

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

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New LSC Tools and Resources Available

For the past several months, LSC staff, Partner Agency Team members, stakeholders, and committee members have been hard at work researching developing resources and tools to support trauma-informed programming and services at the local and state level. Each resource, the first three of a toolkit for statewide rollout and implementation of the LSC initiative, was created to better identify and link systems of care for child and youth victims of trauma and crime and to promote policy and practice change that supports those efforts.

- [Trauma-Informed Agency Self-Assessment](#): The Trauma-Informed Agency Self-Assessment was created for agencies and organizations from a variety of fields (child welfare, behavioral health, public health, juvenile justice, education, early childhood development, housing, and victim advocacy] to assess where they fall in a continuum of trauma-informed care and to engage them in a process of setting agency improvement goals.
- [Family Engagement Guide](#): The Family Engagement Guide provides child, youth, and family serving agencies and systems with guidance on how and why to meaningfully engage family members in decision-making processes around the content and direction of services, interventions, and/or referrals made in the course of case management and planning.
- [Grant Application Development Menu for Funders](#): The Grant Application Development Menu for Funders offers options for funders to consider when developing Requests for Applications or Grant Guidelines to encourage grantees to provide quality, comprehensive, trauma-informed services for children, youth, and their families.

The Listening Tour Report is **coming soon!**

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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.

Wave 3 Pilot Site Planning Underway

The third and final wave of piloting the Virginia Victimization Screen (VVS) will take place with agencies and organizations in the Metro Richmond Region. LSC staff and the Pilot Site Selection Committee have been working since the fall of 2018 to generate ideas for potential pilot agencies and organizations that would be appropriate to engage for Wave 3, construct a timeline, and determine modifications to the VVS and the related training manual and module. Meetings with potential pilot sites have been underway since early January, and it is anticipated that the pilots will begin screening in July.

As the second wave of pilot sites in the communities of Alexandria and Newport News/Hampton conclude their six-month data collection period on January 31st, we would like to thank all of the agencies, organizations, and screen administrators that have put forth so much effort to assisting Virginia in the development of a comprehensive, brief screening tool for trauma and crime victimization that occurs in the lives of children, youth, and transitioning young adults.

LSC Training Committee Reconvenes

As the Linking Systems of Care for Children and Youth Project moves closer to statewide rollout [slated to begin in 2020] the project's Training Committee is being reconvened to begin working on the web based/e-learning resources that will provide training to service providers to support implementation of the VVS and other tools and resources in the toolkit (e.g. resource mapping, referral and response protocol). The committee welcomes new members from the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities, the VCU Partnership for People with Disabilities, and the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance. If you have an interest in participating on this important committee, please contact the LSC Training Coordinator, Kim Barbarji.

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