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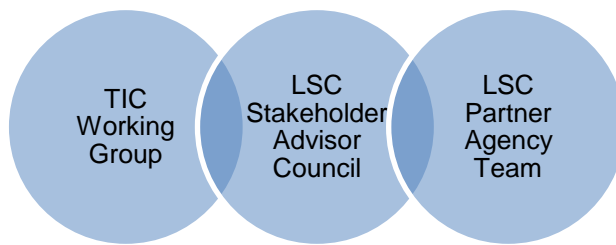
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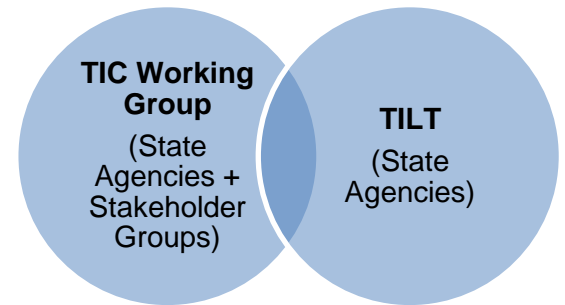
Linking Systems of Care (LSC) Partner Agency Team Merges with Governor’s Trauma-Informed Leadership Team (TILT)

Earlier this year, the Governor’s Children’s Cabinet endorsed the recommendation of their Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) Working Group to convene an internal “Trauma-Informed Care State Steering Committee” led by the Governor’s staff and consisting of the leadership of the executive branch agencies involved in efforts to create a trauma-informed system of care. In discussions as to the best strategy for carrying represented on the Linking System of Care’s Partner Agency Team (PAT) were largely the same as those that would be represented on the proposed state steering committee and, more importantly, that there was significant overlap in the goals and objectives of the two groups. It was therefore decided that the LSC work would be merged with and included in the work of the state steering committee, now referred to as the Trauma-Informed Leadership Team (TILT). Similarly, the membership and work of the LSC Stakeholder Advisory Council (LSC) would be merged with the work of the TIC Working Group

Former Structure:

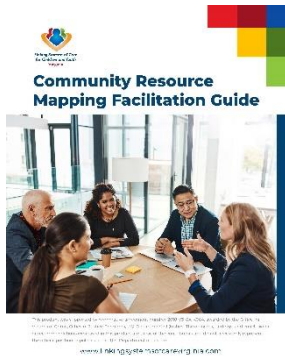


New Structure:



New Toolkit Items to Support Statewide Rollout of the LSC Model Now Available

With the Virginia Victimization Screen anticipated to be finalized and official statewide rollout of the LSC Model set to begin in March 2021, tools and resources to support communities implementing the model are continuously being developed and made available.



The [Community Resource Mapping Facilitation Guide](#) can be used within local communities to identify current resources, learn about gaps between current resources and community needs, and provide an opportunity to cultivate new partnerships and relationships across agencies that work with children and youth in community.



The [Referral and Response Protocol](#) provides guidance to agency/organizational leadership and multi-disciplinary teams on specific components that support successful referrals and referral responses and outlines a distinct process for front line service providers on how to link children, youth, and families to needed services and supports.

Launch of the Virginia Victimization Screen (VVS) in Last Wave of Pilot Sites

Following approval by both Virginia Commonwealth University's Institutional Review Board and the Department of Juvenile Justice's Human Rights and Research Committee, the 3rd and final wave of pilot sites launched the VVS in early August. Thirty-three service providers in five Richmond region agencies/organizations, including the 13th District Court Service Unit, Challenge Discovery Projects, Richmond Police Department, Sacred Heart Center, and St. Joseph's Villa, will be administering the tool to children, youth, and caregivers through January 2020.



LSC Project Staff with Staff from Challenge Discovery Projects, one of the Wave 3 pilot site agencies.

In addition to having been trained on how to administer the VVS, staff in this wave of pilots also received training on the newly developed Referral and Response Protocol to guide and inform what happens *following* the screen. Based on the resource mapping session held in May, a Resource Directory for service providers is also in development. This comprehensive resource, with information regarding over 100 child, youth, and family serving programs, agencies, and organizations in the Richmond region will be available to the pilot sites and other interested individuals in coming weeks.

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