

Virginia

[THE NORTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES \(NSVA\)](#)

System of Care collaborative

Background:	<p>The Virginia region comprised of Frederick and Clarke counties and the city of Winchester has been working on the implementation of the Family Engagement/ Systems of Care since 2007. In 2011 they requested technical assistance from the National Child Welfare Resource Center for Organizational Improvement (NRCOI) for two purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assistance in developing bylaws for the organization to guide its work.• Development and implementation of a three year strategic plan to move them forward in their System of Care. <p>NRCOI assisted the organization, now called the NSVA, in 2011 and 2012. In 2012, the bylaws were approved, officers elected, and the strategic plan was developed and approved and is now being implemented.</p>
Purpose/Scope:	<p>The purpose of the Northern Shenandoah Valley Alliance (NSVA) is to engage children, youth, their families, and the community in the development of policies and procedures that promote best practices and fidelity to the System of Care model of child welfare service delivery in Frederick and Clarke counties and the city of Winchester, conduct community education, and strengthen working relationships between member agencies.</p>
Stakeholders Involved:	<p>Virginia is a county-administered, state supervised child welfare system. It has promoted counties and combined jurisdictions to develop and operate a system of care for the delivery of child welfare and other child, youth, and family services.</p> <p>Membership in NSVA is voluntary and is derived from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children, Youth, and Families.• 26th Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.• 26th District Court Services Unit.• Clarke, Frederick, and Winchester Departments of Social Services.• Northwestern Community Services Board.• Clarke, Frederick, and Winchester Public Schools.• Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) Representatives.• For- profit and Nonprofit Service Providers.• 26th Judicial District Guardian ad Litem and Attorneys.• Health Department.• Law Enforcement.• Faith Communities.• Elected Officials.• Advocacy Groups.• Community Members.
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