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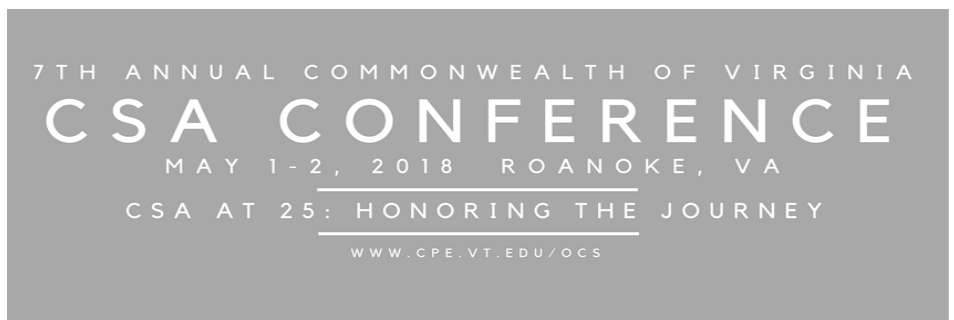
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Director's Blog

Spring is rapidly approaching here in Richmond bringing with it the promise of renewal. I had anticipated being able to inform you of news of the General Assembly and although much work is complete, the biennial budget "saw its shadow" and will be delayed a bit longer.

[Read more...](#)



Registration is currently underway for the 7th Annual CSA Conference, which will be held on May 1-2, 2018 at the Hotel Roanoke. [Find out more...](#)

Follow the "Annual Commonwealth of Virginia CSA Conference" on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/CSAConferenceVA/>) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/CSAConferenceVA>) for conference pictures and updated information on conference events.



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CANVaS 2.0 Update

It's time to do a CANS Reassessment for a child on your caseload. You access the CANVaS website, enter the child's last name and SSN and get the message "No child found," or you see the message "This number is already attached to a child in CANVaS 2.0." You know the child has a CANVaS account because you have a copy of the last CANS assessment, and yes, you know this number is in use because it's THIS CHILD'S NUMBER! Why can't you find him? [Read more...](#)



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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

Audit Corner

Risk is often described as a combination of threats, vulnerabilities and/or fraud. The impact to locally administered Children's Services Act (CSA) programs increases when governing bodies, such as Community Policy and Management Teams (CPMT), have not assessed or addressed the potential threats being posed to the achievement of the strategic goals and objectives that influences implementation their respective programs.



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Service Gap Survey

Section 2.2-5211.1.2. of the Code of Virginia requires that: "The community policy and management team shall report annually to the Office of Children's Services on the gaps in services needed to keep children in the local community and any barriers to the development of those services." [Read more...](#)



TA Questions of the Quarter



Why do children with adoption assistance funding who need residential services have to go to FAPT? Are localities charged the local Medicaid match on youth placed in residential using adoption assistance? Does CSA automatically have to pay for the educational costs for a child placed in residential for non-educational reasons through adoption assistance? Click [HERE](#) for the answers...

I.T. Update

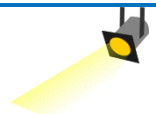
The Office of Children's Services (OCS) Information Technology (IT) department is thrilled to announce the upcoming launch of our new Account Management System (AMS). [Read more...](#)



Spotlight on Success

Highlights from Virginia System of Care Expansion Grant

This upcoming month of March will mark being almost halfway through Year Two of the Virginia System of Care Expansion and Sustainability Grant. [Read more...](#)



knowledgeable staff empowered to work with CSA stakeholders to sustain the highest quality systems of care for Virginia's you and their families.



Tips from the Business Manager



On the Children's Services Act (CSA) Website (<http://www.csa.virginia.gov/>) the Office of Children's Services (OCS) continues to improve the way reporting data is viewed. Be sure to continue to watch for ongoing changes and improvements. [Read more...](#)



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...](#)

