

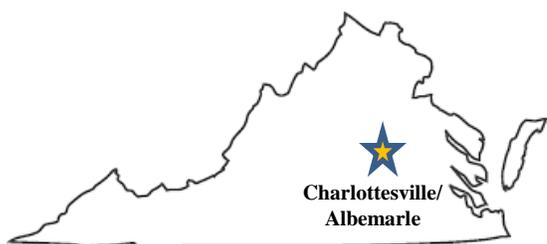


Vision 21
Virginia
Linking Systems of Care
for Children and Youth

Summer 2017 Project Newsletter

Vision 21: LSC Starts Piloting the Virginia Victimization Screen

After 10 months of planning, training and working with pilot agencies, the six month pilot study of the Virginia Victimization Screen (VVS) started on June 5th. Five agencies in Charlottesville City/Albemarle County and three agencies in Washington County are included in the first round of piloting.



16th District Court Services Unit
Foothills Child Advocacy Center
The Shelter for Help in Emergency (SHE)
DSS-Prevention, Bright Stars &
Family Supports
ReadyKids

28th District Court Services Unit
Abuse Alternatives, Inc.
DSS-Child Protective Services, In/Out &
On-going Cases

Goals of this round of pilot study include training front-line service providers to effectively administer the VVS; providing consistent support to all pilot partners; facilitating additional topic-specific trainings based on pilot partner needs in order to enhance the knowledge and expertise of VVS administrators; evaluating the training and VVS administration process for successes and challenges; and collecting qualitative/quantitative data based on the VVS from pilot partners. Project staff will meet with VVS administrators from 1-2 pilot agencies on a monthly basis to collect data. Two quarterly focus groups with VVS administrators and their supervisors (those who are part of the original pilot discussions) will provide additional qualitative feedback and suggestions for revision to the VVS and overall screening process. Laurie Crawford, Project Manager, is the technical assistance lead for Charlottesville City/Albemarle County and Jenna Foster, Project Co-Convener, is the technical assistance lead for Washington County.

Project staff and an ad hoc committee will be recruiting one or two additional pilot communities in July and August. Pilot site orientation webinars were held on July 12th and July 20th and staff from a variety of child and family serving agencies from across the Commonwealth participated. Because we recognize that school personnel often have exposure to children and youth before other more formal system players, for the next round of pilot sites, priority will be given to urban communities and localities wherein the local school system is a committed partner.

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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Vision 21: LSC Welcomes New Staff!

Kim Barbarji has recently joined the Virginia Vision 21: LSC team as the new Training Specialist. Kim earned a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from the College of William and Mary and has spent the vast majority of her career in the non-profit arena, supporting at-risk families through her work in domestic/sexual violence, foster/adoptive/kinship care, and homelessness. She lives in Williamsburg, VA with her husband and three teenaged sons. Kim looks forward to being a part of this exciting project!

Anna Cody, the project's new Policy and Data Specialist, is a doctoral student in the School of Social Work at VCU. She received her MS in Social Research from Hunter College (CUNY) in 2012. She has previously collaborated on research projects about human trafficking, intimate partner violence and childhood victimization. Currently, her research focuses on enhancing children's participation within child welfare systems and examining the impacts of policy change in child welfare on children, families and social workers. Anna is excited to be a part of the Vision 21 team!

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Summer 2017 Implementation Phase Achievements:

- Participated in 13 Technical Assistance calls with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, (NCJFCJ), the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), ICF, and the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)
- Received IRB approval from Virginia Commonwealth University and the Department of Juvenile Justice to pilot the Virginia Victimization Screen (VVS), training and training manual.
- Launched the VVS in Charlottesville City/Albemarle County and Washington County.
- Hosted an All-Sites meeting in Richmond May 3rd-4th. Participants included: Vision 21: LSC demonstration site project staff, OVC, the National Steering Committee, ICF, staff from pilot site agencies in Charlottesville/Albemarle and Washington County, and Virginia's Partner Agency Team.
- Participated in a site visit with NCJFCJ in Richmond.