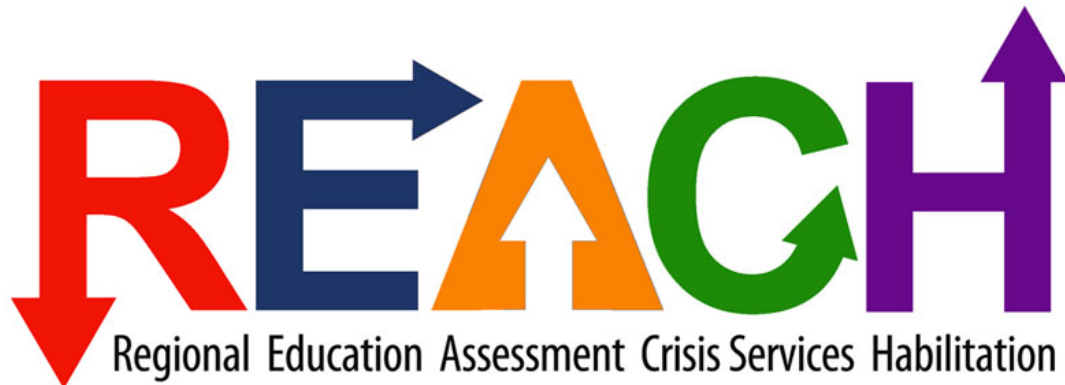


REACH Region III – The Newsletter
Vol.10, No.02, February 2024

[View this email in your browser](#)



REACH Region III - Monthly Report: January

[Click here](#) to view

Update



January Data

Adults

Referrals: 39
Active Clients: 83
Crisis Plan Hours: 162.2
Crisis Prevention hours: 335.6

Calls to Crisis Line

Information: 27
Crisis Prevention: 143



Celebrate Black History Month

February 2024 Theme: African Americans and the Arts

asalh.org

[Click here](#) to continue reading.

Clinical Corner

Crisis Face to Face
Response: 41 Face to
Face + 6 Telehealth
Total Calls: 217

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

Crisis Therapeutic Home

Emergency Bed Days:
162
Step-down Bed Days: 2
Prevention Bed Days: 0

Children

Referrals: 25
Active Clients: 71
Crisis Plan Hours: 89.9
Crisis Prevention Hours:
189.9

Calls to Crisis Line

Information: 26
Crisis Prevention: 18
Crisis Face to Face
Response: 20 Face to
Face + 2 Telehealth
Total Calls: 66

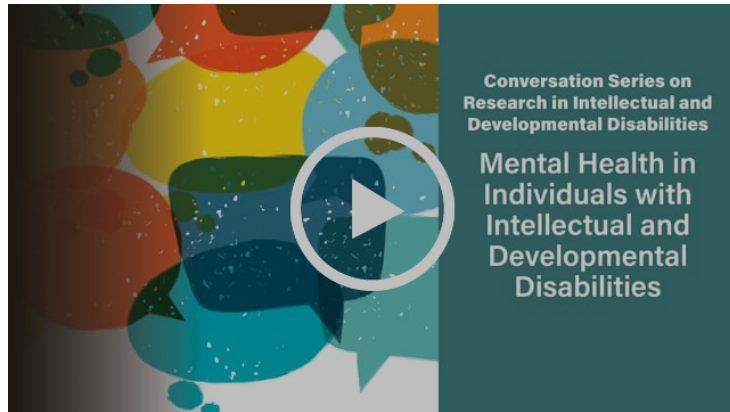
*Average Crisis/Face to
Face Response Time:*
66.9 minutes

Our Referral Form

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

REACH Region III

Email: info@swvareach.org
Fax: 540.267.3403



Conversation Series: Mental Health in Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Vanderbilt University Medical Center

This series is designed to share research in plain,
accessible language with the community.

Adults with intellectual and developmental
disabilities (IDD) report mental distress almost five
times more often than adults without disabilities.
Despite the prevalence, little is known about the best
approaches for supporting the needs of people with
IDD and co-occurring mental health challenges.
Individuals with IDD can experience a multitude of
psychiatric disorders, however, unlike the general
population, psychiatric symptoms in this population
are often attributed to their disability rather than
mental illness, in a phenomenon known as
"diagnostic overshadowing."

Join us for an online community discussion with VKC
researchers on the topic of mental health and IDD,
touching on themes such as increased stigma,
accessibility and affordability of supports and
treatment options, and more.

