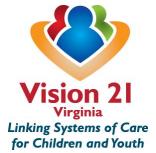
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Why is the early identification of crime victims so important?

Ice breaker

Through Our Eyes: Children, Violence, and Trauma - Introduction



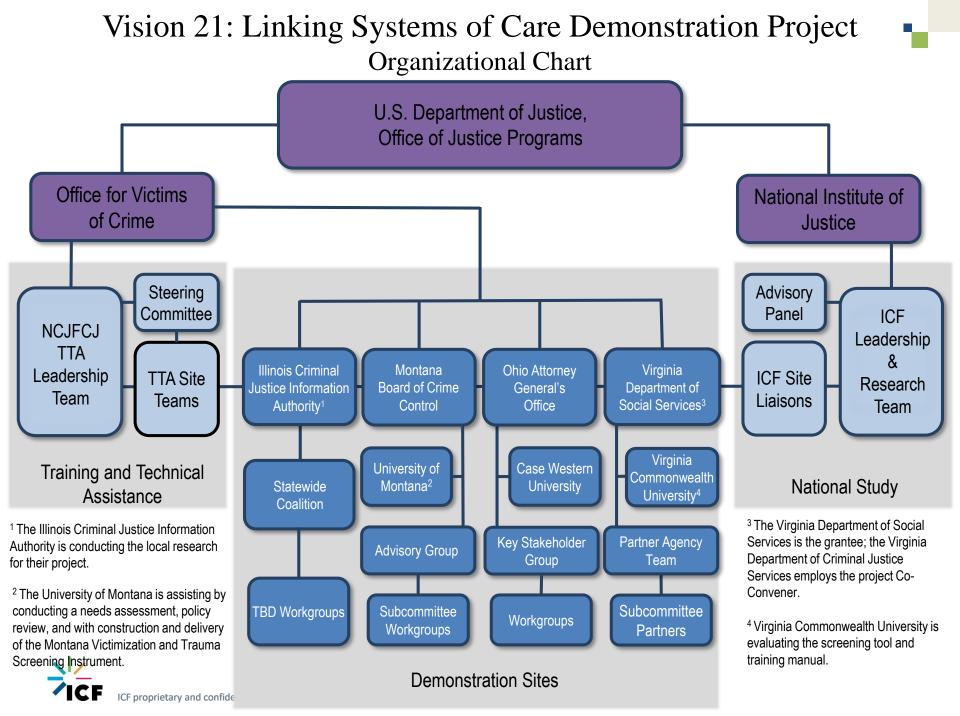
- Demonstration project funded by the Office for Victims of Crime, Department of Justice
- Part of the Vision 21: Transforming Victim Services initiative
- Virginia is one of four demonstration projects in the country
- Planning (15 Months) and Implementation Phases (up to 5 years)

Goal: To bring together all of the relevant systems and professionals to provide early identification, intervention, and treatment for child and youth victims and their families and caregivers.



Target Population:

Children, youth, and transitioning young adults up to 21 years of age who have been victims of crime through personal experience or observation. This target population may include, but is not limited to, those who have been the victims of physical and sexual abuse, trafficking, bullying, community violence, and domestic violence.



Partner Agency Team

- Department of Social Services
- Department of Criminal Justice Services
- Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
- Department of Education
- Department of Juvenile Justice
- Family and Children's Trust Fund
- Office of the Attorney General
- Department of Health
- Department of Housing and Community Development
- Department of Medical Assistance Services
- Office of Children's Services
- Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance Fund Administrator: Department of Criminal **Justice Services**
- Victims of Crime Act Victim Compensation Fund: Virginia Victim Fund

(January 2015-March 2016)

Cross-Systems Mapping

- Goal: to obtain information about current screening and assessment practices, strengths and challenges in the provision of services, and the availability of and access to resources
- Full-day events in 5 regions
- Average of 55 participants in each
- Courts/Justice, Advocacy, Behavioral Health,
 Juvenile Justice, Child Welfare, Education
- Structured activities and discussion

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(January 2015-March 2016)

Organizational Assessment

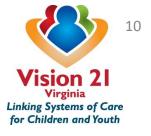
- Goal: to obtain information about readiness for change and trauma-informed practices
- Disseminated via PAT members to central office staff at all child and youth serving agencies
- 359 respondents



(January 2015-March 2016)

Screening Tool

- -Section 1: Rapport Building
- Section 2: Identifying Victimization
- Section 3: Reactions/Response to Victimization
- -Section 4: Resources/Protective Factors



(January 2015-March 2016)

Pilot Sites

- Six communities to pilot brief screening tool, training and training manual
- At least three systems must commit
- Evaluation for reliability and validity
- Modifications made prior to statewide rollout

Implementation Phase One: Completed Deliverables

(April 2016-June 2017)

- Finalized all screening tools, training and training manual
- Developed and facilitated a Resource Mapping Activity for pilot localities
- Created a policy analysis tool that examines policy that focuses on child/youth victimization and trauma
- Trained two pilot localities to administer the VVS

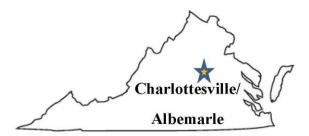
Implementation Phase Two: Goals & Deliverables

