## Family Resource List Greater Richmond Metropolitan Area and Regional Contacts (July 2012)

Name of Organization	Contact Person	<u>Phone</u>	Business Address	<u>E-mail</u>	<u>Website</u>	<u>Description</u>
2-1-1 Virginia	Barb Putney	Phone: (540) 985-0131 ext 211 Fax: (540) 982-2935	P.O. Box 598 Roanoke, VA 24004	211info@councilofco mmunityservices.org	www.councilofcommunit yservices.org	I&R Center on health and human services includes:  • Affordable Housing • Financial Assistance for Rent or Utilities • Basic Needs such as Food and Shelter • Legal Assistance • Mental Health Services • FAMIS (Family Access to Medical Security Plan) • Employment and many other services • Information on subjects like government agencies, recreation, support groups, domestic violence, welfare reform, maternal and child health issues, and many others that may be of interest to the public.
ADHD: A Parent's Toolkit	Sherry Callear	Phone: (804) 717-6739	6801 Lucy Corr Blvd. Chesterfield, VA 23832; Mailing address: PO Box 92 Chesterfield, VA 23832	no e-mail address		Parenting class for parents of children with ADHD. Please call for dates and location.

American Cancer Society, VA Division	No specific contact person	Phone: (804) 527-3700 Fax: (804) 527-3797	4240 Park Place Court Glen Allen, VA 23060	No email address at this time	www.cancer.org	Provides medicine, transportation, and funds for adults with cancer. Financial capabilities offered and determined by the society.
The Arc of Virginia	Jamie Liban, Executive Director	Phone: (804)649-8481 Fax: (804) 649-3585	2025 E. Main Street Suite 107 Richmond, VA 23223	jliban@arcofva.org	http://www.thearcofva.or g/	State wide organization advocating with and for people with cognitive and other developmental disabilities and their families.
Arthritis Foundation, VA Chapter	Chloe Mogel	Phone: (800)365-3811 Fax: (804) 359-4900	2201 West Broad Street Suite 100 Richmond, VA 23220	cmogel@arthritis.org	www.arthritis.org/chapte rs/virginia/	A source of help for 1 in 3 Virginians living with arthritis. Information and education services, community programs, research, support and fundraising available. Part of National organization serving 70 million + 300,000 children with arthritis and related diseases.
ASK - The Association for the Support of Children with Cancer	Debra Abney, Executive Director	Phone: (804) 658-5910	PO Box 17184 Richmond, VA 23226	dabney@askweb.org	www.askweb.org	ASK, a private, nonprofit organization, provides unique social, spiritual and financial support for children with cancer and their families.
Autism Society of America, Central Virginia Chapter	Bradford Hulcher, Executive Director	Phone: (804) 257-0192 Fax: (804) 290-0286	PO Box 29364 Richmond, VA 23242- 0364	asacv@aol.com	www.asacv.org	Support group for parents and professionals; newsletters, library, conferences, and social activities. A Medicaid Waiver mentor is on staff.
Bereaved Parents of the USA Mechanicsville Chapter	Jim Barbour, Chapter Leader	Home Phone: (804) 843-4883	4115 Cardinal Ct. West Point, VA 23181	No available e-mail address	http://www.bereavedpar entsusa.org/BP_Ch_Vir ginia.htm#Mechanicsvill e	Support group for parents, grandparents and siblings of deceased children. Please contact the Chapter Leader for more information.
Brain Injury Association of Virginia	Christine Baggini , Information and Referral Services Manager	Phone: (804) 355-5748 Toll Free: (800) 444-6443 Fax: (804) 355-6381	1506 Willow Lawn Dr. Suite 212 Richmond, VA 23230	No Available e-mail address	www.biav.net	Statewide organization providing information on brain injury, referral to resources, education and advocacy. Network of support groups around the state; Richmond group of adult survivors & family

