Voices for Virginia's Children Youth Advocacy Day

This year, 15 youth and young adults ages 14 to 25 from across Virginia met with 15 legislators to share their unique perspectives on mental health, racial justice, healthcare, language access, and economic security.

Resulted in a news story on VPM.

"Keep going. Don’t ever stop. Don’t ever let anybody silence your voice... Understand the importance of what you do...
Keep pushing, because one day it will really pay off.
- Jonathan, 15 years old, from Hampton, VA.
Children's Mental Health Press Conference

We held a press conference in January featuring advocacy and storytelling by mental health providers and community members. The press conference was joined by legislators Sen. McClellan, Del. Price, Del. Brewer, and Del. Coyner.

Resulted in news stories in *Dogwood* and on CBS6, NBC25 and three other outlets.

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Just Futures for Children & Young People Rally

Our Just Futures for Children and Young People Rally was hosted in partnership with YWCA and ChildSavers with advocacy and storytelling from LEADK, Hamkae Center, Families Forward VA, and youth advocates.

156 people registered for this event.

Policy Networks:

In coordination with our policy networks, we held regularly scheduled and well-attended meetings with organizational partners around the following topics:

- Food Access
- Health, Wealth, & Justice
- Foster Care and Kinship Care
- Early Childhood & Mental Health