



Vision 21
Virginia
Linking Systems of Care
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Spring 2017 Project Newsletter

Vision 21: Linking Systems of Care (LSC) Unveils Project Website

Since the inception of the Vision 21: Linking Systems of Care for Children and Youth (LSC) Statewide Demonstration Project in January 2015, a primary goal has been to create a central information hub for all project reports, committee work, and updates. Project staff has been working with the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) Division of Public Affairs to create a website that will serve as a central point of information for all things related to the project. Due to the number of partners involved in this project, it was important to create an independent website that all agencies can link to from their respective agency websites and that can be publicly accessed at any time. Federal partners can also link information on Virginia's work to their national websites and spread information with their constituents.



Project staff is happy to unveil the Vision 21: LSC's website to our stakeholders! Background information, including details about state and federal partners, is provided as well as committee information, publications (approved reports and newsletters), and project contact information. As we move forward with the pilot site work and recruiting new localities, additional information will be added to the website. We encourage all stakeholders to take a look at the new website and check back often to review project information and updates.

The Vision 21: Linking Systems of Care for Children and Youth (LSC) State Demonstration Project aims to bring together all of the relevant systems and professionals to provide early identification, intervention and treatment for child and youth victims of crime and their families.

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Spring 2017 Implementation Phase Achievements:

- Participated in 16 Technical Assistance calls with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the National Institute of Justice, ICF, and the Office for Victims of Crime.
- Facilitated two resource mapping events with screening and/or referral agencies in the Charlottesville/Albemarle and Washington County pilot sites.
- Worked with VDSS's Division of Information Technology to determine functionality needs for the software application ("app") for the Virginia Victimization Screen, develop a scope of work and put the project out for bid. (This "app" was funded through a successful Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) New Initiatives grant application to the Department of Criminal Justice Services).

Important Project Updates:

- Our project newsletter has moved to a quarterly format. This new format will help project staff provide more in-depth project information about implementation without redundancy.
- The Vision 21: LSC All-Sites meeting will be held in Richmond on May 3-4th. Federal partners including the National Steering Committee, the Office for Victims of Crime, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ), ICF, and the Montana project team will be present. Partner Agency Team and pilot site members will participate in this event, as well.
- The Training and Screening Tools Committee will reconvene once the Institutional Review Board application to Virginia Commonwealth University and the Human Research and Review Committee application to the Department of Juvenile Justice are approved and pilot site work officially begins.

Policy Analysis

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The goal of the Policy Analysis Committee is to assess policies for screening, training and collaborative opportunities across systems that may support the goals of the project. Committee members from both the public and nonprofit sectors with expertise in child and youth policy were recruited to participate. In order to ensure that agencies are informed of and engaged in the review process, project staff, with input and feedback from committee members, has drafted a document which describes the process for classifying and reviewing policies, providing feedback, findings and recommendations to agencies on the reviews, and identifying and responding to policy issues which cross multiple agencies and stakeholder groups. The development of a tool which can be easily and efficiently used to conduct reviews is in its infancy.

LSC Resource Mapping

Project Staff: Monique Williams

The Linking Systems of Care (LSC) Resource Mapping Committee's primary focus is to ensure that localities have access to national, statewide and local resources serving child/youth victims of crime and their families. In order to assist the project's first two pilot sites and better prepare them to pilot the Virginia Victimization Screen (VVS), mapping events were held in each community. A Facilitator's Guide was developed which provided a detailed agenda and description of activities, facilitated by project staff, to assist providers in screening and referral agencies in identifying resources and barriers to services and to share information about traditional and non-traditional programs and services available and needed. Staff is compiling a comprehensive resource directory for each pilot site, and reports of both events are forthcoming.