						members meets twice a month.
Care Connection for Children	No Direct Contact	Phone: (804) 827-1795 Toll Free: (866) 737-5965 Fax: (804) 827-1798	PO Box 980021 Richmond, VA 23298- 0021	careconnect@mcvh- vcu.edu	www.careconnections.v cu.edu	Services are provided to families and their child who has special health care needs including: care coordinators, education consultation, insurance benefits and assistance with advocacy.
Cerebral Palsy of Virginia	Michelle Majority, Executive Director	Phone: (757) 497-7474 Fax: (757) 497-0868	5825 Arrowhead Drive Suite 201 Virginia Beach, VA 23462	michelle@cerebralpal syofvirginia.org	www.cerebralpalsyofvirg inia.org	Serves all persons with CP and other developmental disabilities. Information, referral, advocacy, technology resource center, and respite weekends.
Celebrating Special Children	Laura Nelson, Director of Operations	No phone number	PO Box 11384 Burke, VA 22009		http://celebratingspecial children.org	The mission of Celebrating Special Children, Inc. is to provide parents and professionals with the necessary information to ensure that children with disabilities realize their fullest potential of development, independence and quality of life. The organization publishes a newsletter four times yearly on its website.
Ch.A.D.D. Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder	No Direct Contact	Phone: (804) 385-3139	Bon Air Presbyterian 9201 W. Huguenot Road Richmond, Va 23235- 2307		http://www.chadd.net/te mplate.cfm?affid=650&p =about	Support group meetings for parents and adults. Meetings held every third Tuesday at Bon Air Presbyterian Church from 7-9 pm. No child care is provided.
Children's Hospital of Richmond	No Direct Contact	Phone: (804) 228-5818 Toll Free: 1-800-443-0893	2924 Brook Road Richmond, VA 23220 Bon Air Therapy Center 206 Twinridge Lane Richmond, VA 23235 Glen Allen Therapy Center 10124 West Broad Street, Suite P Glen Allen, VA 23060 Fredericksburg Therapy		www.childrenshosp- richmond.org	Children's Hospital of Richmond is has joined with VCU Healthsystem to serve children from birth through the age of 21. VCU Healthsystem regards itself as Children's Hospital's downtown campus (and CHOR as VCU Healthsystem's pediatric northside campus.) Children's Hospital's services center on the diagnosis and treatment of various medical

			Center Lee's Hill Medical Center 10530 Spotsylvania Avenue, Suite 102 Fredericksburg, VA 22408 Petersburg Therapy Center 321 Poplar Drive, Suite 4 Petersburg, VA 23805			conditions ranging from chronic illness to recent injuries.
ChildSavers	Michelle Thomson, Chief Executive Officer	Phone: (804) 644-9590 Fax: (804) 644 9596	200 North 22nd Street Richmond, VA 23223	mthomson@childsave rs.org	http://www.childsavers.org/	ChildSavers is a nonprofit agency that provides services in the following: providing high-quality childcare training to ensure children are school-ready; with their Guidance Clinic, which improves the mental and emotional health of children and their families; and with trauma response, which provides 24/7 immediate response and trauma counseling services for children exposed to violence and other traumatic events.
CHIP of Richmond, a program of Family Lifeline	Pat Purcell, Director of Clinical Services	Phone: (804) 233-2850 Fax: (804) 233-3443	2922 W. Marshall Street Richmond VA 23230	ppurcell@familylifelin e.org	http://www.chipofrichmo nd.org	CHIP of Greater Richmond enriches the lives of children and the community by providing comprehensive services, in partnership with parents, to improve the overall health, well-being and independence of families. CHIP merged in 2011 with Family Lifeline.
Commonwealth Autism Service	John Toscano, President and CEO	Phone: (804) 355-0300 Toll Free: (800) 649-8481 Fax: (804) 355-0932	2201 W. Broad Street Suite 107 Richmond, VA 23220	information@autismv a.org	http:// <u>www.autismva.org</u>	This service provides: a transdisciplinary Autism Assessment Clinic for children up to 7 years of age; partners with public schools; sponsors autism action groups that bring together local stakeholders to pool local resources; sponsors workshops and a multi-day annual conference for families, educators, and service providers; provides professional development opportunities for