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

Apps

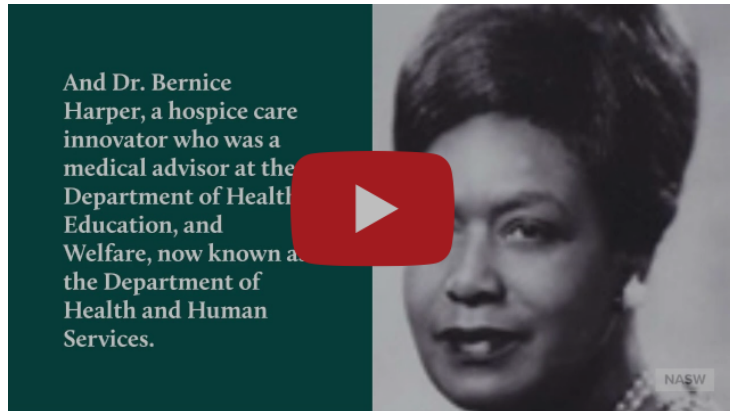


The ASL App

Learn conversational ASL right now, on the go, with all phrases and signs organized to make it easy for you to learn.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Video



Contributions of Black Social Workers

NASW | YouTube.com

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

Books & Podcasts



Podcast: Terrible, Thanks For Asking

A show that makes space for how it really feels to go through the hard things in life, and a community of people who get it.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Health



DBHDS/Office of Integrated Health

The February Newsletter includes:

- Heart Health
- ABA Snippets
- App of the Month: Cardio Visual
- Educational Resources
- Know Your Dose

[Click here](#) for the newsletters and safety alert archives.

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,

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, Hiltens, 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



IN-PERSON EVENTS

[Office for Equity and Accessibility and Technology-enhanced Learning and Online Strategies: Virginia Tech Accessibility Awareness Week](#)

March 18 - 22

VT Campus

Blacksburg, Virginia

Registration for the week's events will open on Feb. 26.



[Autism Society: Disability Policy Seminar](#)

Online registration ends Friday, March 29

The Disability Policy Seminar is the premier opportunity to cultivate support on Capitol Hill and amplify the concerns of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) before Congress. The seminar brings together passionate advocates, including people with disabilities, experts, and professionals in the field, to learn about key issues and advance the grassroots movement for people with IDD.

April 8th-10

Washington D.C.

[The More Than Project, Finding Cooper's Voice and Families Embracing Autism Together: Care for the Caregiver Retreat](#) - *fee based*

Friday, May 31
8am - full day event
South Hill, Virginia

VIRTUAL EVENTS

[Virginia Tech Child Study Center Spring 2024 Lunch and Learns - Virtual Webinars](#)

DBHDS



Virginia Department of
Behavioral Health &
Developmental Services

[Click Here](#) for the website.

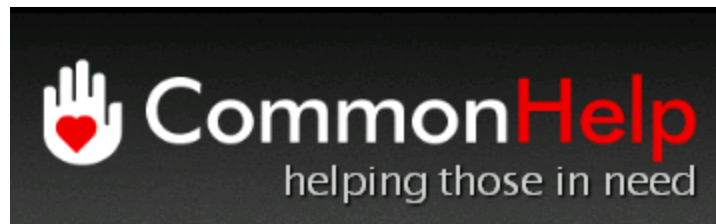
[Click Here](#) for Provider Development.

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 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

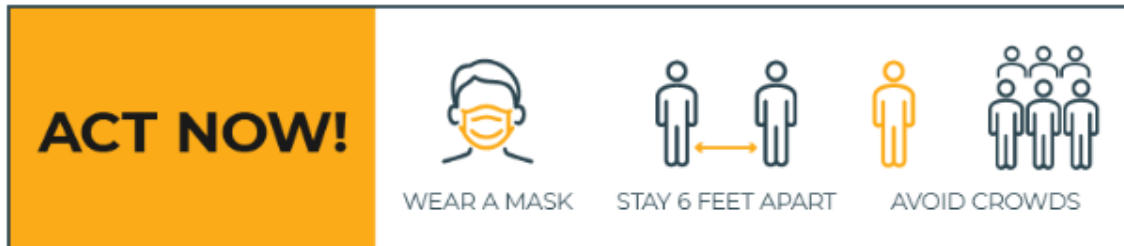
New River Valley Disability Resource Center

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.



Copyright © 2015 NRVCS, All rights reserved.

[About REACH](#)

[Fact Sheet-Adult](#) [Fact Sheet-Children](#)

[Contact REACH Region III](#)

Our mailing address is:

824 W. Main St., Radford, VA 24141

Crisis and Information Line - 1.855.887.8278

Business - 540.267.3435

Fax - 540.267.3403

Email - info@swvaREACH.org

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#)

[Visit Our Website](#)

[Feedback and Submissions!](#)

[Last Month's Newsletter](#)

[Subscribe!](#)



Share



Tweet



Forward