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Director's Blog

As winter draws to a close, spring brings with it new energy, new challenges and new opportunities. As many of you know, several new members have joined our team at OCS.

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CANS 2.0 Update

The long-awaited CANVaS 2.0 website is up and running!

CANVaS 2.0 was launched Tuesday, February 21, 2016. For those who don't know (i.e., maybe been under a rock  the last 2 ½ years? 😊), CANVaS 2.0 is the upgraded software version of the online Virginia Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment. [Read more...](#)



Audit Corner



One might ask; what does effective governance look like for CSA? Before we can explore the characteristics of effective governance, it is first important to define governance. Governance is “the combination of processes and structures implemented by the board to inform, direct, manage, and monitor the activities of the organization toward the achievement of its objectives.” The intent of CSA is to ... [Read more....](#)

Conference Update

Registration is currently underway for the 6th Annual CSA Conference, which will be held on April 19-20, 2017 at the Hotel Roanoke. [Find out more...](#)



TA Questions of the Quarter

- Can CSA pay for Therapeutic Day Treatment (TDT) services in public schools for students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs)?
- Can CSA pay for one-to-one services in a private school placement? If so, does it have to be included in the IEP?



[Click here for the answers...](#)



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OCS Mission Statement

The mission of CSA is to create a collaborative system of services and funding that is child-centered, family-focused and community based when addressing the strengths and needs of troubled and at-risk youth and their families in the Commonwealth.

OCS Vision Statement

OCS envisions CSA as a national model in providing effective and innovate systems of care statewide for at-risk youth and families. We strive for CSA to be highly regarded as a leader in improving outcomes for children and their families; facilitating the highest quality technical assistance and training to strengthen the capacity of communities to implement CSA; maintaining high standards for sound fiscal accountability and responsible use of taxpayer funds; and partnering with families and all CSA stake holders to implement best practices and technology to continually improve the performance of CSA. OCS strives to maintain an enthusiastic, creative and knowledgeable staff empowered to work with CSA stakeholders to sustain the highest quality systems of care for Virginia's you and their families.



Spotlight on Success

In January 2017 Drs. Robert Cohen and Allison Ventura published *Transforming Children's Mental Health Policy into Practice: Lessons from Virginia and Other States' Experiences Creating and Sustaining Comprehensive Systems of Care*. This

book provides a comprehensive perspective on the development, implementation, and impact of mental health reform on children with emotional and behavioral disorders and their families, local communities, and state-level policies in Virginia. [Read more...](#)

Service Gap Survey

After many years of collecting and reporting on services gaps in the same format, OCS convened a group of local CSA coordinators to provide input as to how the Gap Survey might be improved in terms of functionality and the information collected and reported on. OCS is pleased to issue this "new and improved" Service Gap Survey. [Read more...](#)



LEDRS Update

OCS is happy to report that LEDRS Phase 2 has been successfully implemented with all localities submitting the detailed transaction of their Pool reimbursement via the LEDRS submission. LEDRS Phase 3 will be implemented in August 1, 2017 with automatic pool report submission to the Fiscal Agent via LEDRS submission. Thanks to everyone who has helped to make LEDRS a success!!



Training Calendar

Click [HERE](#) to learn about the training opportunities available throughout the state!!!

Guidelines for Submissions

If you have information you would like to share with your CSA colleagues around the state, please follow the guidelines for submission located [HERE...](#)

