

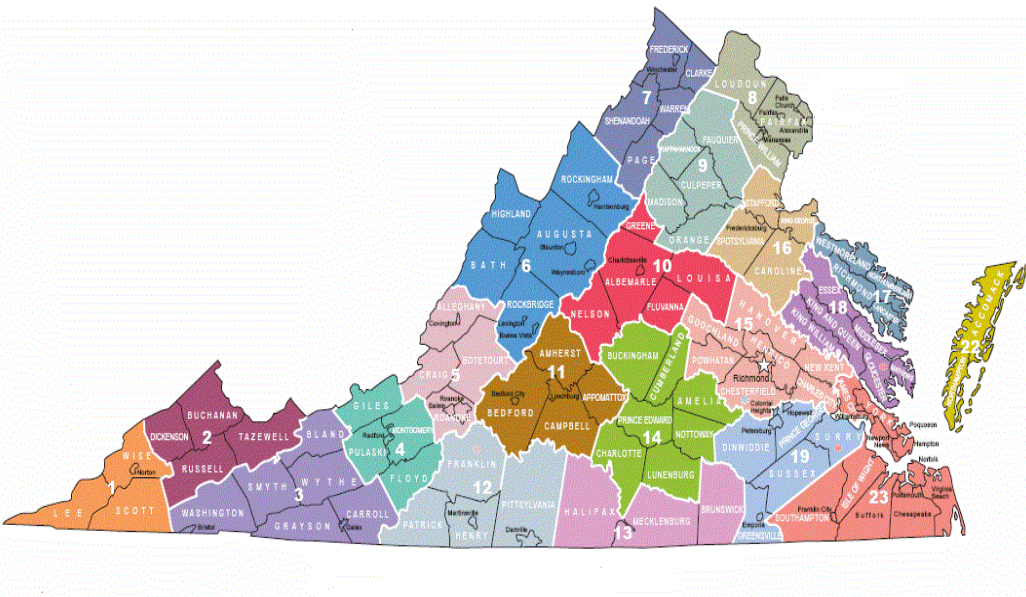
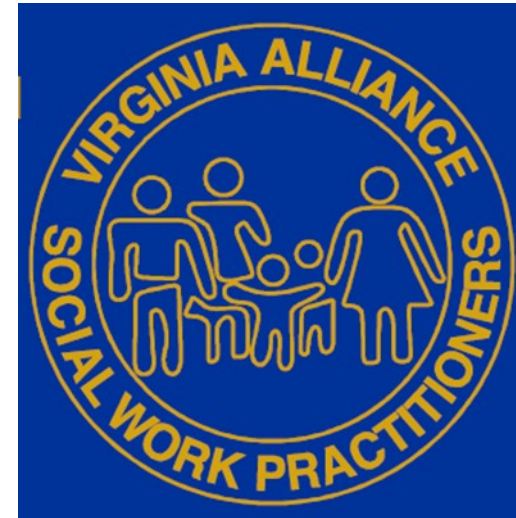
OUR Organization

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The Alliance







The Power to make it Happen!

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OUR History

Members of the Virginia Alliance of Social Work Practitioners realize the need for an organization to create and promote mutual understanding, fellowship and cooperation among ourselves; to develop, through our united efforts, sound progressive social planning and effective methods of interpreting our work to the public, and to help us render a more skilled service to those who need the service we have to offer.

The Virginia Alliance of Social Work Practitioners (VASWP) is a professional organization that represents front line services staff and their supervisors throughout the 120 public departments of social services in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Incorporated in 1989, the Virginia Alliance of Social Work Practitioners is an affiliate of the Virginia League of Social Services Executives.

The Alliance is organized into Planning Districts. Each Planning District conducts activities to benefit the workers and communities within that district.

OBJECTIVES

- Promote and interpret, through united efforts, a sound, economical, efficient social services program in order to render more skillful services to the people of the Commonwealth.
- Propose and support legislation which would improve and benefit the public welfare.
- Promote cooperation and understanding among local, regional and state levels of the Department of Social Services, and public, private, and governmental organizations.
- Engender the highest standards for those personnel in the field of public social work by:
 - * Providing programs for in-service education, formal training and professional development.
 - * Promoting personnel principals designed to enhance opportunities in the public social work field.
 - * Fostering professional identity.
 - * Providing a mechanism for support through networking and active participation in the Alliance.

OUR Purpose

COMMITTEES

The Alliance committees have accomplished and continue to pursue changes and updates within the public social services system that will enhance and improve service provision and professional status.

Adult Service: Responsible for matters pertaining to Adult Services, Adult Protective Services, long-term care, and any issues affecting the elderly and disabled.

Child and Family Services: Responsible for matters pertaining to Child Protective Services, Foster Care, Adoptions, Comprehensive Services Act, and other family preservation issues and services.

Child Care: Responsible for matters pertaining to Child Care.

Employment/ TANF: Responsible for matters pertaining to Virginia Initiative for Employment not Welfare (VIEW) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

Public Relations: Responsible for matters pertaining to marketing and communication in order that all functions of the organization can be effectively and efficiently carried forth and communicated to the members via email, newsletters, website and social media.

Legislative: Tracks and acts on matters pertaining to legislative and policy issues before the General Assembly, State Boards, and Commissions. This committee works closely with the League's and affiliates legislative committees.

Personnel: Responsible for matters including caseload standards and best practices, continuing training and education, accreditation, certification and licensure.

Mickey Reynolds Scholarship: Committee reviews nominations for awards for current and departing members and applications for scholarships. Two \$500 scholarships are given each year to members for training or education.

OUR Impact