### How to Use the Family and Children's Trust Fund (FACT) Research Portal to

# Identify and Target Program Needs

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### Introductions

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## Objectives of Session

### Learn about:

- Family and Children's Trust Fund of Virginia (FACT)
- Managing by data
- FACT Research Portal
- Ways to use FACT data tools to inform and support local work

### What is FACT?

- The Family and Children's Trust Fund (FACT) is a public-private partnership that raises funds for the prevention and treatment of family violence. Family violence includes:
  - Child abuse and neglect
  - Domestic violence
  - Dating violence
  - Sexual assault
  - Elder abuse, neglect and exploitation
- FACT is governed by a Board of Trustees, appointed by the Governor, to raise and distribute funds for family violence prevention and treatment efforts, as well as to promote public awareness of family violence issues across the Commonwealth.

# FACT's Strategic Goals

- Goal #1: Serve as the data clearinghouse on family violence throughout Virginia
- Goal #2: Support organizations and communities to build capacity and promote collaborative responses to family violence
- Goal #3: Conduct comprehensive fundraising efforts to support prevention and treatment of family violence statewide
- Goal #4: Enhance marketing efforts to promote FACT's mission and service to the community
- Goal #5: Ensure FACT is a high quality and high performing organization

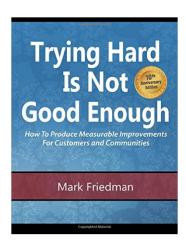
# Why Manage by Data?

- Grants
  - Making the case
- Outcomes
  - Monitoring trends
- Management Plans
  - Making our work measureable
- Prevention
  - Demonstrating the power of prevention

# Ways to Manage by Data

• Plan - Do – Check – Act

Results Based Accountability



# Goal 2: Build Capacity and Promote Collaboration



# Local Agency Perspective: Why is this resource helpful?

- Capacity Building
- Grants
- Collaboration
- Community Awareness/Education
- Develop and Define Operational Practice

# Capacity Building

- The reports provide:
  - Insight into the community's make-up
  - Framework to answer the resources that we have are adequate to be of value in providing the services
  - Targeted training is developed and coordinated to support the need
  - Monitor trends

marriage, or adoption. The average household size is 2.31 and the average family size 2.82. Approximately, 41.4% of these families include related children under 18 years old, where 35.1% of these families include the parents own children. There are approximately 3,208 families with no husband/father figure present.

According to the Virginia Child Protective Source in the fiscal year of 2014-2015, there were 723 cases of child abuse or neglect reported. These reports were most commonly reported by a relative, school staff member, or an unknown source. There were 1,074 cases referred. Approximately, 403 of the cases were accepted, 232 cases resulted in a family assessment, and 171 cases were investigated. Of those, 85 cases were founded and 83 cases were unfounded. The three most common types of reported abuse or neglect were invalid, physical neglect, and physical abuse. On the FACT site, there is an indicator that reflects the number of founded investigations for children in which physical abuse, physical neglect, sexual abuse, mental abuse/neglect, or medical neglect by family members was confirmed. CPS investigations are conducted when there are immediate concerns about child safety, a prior history of child abuse and/or when the reported allegation is severe. The County has rate of 3.62 per 1,000 persons under the age of 18. This is above the state rate which is 2.04 per 1,000 persons under the age of 18.

Below is a table that illustrates the crime rates in Henry County as compared to both the state and national average:



### Grants

### These reports are useful:

- To research a community's conditions, trends, needs and compare to criteria set forth as a condition of eligibility for funding
- To support answers to questions within the request for proposals within funding applications
- Example FACT grant

- **Long Term Outcome:**
- **To Prevent Family Violence**
- The indicator this project will address is...
- (Attachment B, Question 5)

- CPS founded investigations of abuse and neglect of children
- CPS completed family assessments
- The goal of this project is to produce/provide...
- (products or services, output)

- Provide Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children child abuse prevention training to 120-140 individuals through the coordination of eight community education/outreach forums from 7/1/14 to 6/30/15.
- To...
- (target of change)

- To increase community members' awareness of child abuse signs and symptoms, prevention strategies, and local resources.
- So that they can...
- (intermediate outcome)

- Community members will be empowered to share in the protection of children by effectively identifying, responding to and reporting child abuse.
- Resulting ultimately in...
- (end outcome)
- What is the desired outcome?
- What is the end benefit to clients?

