

REACH Region III - Monthly Report: December

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Clinical Corner

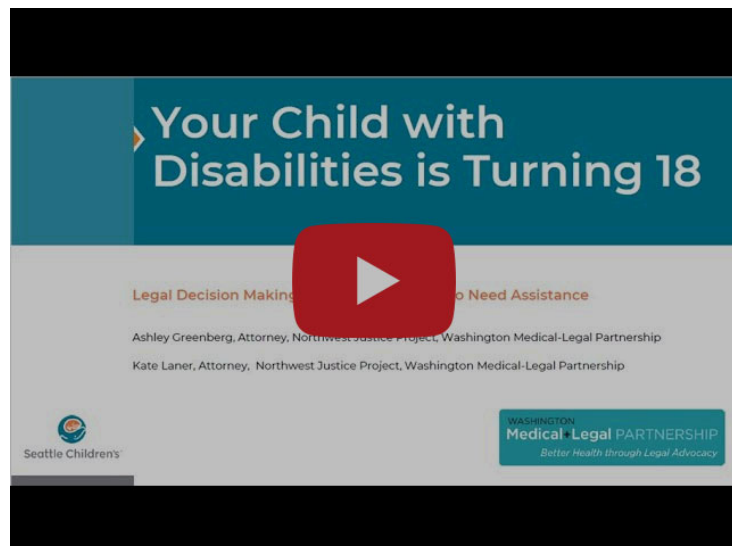


December Data

Adults

Referrals: 30
 Active Clients: 50
 Crisis Plan Hours: 177.9
 Crisis Prevention hours: 110.9

Calls to Crisis Line



Your Child With Disabilities Is Turning 18

Information: 36
 Crisis Prevention: 119
 Crisis Face to Face
 Response: 44 Face to
 Face + 1 Telehealth
Total Calls: 200

*Average Crisis/Face to
 Face Response Time:* 86
 minutes

Crisis Therapeutic Home

Emergency Bed Days:
 124
 Step-down Bed Days: 62
 Prevention Bed Days: 0

Children

Referrals: 22
 Active Clients: 48
 Crisis Plan Hours: 111.5
 Crisis Prevention Hours:
 68.6

Calls to Crisis Line

Information: 12
 Crisis Prevention: 14
 Crisis Face to Face
 Response: 24 Face to
 Face + 0 Telehealth
Total Calls: 50

*Average Crisis/Face to
 Face Response Time:*
 62.7 minutes

Our Referral Form

[Click here](#) to download it, and
 please share with anyone in
 your system that makes
 REACH referrals. Thank you!

(On-Demand Virtual Class)

Class Description: For Parents, Caregivers and Youth Nearing Adulthood

This on-demand virtual class is for parents and
 caregivers of youth in their late teens who will need
 ongoing support as adults or help with legal
 decision-making. Attorneys from the [Washington
 Medical-Legal Partnership](#) (MLP) present
 information about:

- Supported decision-making
- Durable power of attorney (DPOA)
- Legal guardianship
- Conservatorship

Here is a [copy of the presentation](#) (PDF) that you
 can follow along with.

Click on video above or [click here](#) to view. Watch
 recorded videos in [Spanish](#) or [Vietnamese](#) from
 previous classes.

Videos



Winter Sensory Bottles

One Little Project | YouTube.com

Bring the sparkle of winter to life with easy to make

REACH Region III

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Apps



Breathe, Think, Do with Sesame

Teaches skills such as problem solving, self-control, planning, and task persistence. (English/Spanish)

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Books & Podcasts



Inclusive Excellence Podcast

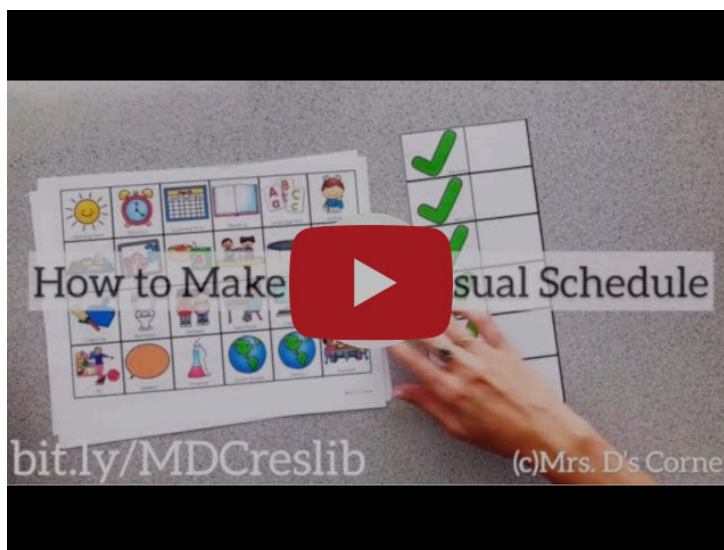
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Join Erin Sember-Chase and Toral Patel from the Department of Inclusion and Belonging for a monthly

winter sensory bottles! Perfect for calming play or a winter themed craft, these winter calm jars are as mesmerizing as they are simple.