Commonwealth Community Trust	Joanne Marcus, Executive Director	Phone: (804) 740-6930 Toll Free: (888) 241-6039	PO Box 29408 Richmond, VA 23242	info@commonwealthc ommunitytrust.org	http://www.commonweal thcommunitytrust.org/ind ex.html	professionals working in the area of autism; provides information and resources, as well as coordination with regional, governmental, and private service entities of existing services for individuals with autism.  The mission of CCT is to administer Special Needs Trusts so that people with disabilities and their loved ones can plan for their financial future. For clients who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or Medicaid, the trust will not jeopardize government benefits.
Commonwealth Parenting Center	Chris Lowrie, Executive Director	Phone: (804) 545-1272 Fax: (804) 545-1273 Parent Tip Line: (804) 545-1928	4121 Cox Road Suite 101 Glen Allen, VA 23060	info@commonwealth parenting.org	www.commonwealthpar enting.org	Our mission is to help families help themselves through support, education and skill development. Our focus is on <b>all</b> families. Some services we provide are individual consultations, classes and drop-in support. We have conducted the Sibshops for siblings of children with special needs.
Connor's Heroes Foundation	No Direct Contact	Phone: (804) 221-8991	Connor's Heroes Foundation P.O. Box 2536 Midlothian, VA 23113		http://www.connorshero es.org	Building a community of heroes to ease the burden of childhood cancer today and to help find a cure for tomorrow by:  1. Providing assistance to pediatric cancer patients and families  2. Promoting public awareness  3. Funding pediatric-focused cancer and bone marrow research
Community Health Education Center (CHEC)	No Direct Contact	Phone: (804) 828-2432	Ground floor, Gateway Bldg. 1200 East Marshall Street Richmond, VA 23294	Available	http:wp.vcu.edu/check	A children's area has been incorporated into the CHEC. In this special space, children have the opportunity of reading and researching health issues at an age appropriate level. Children 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

CSA - Richmond Celiac Sprue Support Group #87	William and Deborah Locke	Phone: (804) 794-7476 Fax: (804) 794-9271	1347 Sweet Willow Drive Midlothian, VA 23113	Bill.locke49@comcast .net	http://www.csaceliacs.inf o/csa_chapter_87.jsp	Support group for persons with Celiac Sprue and family members; support, recipes, vendor contacts, education; meets 3rd Mondays 6:30pm to 8:00pm at Johnson Willis Hospital Main Auditorium.
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	Linda Vines, Executive Director	Phone: (804) 527-1500 Toll Free: (888) 233-4682 Fax: (804) 527-0016	1500 Forest Avenue Suite 124 Richmond, VA 23229	virginia@cff.org	http://www.cff.org	A resource of information about cystic fibrosis whose mission is to assure the development of the means to cure and control cystic fibrosis, and to improve the quality of life for those with the disease.
Down Syndrome Association of Greater Richmond	Allison Wixted, Executive Director	Phone: (804) 5757311 Fax: (800) 725-1549	7501 Boulders View Drive Suite 201 North Chesterfield, VA 23225	dsagrinfo@yahoo.co m	http://www.dsagr.com	Family support group; meetings and social activities, packets for parents with newborns; referrals, networking, resources.
Easter Seals Virginia	No particular contact	Toll Free (800) 662-7119	Easter Seals Virginia 5171 Glenwood Avenue Suite 400 Raleigh, NC 27612	info@va.easterseals. ucp.com	http://www.nc.easterseal	Easter Seals Virginia is committed to being an advocate and provider of much-needed services for people with disabilities and their families. Easter Seals has disbanded its Richmond office and has merged with Easter Seals NC. It is administered from NC.
Educational Rights Clinic, University of Richmond School of Law	Jessie Munn, Administrative Assistant, Law Clinics	Phone: (804) 289-8921	School of Law University of Richmond 28 Westhampton Way Richmond, VA 23173		http://law.richmond.edu/ about/centers/childrens/ disability.html	Law students in the Education Rights Clinic (formerly the Disability Law Clinic) represent children and parents seeking appropriate special education and community-based services mandated by both federal and state law. Students also represent youth with mental disabilities who are before the juvenile court or are incarcerated or institutionalized.
Epilepsy Foundation of Virginia, Central Virginia Chapter	Suzanne Bischoff, Executive Director	Phone: (434) 924-8669	P.O. Box 800659 UVA Health Sciences Center Charlottesville, VA 22908	Srb3m@virginia.edu	www.efva.org	Support groups for persons living with epilepsy; community outreach, training for seizure/first aid; educational issues. Provides financial assistance for medication and living expenses. Epilepsy awareness day. Support group meetings 2nd Monday of the month.

