



**Vision 21**  
Virginia  
Linking Systems of Care  
for Children and Youth

# Winter 2018 Project Newsletter

## ***Resource Mapping Events Held in Alexandria and Hampton/Newport News Pilot Communities***



In preparation for the launch of the Virginia Victimization Screen (VVS) in the second cohort of pilot sites for the Vision 21: Linking Systems of Care project, resource mapping events were held to identify resources that may be beneficial to child/youth victims of crime and their families.

Resource mapping is a system-building process historically utilized by communities, organizations, schools, and service centers to align resources, strategies, and outcomes that are readily available. The process recognizes that, in meeting a common vision and goal, local communities often have to work across programmatic and geographic boundaries. For this reason, it is vital that communities illustrate what resources are available across a multi-tiered model of support in order to document and build capacity for a more comprehensive system of care. The Vision 21: Linking Systems of Care Resource Mapping process utilizes a multi-tiered framework to focus on the importance of identifying comprehensive and flexible intervention services to support children, youth, and transitioning young adults functioning. The Vision 21: LSC resource mapping model draws on existing models while creating a community-level based format that can be easily duplicated in a variety of settings.

Through a series of facilitated discussions and activities, participants in the mapping events held in Alexandria and Newport News identified primary, secondary and tertiary interventions and services available to assist child and youth victims of crime and their families. Primary interventions include programs targeted at entire population in order to provide support and education before problems occur, such as a hotline. Secondary interventions include programs targeted at families in need to alleviate identified problems and prevent escalation, such as focus groups and various advocacy programs. Tertiary interventions provide services for children experiencing identified maltreatment, such as inpatient mental health treatment, child protective services, and foster care. Project staff will document these services in the form of a resource directory which will be provided to both pilot communities to assist them in making appropriate referrals for children and youth who score positive for victimization on the VVS. An identified lead agency in each locality will assume responsibility for updating and distribution of the resource directory.

***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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## ***Winter 2018 Implementation Phase Achievements:***

- Held two meetings of the Vision 21: LSC Partner Agency Team.
- Participated in eight Technical Assistance calls with partners (National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, National Institute of Justice, ICF, Office for Victims of Crime, other state demonstration sites.)
- Facilitated the second and final focus groups with the 1<sup>st</sup> cohort of pilot site agencies in Charlottesville City/Albemarle County and Washington County.
- Provided agency-specific Online Training Resource Lists to Cohort 1 Pilot Sites, based on results of the Training Needs Assessment.
- Held site visits with the 2<sup>nd</sup> cohort of pilot sites. Finalized plans for how agencies will implement the VVS.
- Held three webinars on the Vision 21: LSC project for staff in pilot screening agencies.
- Facilitated Resource Mapping Events in Alexandria and Hampton/Newport News.

## ***Stakeholder Listening Tour Announced!***

### **What is the Stakeholder Listening Tour?**

This spring, Vision 21: LSC project staff will be traveling around the state of Virginia to hear the voices of people directly impacted by youth victim-serving systems (social services, juvenile justice, housing, health, education, etc.). The listening tour will be stopping in Richmond, Winchester, Danville, Norfolk, and Roanoke to have facilitated group discussions which will last between 1 to 2 hours. The main purpose of the listening tour is to make sure that we are getting feedback from people who are most directly impacted potentially by the vision 21 project (meaning youth victims of crime, their families and direct service providers who work with them), as this kind of engagement is a key aspect of the project and consistent with the guiding principles set forth for this project by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ).

### **Who do we want to hear from?**

We want to hear from youth, family and front line service providers who have experiences with youth-victim serving systems. These identified populations will be split up into three groups in each locality.

### **Why is this listening tour happening?**

The V21: LSC project has big plans to help our state do a better job with getting children, youth and families the services that they need to heal from experiences of victimization. We want to make sure that the people who have direct experiences with our services and systems have an opportunity to share what they think is working well and what might be changed to make things better.

### **What will we be asking?**

*For children, youth and family groups:*

We will be asking questions about your experiences with getting access to services, with the quality of the services that you received, and with what you think might make these experiences better for other youth and families.

*For service provider groups:*

We will be asking questions about your experiences with helping children, youth and families access services, making referrals for youth and families to get additional services and collaboration with other agencies.

**Interested in participating or do you know someone who might be? We will be recruiting participants very soon. Please get in touch with Anna Cody ([804-726-7948](tel:804-726-7948) or [anna.cody@dss.virginia.gov](mailto:anna.cody@dss.virginia.gov)) if you would like more information.**