

Linking Systems of Care for Children and Youth (LSC) Project Newsletter

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Listening Tour Report Now Available

In 2018, Linking Systems of Care project staff facilitated listening sessions across the Commonwealth with direct service providers, youth, parents/caregivers, and others with lived experience providing and receiving services across multiple systems to discuss challenges to service provision and access as well as potential solutions. Input from the sessions was analyzed, and themes were identified. The [Listening Tour Report](#) describes these themes in detail, providing valuable insight into the experiences of children, youth, and families and implications for practice that may inform future initiatives to connect children, youth, and families to services.

The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the LSC project's technical assistance provider, will be hosting a webinar on the Listening Tour which will be facilitated by the project staff who conducted the sessions. The [webinar](#) will be held on Friday, June 28th at 2 PM, and advance registration is not required.

Wave 3 Pilot Sites Confirmed

Five agencies in the Richmond Region will be partnering with the LSC project to implement the Virginia Victimization Screen across a wide range of programs for the 3rd and final wave of piloting before statewide rollout. Pilot agencies/organizations are:

- 13th District Court Service Unit
- Challenge Discovery Projects
- Richmond Police Department
- Sacred Heart Center
- St. Joseph's Villa

A Referral and Response Protocol, intended to give guidance about what to do after victimization and/or trauma has been identified, is in development, and this wave of screeners will also be trained on how to implement it in coordination with the screening tool. Training will take place in June, with the pilots set to launch in July.

The 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.

**THE LSC PROJECT IS
LOOKING FOR
SERVICE PROVIDER
INPUT!**

Do you provide direct services to children/ youth who have experienced victimization (abuse, neglect, domestic violence, etc.) in the Metro Richmond Area?

Talk to us!

An anonymous, brief (10-15) minute survey has been developed to get information on processes and outcomes of services and referrals across systems.

****THANK YOU****

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LSC Project Brings Trauma Training to Richmond

In order to better prepare the Wave 3 pilot sites, the LSC team offered two full-day trainings, held in Richmond on May 1 and May 2, for those in pilot agencies as well as those working in other child, youth, and family serving agencies in the Commonwealth. The training, developed and facilitated by [Lisa Conradi](#), a national expert in trauma who also serves as a member of the LSC National Steering Committee, included discussions around trauma-informed screening practices, creating psychological safety, complex trauma, historical trauma, and secondary trauma. Over 85 service providers representing a wide array of systems participated. The LSC team would like to thank the Office for Victims of Crime, the National Council on Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and the Virginia Victims Fund for making it possible to host this training opportunity.



Welcome New Project Staff!

The LSC Team welcomed Chidimma ("Chidi") Uche to the project on May 1. Chidi is a Linking Systems of Care Project Specialist who also serves as Advisor on Childhood Trauma and Resiliency for the Secretary of Health and Human Resources. She will be chairing the LSC project's Policy Committee, providing technical assistance to agencies piloting the Virginia Victimization Screen and also staffing the Governor's Trauma-Informed Care for Children Working Group.

Stacie Vecchietti, who has been acting as Project Specialist since October 2018, will be transitioning to the Training Specialist Position. In this position, her primary focus will be on developing the e-Learning modules for the LSC Toolkit and developing other training modules as needed for statewide rollout of the project.