Greater Richmond SCAN's Family Support Program	Jeanine Harper, Executive Director	Phone: (804) 257-7226 Fax: (804) 257-7109 To Report Abuse: (800) 552-7096	103 E. Grace Street Richmond, Virginia 23219		www.grscan.com	Parenting groups and simultaneous children's groups throughout Richmond. Gives the support and tools parents and care-givers need to build healthier relationships with their children; offers assessment, referrals, case management, and counseling services.
Help Your Way: Customer- friendly mental health	Kathy Levenston, Program Director	Phone: 804-562-6604 Fax: 804-308-0551	1617 Monument Avenue, Suite 301 Richmond, VA 23220			Provides home-based mental health services to children and youth (up to age 21) and their birth, foster, or adoptive families. Home for Good helps families to bring children home safely from residential placements, juvenile detention, or foster care, or to prevent placement when children are at risk. We also serve youth in independent placements.
Infant and Toddler Connection of Virginia	Catherine Hancock, Virginia Part C Coordinator	Phone: (804) 786-3710 Fax: (804) 371-7959	Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services 1220 Bank Street, 9th Floor P.O. Box 1797 Richmond, Virginia 23219	Catherine.Hancock@dbhds.virginia.gov	http://www.infantva.org/	Early intervention services for young children with developmental disabilities for residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
International Dyslexia Association: Virginia Branch	Shana Hatzopoulos, President		804-H Industrial Avenue Chesapeake, VA 23324	info@vbida.org	www.vbida.org	Resources for parents and professionals; annual statewide conventions. Support groups for adults with dyslexia (but no parent support group).
Legal Aid Justice Center	Marcel Slag and Lisa Bennett, Managing Attorneys	Phone: (804) 643-1086 Or Statewide: (866) LEGL-AID Fax: (804) 643- 2059	123 E. Broad Street Richmond, VA 23219	marcel@justice4all/or g. lisa@justice4all.org	http://www.justice4all.or g/	The Legal Aid Justice Center provides free legal services on non-criminal matters to income-eligible persons in their service areas.
Medicaid Waiver Technical Assistance Center	Maureen Hollowell, Director of Advocacy and Services	Phone: (757)351-1584 Toll Free: (866) 323-1088 Fax: (757) 461-5375	Endependence Center, Inc. 6300 E. Virginia Beach Blvd., Norfolk, VA 23502- 2827	VaWaivers@endepen dence.org	www.endependence.org /Medicaid Waiver Services Guide.pdf	Medicaid Waiver mentors are on hand to assist with the Medicaid waiver application process. See the website address for a link to their informational booklet.

Medical Home Plus	Dr. Colleen Kraft, Medical Director; Emily Jiancristoforo, Executive Director; Vicki Hardy- Murrell, RN. Director VA Federation of Families	Toll Free: (877)264-8366 Phone: (804)330-5030 Fax: (804) 330-5032	8719 Forest Hill Ave. Richmond, VA 23235	info@medhomeplus.o rg	http://medhomeplus.org/	Facilitates access to supports and services for all children particularly those with special healthcare needs, including behavioral and mental health. MHP provides continuing education for primary care physicians, parents, and other community providers. MHP is home to the Family to Family Resource Center and an online learning center.
Moms in Motion	Keri Ayres, Founder	Phone: (800) 417-0908 ext 101 Fax: (703) 468-4958	10 Beau Lane Front Royal, VA 22630	net	Http://www.momsinmoti	A VA Medicaid waiver consumer direction service facilitation provider for ID, DD, and EDCD waiver enrollees and a case management provider for DD/IFDDS waiver enrollees. Medicaid waivers allow broader access to Medicaid for people with disabilities. Waivers also offer additional benefits, such as personal care assistance and respite care services. Our service assists families who choose to direct their own care services vs. using agency-directed services. Our mission is to enhance the outcome for all of our clients with developmental and other disabilities. We serve clients of all ages, including children, young adults, and the elderly.
Muscular Dystrophy Association	Susan Mauck	Phone: (804) 285-2961	8001 Franklin Farms Dr. Suite 139 Richmond, VA 23229	richmond@mdausa.org	www.mdausa.org/office/richmond	New patient packets; support group for adult; no parent support group at this time.