(July 2017-October 2018)

- Pilot the age-specific Screening Tools, Training, and accompanying Training Manual in two localities
- Evaluate the Screening Tools for validity and reliability
- Evaluate efficacy of the Training and Training Manual
- Analyze qualitative data from focus groups
- Modify all materials based on evaluation feedback
- Review state policy related to child/youth victims of crime



First Round Pilot Sites

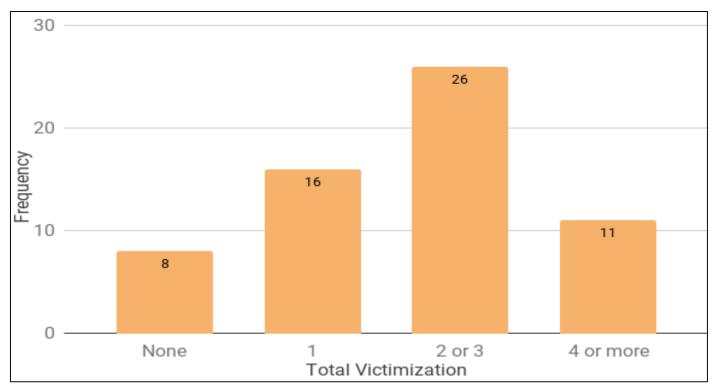


16th District Court Services Unit
Foothills Child Advocacy Center
The Shelter for Help in Emergency (SHE)
DSS-Prevention Program, Bright Stars &
Family Supports
ReadyKids



28th District Court Services Unit Abuse Alternatives, Inc. DSS-Child Protective Services, In/Out & On-going Cases

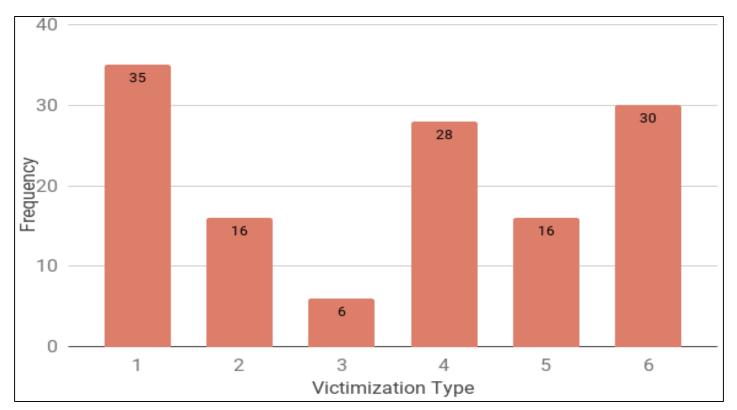
Implementation Phase Two: Data for First Round of Pilot Communities



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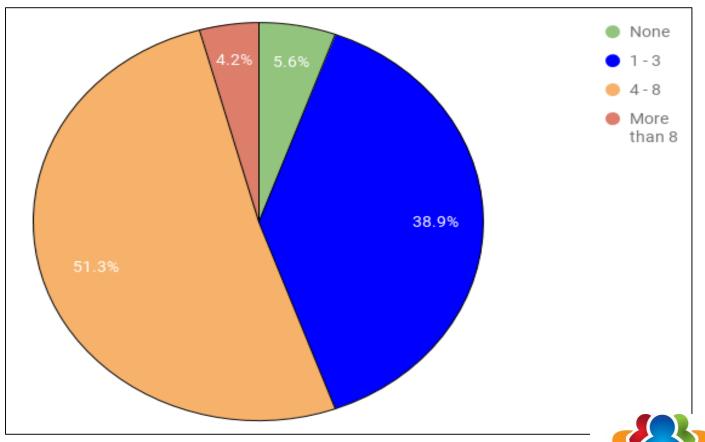
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This figure shows the frequency of victimization type endorsed by the children/youth and their parents/caregivers who completed the survey. The breakdown of victimization type is as follows: 1. Community violence, 2. Weapon exposure, 3. Neglect, 4. Threat, 5. Physical, and 6. Sexual.



Implementation Phase Two: Data for First Round of Pilot Communities

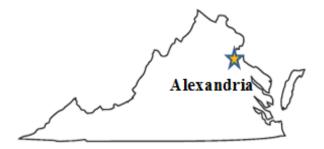


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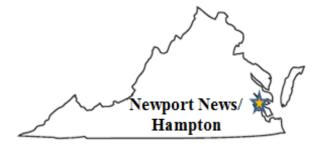




Second Round Pilot Sites



18th District Court Services Unit
Alexandria Health Department
Center for Alexandria's Children
DCHS, Center for Children & Families
Child Welfare Services



Newport News Public Schools

Newport News Dept of Human Services

The Center for Child & Family Services

Hampton Healthy Families

Future Plans

- Statewide Listening Tour.
- After piloting concludes, all data will be analyzed and reviewed.
- The VVS and accompanying training will be revised based on qualitative data.
- Regional V21: LSC introductions meetings will take place.
- Soft statewide rollout will begin in late 2019.
- Certain systems may use VVS as primary screening instrument.



"So What?"

The importance of linking systems of care using a Trauma-Informed approach.

Treating Childhood Trauma

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-HG8H4n2j9I



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