85% of community members participating in the Darkness to Light training will indicate an increased awareness of the local conditions that impact family and community-based violence as evidenced by a pre and post testing tool.

90% of community members participating in the Darkness to Light training will indicate an increased awareness of strategies to prevent child abuse and neglect as evidenced by a pre and post testing tool.

100% of community members participating in the Darkness to Light training will know how to report complaints of child abuse and neglect to the Virginia Department of Social Services state hotline, the local Department of Social Services and local law enforcement as evidenced by a pre and post testing tool.

100% of community members participating in the Darkness to Light training will sign an agreement to be a Steward for Children and commit to being proactive in protecting children as evidenced by the signed agreement.



### Collaboration

 Promoting collaborative partnerships and/or shared resources through the awareness of comparative data in other communities

### **Examples:**

- Consortiums/Peer Reviews
- Collaborative trainings

### Community Awareness and Education

We use the data from these reports:

- To announce or advertise upcoming projects/trainings
- To develop written resources
- Market our services through data markers on Facebook and our website

#### Five Important Steps to Prevent Child Abuse



#### CARE FOR YOURSELF

When problems of everyday life pile up and you feel overwhelmed—take time out so that you don't take it out on children. Learn the facts about child abuse and pay attention to the children in your life.

#### **CARE FOR CHILDREN**

Spend time listening to a child, reading to a child or playing a computer game with a child. Children need to know that they are appreciated, loved and capable of following their dreams.

#### **CARE FOR OTHERS**

Support others with children in their lives. Child abuse and neglect is a community issue. We can create an environment where our homes, schools and communities are places where children are treated with respect.

#### **GET INVOLUED**

Ask your community leaders, groups and institutions to develop services to meet the needs of children and families. Volunteer your time. Stay informed about local, state and national policies that impact children.

#### REPORT

#### Local Department of Social Services

Franklin County: 540-352-5131 | Henry/Martinsville: 276-656-4300 opt. 1 | Pittsylvania: 434-432-7281

Local Law Enforcement	9-1-1 (Emergency Contact)
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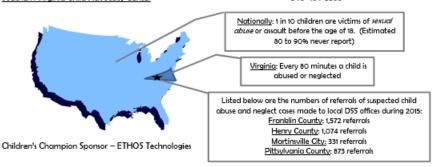
Franklin County Sheriff's Office/Rocky Mount Town Police 540-483-9227
Henry County Sheriff's Office 276-656-4200
Martinsville City Police Department 276-403-5300
Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office 434-432-7700

Virginia Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-552-7096

#### RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

Southern Virginia Child Advocacy Center

540-484-5566





### Develop & Define Operational Practice

### We have used the data:

- To develop service flyers for internal use, to educate and motivate our team partners
- Consideration of this data drives possible changes to policies/guidelines to meet the identified need or enhance our response to community and family-based violence

# FACT Research Portal: Data Clearinghouse on Family Violence throughout Virginia













### **FACT Research Portal**

#### Welcome to Finding the FACTs

Finding the FACTs: Research and Data Portal is a gateway to research, data and information about children, families, and older adults impacted by family violence in Virginia. Here you will find information about and links to the family violence data indicators, issue briefs, the annual FACT Report, and additional data and research resources. We invite you to explore the resources available and hope they can serve to help support the work being done in the field of family violence prevention.





http://www.fact.virginia.gov/finding-the-facts-research-and-data-portal/



# Data Analysis

http://www.publicprofit.net/Dabbling-In-The-Data

- Categorizing
- Simple Tallies

# Applying the Data

- How much? Is anyone better off?
  - http://resultsaccountability.com/workshops/
- Group exercise

# Communicating Your Findings

- T-shirt activity
- Dabbling in the Data
  - http://www.publicprofit.net/Dabbling-In-The-Data



# Additional Support

Contact us with any questions or concerns!

http://www.fact.virginia.gov/finding-the-factsresearch-and-data-portal/

- Online webinar available: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jh4s6hK1qLw</u> &noredirect=1
- Step-by-step guide: <a href="http://www.fact.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Step-by-Step.pdf">http://www.fact.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Step-by-Step.pdf</a>

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