National Kidney Foundation of VA, Inc.	Eleanor Myers, Regional Program Director	Phone: (804) 288-8342 Toll Free: (888) 543-6398 Fax: (804) 282-7835	1742 E. Parham Rd. Richmond, VA 23228	Eleanor.myers@kidne yva.org	www.kidneyva.org	Volunteer, non-profit health agency whose mission is to prevent kidney and urinary tract diseases, to improve the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by these diseases, and to increase the availability of all organs for transplantation.
Noah's Children	Naomi Moskowitz, Community Liaison	Phone: (804) 287-7686 Fax: (804) 287- 7918	5855 Bremo Road Suite 409 North Medical Office Building Richmond, VA 23226	noahschildren@bshsi. org	http://www.noahschildre n.com/	Provides healthcare and support services to the children and families of Central Virginia who face chronic life-limiting illness. Serves a critical need as Central Virginia's only pediatric hospice and palliative care program. Through an innovative interdisciplinary approach, Noah's Children ensures comprehensive, compassionate care at the most difficult time a family could face.
Parent Resource Center: Hanover		Phone: (804) 365-4596	John Gandy Elementary School 201 Archie Cannon Dr. Room D-9 Ashland, VA 23005	hanoverprc@hcps.us	http://hcps2.hanover.k1 2.va.us/instruction/paren tresource/index.htm	Provide support, resources and information for parents of special education students of Hanover County.
Parent Resource Center: Henrico	Lisa Abernathy, Coordinator	Phone: (804) 328-8117	5915 Nine Mile Road Richmond, VA 23223	<u>12.va.us</u>		Provide support, resources and information for parents of special education students of Henrico County.
Parent/Teacher Support Center: Richmond	Sharonda Smith, Parent Coordinator	Phone: (804) 780-4052 Or (804) 788-6091	Richmond Technical Center North 2015 N. Seddon Way Room 205 Richmond, VA 23230	ssmith7@richmond.k 12.va.us		Provide support, resources and information for parents of exceptional education students of Richmond.
Parent/Teacher Resource Center: Chesterfield County Public Schools	Charlene Lee, Educational/ Family Consultant	Phone: (804) 279-7311 Or (804) 279-7401	Thomas Fulghum Center 4003 Cogbill Rd. Richmond, VA 23234			Provides support, resources and information for families of students in general and special education, as well as school staff and community agencies in Chesterfield County.

Parent-to-Parent Of Virginia	Dana Yarbrough, Executive Director	Phone: (804) 828-0352	PO Box 38341 Richmond, VA 23231	ptpofva@aol.com	www.ptpofva.com	The state Parent to Parent office provides training and technical assistance to families and providers on best practice in supporting families with children with disabilities. Feature programs include parent matching for IEP support and training on coordinating health care supports.
Partnership for People with Disabilities	Bobbi Piguet	Phone (804) 828-3876 Fax: (804) 828-0042	700 E. Franklin Street 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor PO Box 843020 Richmond, VA 23284- 3020	bjpiguet@vcu.edu	http://www.partnership.v cu.edu	
Partners in Policymaking	Teri Barker, Program Manager Rachel Loria, Assistant	(804) 786-9381 (804) 786-3456	Partners in Policymaking Virginia Board for People with Disabilities Washington Building 1100 Bank Street, 7th flr. Richmond, Virginia 23219	ginia.gov	http://www.vaboard.org/policymaking.htm	Partners in Policymaking participants are people who live in Virginia and either have a developmental disability or are parents of young children with developmental disabilities. Individuals attending the program will participate in advocacy skill workshops, resource development, and leadership training.  The group of selected participants will build networks with state and national leaders as well as one another. Participants will be educated on current issues, state-of-the-art approaches and best practices in many areas.
PEATC: Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center	Suzanne Bowers, Executive Director	Toll-free number: (804) 869-6782	100 N. Washington Street Suite 234 Falls Church, VA 22046	partners@peatc.org	http://www.peatc.org	Training for parents and professionals working with children with disabilities on how to negotiate special education rights and processes for obtaining services and supports for their children. Currently administrated from Northern Virginia.

