



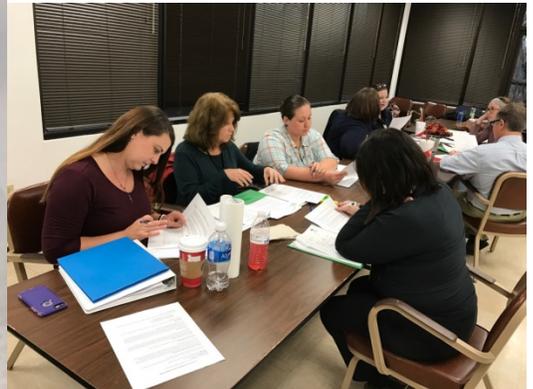
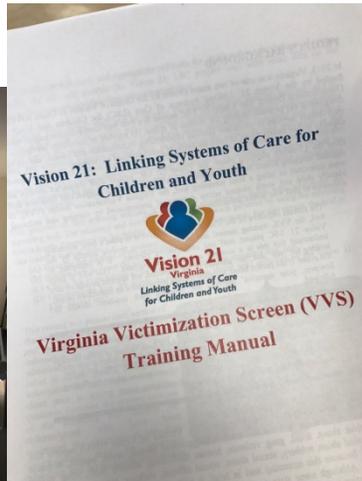
Vision 21
Virginia
Linking Systems of Care
for Children and Youth

Fall 2016 Project Newsletter

Virginia Victimization Screen Mock Training & Pilot Site Trainings Commence

After many months of research, development, review and planning, the Virginia Victimization Screen (VVS), training and training manual are being put into practice. The VVS is the brief screening tool developed to identify victimization among children and youth across systems. Partner Agency Team (PAT) and committee members were invited to participate in a mock training with project staff. All training material was presented to attendees with feedback offered to improve the training before taking the information to the pilot sites.

At the end of November, front-line service providers in Washington County and Charlottesville/Albemarle attended an in-person training to learn how to fully administer the VVS to appropriate clients within their respective systems. Over 40 participants from Juvenile Justice, Child Welfare, Advocacy, Behavioral Health, and Public Health attended the full day trainings.



Project staff will be piloting the screening tool, training manual, and in-person training with Washington County and Charlottesville/Albemarle beginning early 2017. Feedback and suggestions collected during the pilot phase will be considered when revising the screening tool, training manual and in-person training module prior to launching the screening tool statewide in the coming years. Staff at each of the pilot sites are trained on (a) administering and scoring the screening tool, (b) making referrals and providing information on available resources (based on the score generated by the screening tool), and (c) following up with linking systems of care (LSC) partners on referrals.

All service providers who administer the VVS are considered part of the Vision 21: LSC Project. The VVS must be administered by staff with appropriate qualifications, training, and supervision. Agencies/programs who are interested in using the VVS must have at least one trained administrator on staff.

The Vision 21: Linking Systems of Care for Children and Youth 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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Staff and Partner Agency Team Joined by Member of Technical Assistance Team

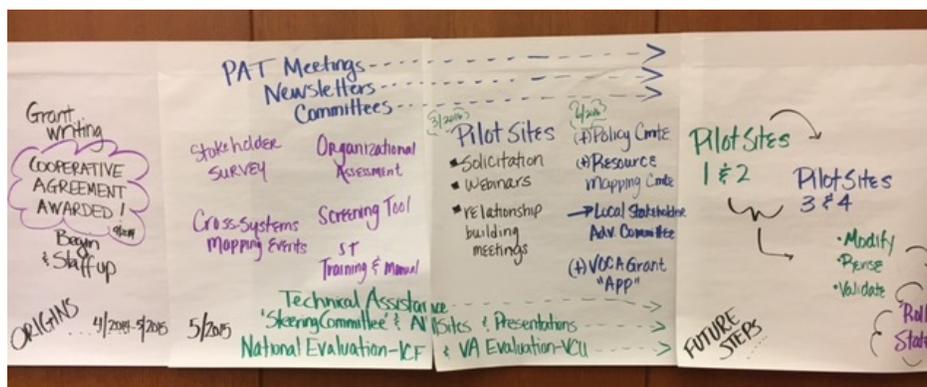
On December 7th and 8th, the Vision 21: LSC project staff and Partner Agency Team (PAT) were joined by Lonnie Weiss, a part of the technical assistance team from the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Ms. Weiss is a consultant with expertise in multi-stakeholder collaboration, meeting design and facilitation and came to support the project staff with participatory engagement methods. She worked with staff to plan and co-design the bimonthly PAT meeting held in December, facilitated the meeting and helped PAT members reorient to the project as it enters a new phase.

Through a variety of activities and group discussion facilitated by Ms. Weiss, the PAT and staff were able to:

- Connect the Linking Systems of Care values with the values at the heart of the partner agencies
- Emphasize the demonstration project aspects of this project (“learning by doing”)
- Tell the story of the project history and timeline, including what has been accomplished and what’s next
- Gather a ‘database’ of people who can contribute to and/or benefit from linkage to the project

The meeting and discussion around it resulted in a number of key “takeaways.” The first is that all involved share values and excitement over what the Vision 21: LSC project can do for their work and, most importantly, the provision of services to children and youth. Second, there is wealth of people who can contribute to the project’s success. Third, the role of the PAT members as conduits between their agency and the work of the project is critical. Finally, the staff, though small, has already accomplished an amazing amount of work and deliverables that contribute to meeting the overall goals of the project has already been accomplished.

Vision 21: LSC Project “Roadmap”



Fall 2016 Implementation Phase Achievements:

- Awarded a VOCA New Initiatives grant to develop an app to administer the Virginia Victimization Screen.
- Presented at the 42nd Annual National Society of Criminology Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Participated in over 20 Technical Assistance calls with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the National Child Traumatic Stress Network, the Office for Victims of Crime, and ICF International.