Use dollar store craft supplies and a recycled water bottle to make these winter themed sensory bottles. It's such a fun sensory craft for anyone of any age!

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How to Make a Flip Visual Schedule

Stephanie DeLussey | YouTube.com

How to make a flip visual schedule using a flippable base template that works for any visual schedule icons.

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Health



podcast series where they unpack various topics related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging at work.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

DBHDS/Office of Integrated Health

[Click here](#) for the newsletters and safety alert archives.

Employment Opportunities



REACH Region III Is Hiring!

The **REACH** program is the statewide crisis system of care that is designed to meet the crisis support needs of individuals who have a developmental disability and are experiencing crisis events which put them at risk for homelessness, incarceration, hospitalization, and/or danger to self or others.

REACH services are available statewide, with one regional program being located in each of the Commonwealth's five DD regions.

REACH Mission Statement

Individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities shall be supported with services that allow the individual to live the most inclusive life possible in his/her community which includes access to appropriate and effective crisis stabilization, intervention, and prevention services including mental health treatment services when indicated.

What does it mean to our staff to work for REACH?

"I enjoy working in the REACH program as it allows me to be creative and to utilize skills and abilities that most programs do not. REACH services also allows me the opportunity to witness the impact of my work on clients and their families/providers." - Junior Stoots, REACH Coordinator

"Working for REACH means to me being the first line of support when working with a challenging population. It means being flexible and dependable for my co-workers and the consumers we serve." – Nicole Dailey, CSP II-Utilization and Training

REACH Region III - Southwestern Virginia.

Areas Served:

Blue Ridge BH: Botetourt, Buchanan Town, Daleville, Eagle Rock, Fincastle, Oriskany, Roanoke City, Troutville, Arcadia, Catawba, Craig, New Castle, Newport, Paint Bank, Bent Mountain, Roanoke, Vinton, Salem, Vinton

Cumberland Mt CSB: Big Rock, Buchanan, Grundy, Pilgrims Knot, Vansant, Castlewood, Cleveland, Dante, Honaker, Lebanon, Rosedale, Russell, Tazewell

Highland CS: Washington County, Abingdon, Clarksville, Damascus, Emory, Glade Spring, Meadowview and City of Bristol, Virginia

New River Valley CS: Radford, Willis, Copper Hill, Floyd, Giles, Narrows, Pearisburg, Rich Creek, Staffordsville, Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Claudville, Montgomery, Riner, Shawsville, Pilot, Allisonia, Draper, Dublin, Hiwassee, New Bern, Pulaski, Pembroke, Meadows of Dan

Danville-Pittsylvania CSB: Danville, Blairs, Callands, Chatham, Gretna, Pittsylvania, Ringgold, Sandy Level

Dickenson County BHS: Birchleaf, Breaks, Clinchco, Clintwood, Dickenson, Haysi

Mt. Rogers CSB: Bastian, Bland, Rocky Gap, Carroll, Atkins, Ceres, Chilhowie, Elk Creek, Fires, Galax, Grayson, Groseclose, Hillsville, Independence, Mouth of Wilson, Smyth, Sugar Grove, Troutdale, Whitetop, Saltville, Marion, Barren Springs, Crockett, Fort Chiswell, Foster Falls, Ivanhoe, Max Meadows, Wythe, Wytheville, Rural Retreat

Piedmont CS: Martinsville, Boones Mill, Burnt Chimney, Callaway, Ferrum, Franklin, Glade Hill, Penhook, Rocky Mount, Smith Mountain Lake, Union Hall, Wirtz, Axton, Bassett, Collinsville, Fieldale, Henry, Ridgeway, Spencer, Stanleytown, Patrick

Planning District One BHS: Dryden, Ewing, Jonesville, Lee, Middlesboro, Pennington Gap, Rose Hill, Stickleysville, Norton, Clinchport, Duffield, Dungannon, Gate City, Hiltons, Nickelsville, Scott, Weber City, Appalachia, Big Stone Gap, Coeburn, Pound, St. Paul, Wise,

Southside CSB: Warfield, Alberta, Brunswick, Gasburg, Lawrenceville, Rawlings, Alaton, Boydton, Buffalo Junction, Chase City, Clarksville, Clover, Halifax, Mecklenburg, Nathalie, Scottsburg, Skipwith, South Boston, South Hill, Sutherlin, Virgilina, Bracey

For information on available positions and to apply [click here.](#)

(Type 'REACH' in the search bar)

Opportunities and Events



Virginia Tech Center for Autism Research Biennial Spring 2025 Conference: Promoting Well-being for Autistic People

Join us on Monday, March 24, 2025!