Pediatric and Adolescent Health Partners PC	Carolyn M. Myers, Educational Consultant	Phone: (804) 320-7167 Fax: (804) 320-4634 Better Life Center: Phone: (804) 794-2821 Fax: (804) 794-2014	8719 Forest Hill Ave. Richmond, VA 23235 Better Life Center: 13825 Village Mill Drive Midlothian, VA 23114	cmyersmed@verizon. net	http://www.pahpartners.com http://www.carolynmyersmed.org	Provides the following services: full educational evaluations, education plans, parent consultation and education, learning strategies, school visits, student learning strategy plan, coordination of assessment results, multidisciplinary feedback sessions, and workshops for parents and teachers.
Self- Determination Project of Va Department of Education	Marianne Moore, Instructional Specialist, Middle & Secondary Transition	Phone: (804) 225-2700	PO Box 2120 Richmond, VA 23234	marianne.moore@do e.virginia.gov mcnaugjt@jmu.edu	http://www.imdetermine d.org/	The I'm Determined project, a state directed project funded by the Virginia Department of Education, focuses on providing direct instruction, models, and opportunities to practice skills associated with self-determined behavior beginning at the elementary level and continuing through the student's educational career. The project sponsors summits for youth and parents, and the website offers valuable information to educators, parents, and students.
S.H. Leverett Educational Consulting	S. H. Leverett, Ph.D.			Contact form found at: http://www.success4e verylearner.com/#!con tact		Provides assistance to parents of children who are: struggling in school, performing below grade level, experiencing signs of school phobia, as well as those with special needs and/or disabilities. Mission is to help parents navigate the educational system to solicit academic excellence, educational resources, and the optimal educational environment to ensure success for their child.
Special Olympics of Virginia	Floyd Miller, Urban Programs Director Erin Mahone, James River	Phone: (804) 346-5544 Toll Free: (800) 932-GOLD Fax: (804) 346-9633	3212 Skipwith Rd. Suite 100 Richmond, VA 23294	fmiller@specialolympi csva.org emahone@specialoly mpicsva.org	http://www.specialolympicsva.org	State program of sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with Intellectual disabilities.

	Region Director					
St. Joseph's Villa	Craig Hedley, Director of Community Partnership	Phone: (804) 553-3200 Or (804) 273-6553 Fax: (804) 553-3259	8000 Brook Road Richmond, VA 23227	chedley@sjvmail.net	http://www.neverstopbelieving.org	St. Joseph's Villa provides services for people with a variety of physical and mental disabilities. Our schools serve students with learning disabilities, mental retardation, autism and emotional disturbances, among other things. Our Day Support Services provide afterschool and weekend respite care to children with mental retardation, multiple learning disabilities,
Top Notch Cheerleading	Elizabeth Rafferty, Coach	Phone: (804) 304-3492	10406 Lakeridge Parkway Ashland, VA 23005	elizabethorafferty@g mail.com	http://topnotchcheerva.c	cerebral palsy and autism, among other things.  Top Notch cheerleading offers girls and boys with special needs the opportunity to become all star cheerleaders. They are 1 of 2 special needs teams in Virginia. The team is open to all ages of girls and boys. Participants are taught cheerleading, team building skills, showmanship, and a fun way to exercise. The cheerleading season begins in September and runs through May. Cheering practices are one day a week for one hour.
Tourette Syndrome: Association of Greater Washington	No Direct Contact	Phone: (301) 681-4133	1398 Lamberton Dr. Suite 204 Silver Spring, MD 20902	No e-mail provided	http://www.tsagw.org	Offers resource ideas and networking. A local chapter of the Tourette Syndrome Association of Washington.

T/TAC	Sandra Wilberger and Linda Oggel, Co-directors	Phone (804) 828- 6947 Or (800) 426- 1595 Fax: (804) 828- 7495	VCU Monroe Campus 10 E. Franklin Street Richmond, VA 23219	slwilber@vcu.edu; Isoggel@vcu.edu	http://www.vcu.edu/ttac	Any school system may request a T/TAC specialist to design a workshop to meet the needs of teachers or other professionals serving students with disabilities. Various information is available on the T/TAC site. Each of the T/TAC regions has a wide variety of software and materials that can be loaned out to teachers and other professionals for use in their school. T/TAC specialists can also demonstrate how to use the equipment with students.
Virginia Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments (VAAPVi)	Dawn Peifer, President	Phone (804) 938- 1624	P.O. Box 1523 Chesterfield, VA 23832	info@vaapvi.org	http://www.vaapvi.org/	VAAPVi's mission is to empower families, professionals and the community to meet the needs of children who are blind or visually impaired, including those with multiple disabilities. VAAPVi is a state affiliate of NAPVI, the National Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments.
Virginia Board for People with Disabilities	Heidi Lawyer, Executive Director	Phone: 804) 786-0016 Toll Free: (800) 846-4464 Fax: (804) 786-1118	Washington Building 1100 Bank Street 7 <sup>th</sup> Floor Richmond, VA 23219	heidi.lawyer@vbpd.vir ginia.gov	http://www.vaboard.org	The Board encourages public comment on its planning activities and at Board meetings, and encourages individuals to contact the Board with needs information or concerns about disability-related issues. Sponsored programs include advocacy and leadership training for youth with disabilities (Youth Leadership Forum) and parents and adults with disabilities (Partners in Policymaking)
Virginia Fragile X Resource Center	No direct contact given	Phone: (800) 688-8765 Fax: (925) 938-9315	1615 Bonanza St. Suite 202 Walnut Creek, CA 94596	natlfx@fragilex.org	http://www.fragilex.org	Contact national headquarters for local information.

