



Continue to Help Virginia Children with Mental Illness

Two priorities for 2014: Crisis Services and Transition Services

The Problem

- As many as 100,000 children and adolescents in Virginia suffer from a serious mental health disorder.
 - New funding the last two years has increased access to child psychiatry and crisis response services in some areas, but we need to create additional capacity to reach more children.
 - Older teens with mental health disorders have no specialized services to help them transition successfully to the adult mental health system, and many fall through the cracks.
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The Good News - Funding Works:

- Crisis response services and child psychiatry services in three regions of the state (Southwest Virginia, Central Virginia, and Greater Richmond) led to a 21% reduction in usage of the Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents for those areas in FY13.
 - 520 children benefitted from additional child psychiatry in those areas in FY13, either from telepsychiatry (75), face to face (323), or psychiatric consultation with a primary care provider (122). Faster access meant fewer hospitalizations and more accurate diagnosis and treatment.
 - The other two regions of the state (Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads) are in the process of setting up their services.
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Build on the Last Two Years' Progress:

- We need to augment the existing funding so that more children can be reached with a **more comprehensive array of crisis services**.
 - Older teens with mental illness need **transition services** to help them engage in treatment and navigate the changing service delivery system as they become adults.
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Colonial Services Board
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Concern Hotline (Winchester)
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Virginia Alliance for School Counseling
Virginia Association of Counties
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Virginia Counselors Association
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Virginia PTA
Virginia School Counselors Association
Virginia Treatment Center for Children
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