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Director's Blog

I hope this newsletter finds you keeping cool in the summer heat and hopefully enjoying some much deserved vacation. Since I last wrote, we have completed another highly successful annual CSA Conference. Next year, we will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the implementation of the CSA and several special things are planned for the conference which will take place May 1 – 2, 2018 at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center. Stay tuned for further information. [Read more...](#)

CANS 2.0 Update

As a CANVaS user, have you ever wished you could easily compare a child's earlier CANS assessment(s) to a current one? Now, with CANVaS 2.0, you as the case manager can do so!! The Individual Progress Report (IPR) compares a child's Initial CANS assessment with the two most recent assessments.

[Read more...](#)



Audit Corner

I was hired as a junior auditor right out of college by a nationally recognized public accounting firm. My first assignment was a large bank. My supervisor told me of another junior auditor who had the same assignment two years previous.



A few days into the audit he excitedly jumped up from his desk, ran down the hall, and yelled "I found fraud! I found fraud!" Well, he hadn't. But he had everyone's attention. Now that I have yours, could you recognize fraud in your local Children's Services Act (CSA) Program? [Read more...](#)

TA Questions of the Quarter



Is there a specified length of stay for an emergency residential (level B or C) placement? Can CSA funds be used if an IACCT finds the child eligible to receive residential (level B) services but the FAPT does not? [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 stakeholders 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.



CSA Conference Update

Planning is already underway for the 7th annual Children's Services Act (CSA) Conference which will take place May 1-2, 2018, at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center. The conference, entitled "**CSA at 25: Honoring the Journey**," will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the implementation of the CSA. 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.

Tips from the Business Manager



For information on fiscal year 17 close out and Children's Services Act (CSA) Program year 2018 administrative money click [HERE](#).

Resource Round-Up

The Office of Children's Services (OCS) strives to provide valuable resources to stakeholders through the OCS resource library and the Knowledge Center. As you explore the new OCS website (<http://csa.virginia.gov/>), be sure to check out the 2017 updated model IFSP and UR Addendum, New Editions of CSA Today, uploaded presentations from the 6th Annual CSA Conference, Administrative guidance regarding the DMAS/Magellan IACTT Process, and the Special Education Wraparound E-Learning Module through the Knowledge Center.



Spotlight on Success



The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) awards systems of care grants to help expand high fidelity wraparound across Virginia for children with mental health needs and their families. [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...](#)