Registration is now open on our [Eventbrite page](#). Seats are limited.

Open to autistic individuals, parents, caregivers, researchers, students, providers and anyone interested.

Research Keynote: Vanessa Bal, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology, Rutgers University

Self-advocate Keynote: Kelcey Majors, MBA, Program Coordinator, Duke University
Research Talks: Education, Technology, Clinical and Biomedical

Symposium: Securing and promoting autistic talent in the workforce with representatives from OAR Hire Autism and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Neurodiversity Program

Plus a lunch, panel discussion, networking, a SAFE space and more! We hope you will join us at the Inn at Virginia Tech, 8am-4:30pm.

Interested **exhibitors** can email vtautismcenter@vt.edu for details about how to apply.

Registration opens on January 6. Seats are limited. The event is free with an optional recommended donation of \$20 per person or \$5 per student.

Registration information will be posted on our [conference webpage](#).

DBHDS



Virginia Department of
Behavioral Health &
Developmental Services

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[Click Here](#) for Provider Development.

Resources



The Arc of Virginia

Our Mission. The Arc of Virginia promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.

Our Vision. People with intellectual and developmental disabilities are valued as classmates, coworkers, neighbors, citizens and friends.

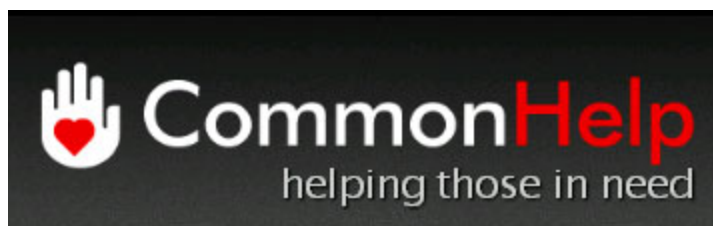
[Click here](#) for their website.



The Virginia Tech Autism Clinic

VTAC in the Psychology Department of Virginia Tech, opened in the Fall of 2005 to provide clinical services to individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families in the surrounding New River Valley.

[Click here](#) for their website.



Virginia CommonHelp

In these difficult times, many Virginians are looking for assistance with essential services.

Virginia CommonHelp makes it easy for you to apply for multiple Department of Social Services

programs using one online application.

CommonHelp partners with several government agencies to offer Virginians a fast and easy way to apply for a wide range of services:

- Help with paying for childcare
- Home energy assistance
- Help with buying food
- Low or no-cost healthcare
- Temporary cash assistance for families with children

To determine your eligibility for one or more programs, you can complete CommonHelp's [online eligibility portal](#). The portal will tell you which programs you qualify for and how to apply for them online. Visit the [CommonHelp website](#) to learn more about the programs and government agencies that they partner with.

The Employment Toolkit for Job Seekers with Autism

readyjob.org

[Click here](#) to view.



NADD

NADD is a not-for-profit membership association established for professionals, care providers and families to promote understanding of and services for individuals who have developmental disabilities and mental health needs. [Click here](#) for their website.



Special needs require special attorneys.

The Special Needs Alliance

The Special Needs Alliance is a national, non-profit organization committed to helping individuals with disabilities, their families and the professionals who serve them. [Click here](#) for their website and [here](#) for **The Voice -Special Needs Alliance Newsletter**.



The Virginia Autism Council



Commonwealth Autism

This website is Virginia's clearinghouse on best practices and research-based education and training opportunities to advance personnel development and knowledge regarding autism in Virginia. [Click here](#) for more information.

[Click here](#) to view Resources compiled by **Commonwealth Autism**.



New River Valley Disability Resource Center

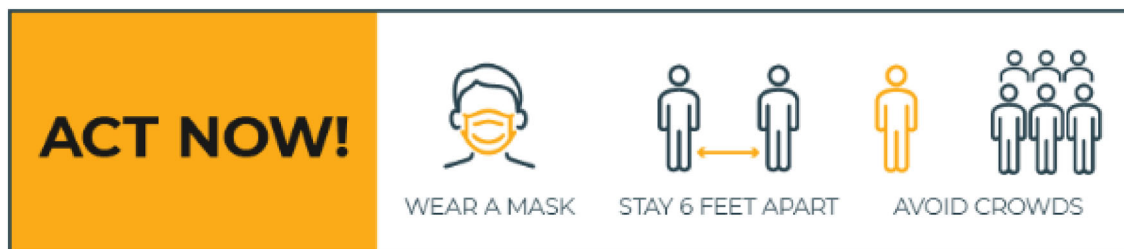
A non-profit Center for Independent Living serving the NRV

New River Valley Disability Resource Center
A Non-Profit Center for Independent Living; Serving the NRV

[Click here](#) for their website for Events and Resources.

Vaccine Information Center - Virginia Department of Health

[Click here](#) for information on VDH COVID-19 Vaccination Response.



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