Virginia Leadership Excellence in Neurodevelop- mental Disabilities (Va-LEND)	Janet Willis	Phone: (804) 828-0073 Fax: (804) 828-0098	1000 E. Marshall Street Room 320 PO Box 980405 Richmond, VA 23298- 0405	jhorsley@vcu.edu	nership/valend/	Interdisciplinary training and leadership development program for health professionals and related disciplines to develop advanced clinical skills and leadership abilities in the field of childhood neurodevelopmental disabilities.
Virginia Office of Protection and Advocacy	Executive Director	Phone: (804) 225-2042 Toll Free: (800) 552-3962 Fax: (804) 662-7057	1910 Byrd Avenue Suite 5 Richmond, VA 23230	irginia.gov	http:// <u>www.vopa.state.va</u> .us	and Advocacy (VOPA) helps with disability-related problems like abuse, neglect, and discrimination. We also help people with disabilities obtain services and treatment. All callers receive help with these problems. Individuals with problems, targeted in our program goals, may also receive advocacy services and/or legal representation.
Virginia Parent Advocates, LLC	Vicki Beatty, Special Education	Phone: (804) 366-0046	2209 W. Grace St. Richmond, VA 23220	vicki@virginiaparenta dvocates.com	http://www.virginiaparent advocates.com/	The stated mission of the organization is: "to be advocates for parents in assuring their child with disabilities and/or healthcare needs receives the quality education and life services he or she is entitled to under the law." Workshops and consultations are offered.
Virginia Safe Kids	Corri Miller- Hobbs	Phone: (804) 628-2077 Fax: (804) 827-1748	CHoR@VCUHS 401 N. 12 <sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 302 PO Box 985917 Richmond, VA 23298	cmillerhobbs@mcvh- vcu.edu	/virginiasafekids	Part of National Safe Kids-the first national org dedicated solely to the prevention of unintentional injuries in children 14 and under.
Virginia Sickle Cell Awareness Program	Kathleen Moline, Newborn Screening Supervisor	Phone: (804) 864-77712 Fax: (804) 864-7807	109 Governor St. Richmond, VA 23219	.virginia.gov	<u>sicklecell</u>	Medical and related treatment and follow-up for patients; matching sickle cell families for support.
Virginia SIDS Alliance	Mark Ferraro, Executive Director	Phone: (757) 318-0815	PO Box 5535 Suffolk, VA 23435	heather.vasids@yaho o.com	http://www.vasids.org	Parent and grandparent support groups, newsletter, and outreach. Please contact for further support group information.

A Voice for GAP Kids	Linda Moore Parent Contact	Phone: (804) 749-3895	P.O. Box 174 Rockville, VA 23146	tim@voiceforgapkids. com	http://www.voiceforgapkids.com/welcome.asp	Provides information, education and advocacy to special education students known as GAP Kids or Gray-Area Kids.
Leadership Forum	Kara White, YLF Program Assistant Teri Barker, YLF Program Manager	Phone: (804) 786-3441 (804) 786-9381	Virginia Board for People with Disabilities / YLF 1100 Bank St, 7th Flr. Richmond, VA 23219	Kara.White@vbpd.vir ginia.gov Teri.Barker@vbpd.vir ginia.gov	http://www.vaboard.org/ ylf.htm	The YLF-VA program seeks to empower young people with disabilities to further develop their leadership skills. Students, serving as Delegates from communities throughout Virginia, participate in a wide range of activities and learning experiences during the four day Youth Leadership Forum set on a university campus. The YLF-VA curriculum includes training and development of individual career and life-goals, leadership skills, social skills, and self-esteem.