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Children's Services Act Program Newsletter

Introduction to Intensive Care Coordination Facilitators

As part of Fairfax-Falls Church system of care efforts (renamed Healthy Minds Fairfax), youth placed in out-of-home care or who are at risk of placement in out-of-home care are eligible for intensive care coordination (ICC). The model for ICC adopted by the state Office for Children's Services is High Fidelity Wraparound (Wraparound). Wraparound is an evidenced-informed practice that is firmly grounded in system of care values such as individualized, family and youth driven services, strengths-based practice, reliance on natural supports and building of self-efficacy, team-based practice, outcomes-based service planning, and cultural and linguistic competence.

Both of the ICC providers in the community, the CSB's Wraparound Fairfax and United Methodist Family Services (UMFS), experienced staff departures in 2017. Both agencies have worked hard to hire and train qualified staff to ensure that children, youth, and families in our community continue to receive quality wraparound care.

In this month's issue of the newsletter we thought we'd take a little time to introduce (and re-introduce) you to the UMFS ICC facilitators so that you'll have a sense with whom you'll be working as you make referrals to ICC. (Information on the new Wraparound Fairfax facilitators will appear in a future newsletter.)



Glen nHoward, MSW

Glenn Howard has been an unwavering champion with UMFS since 2014, taking on various roles within the organization which recently include Individualized Care Coordination (ICC). Glenn is trained in the process to

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Farewell, Pat!

The Community Policy and Management Team took a moment during the December meeting to thank Pat Harrison, Deputy County Executive, for her years of support, guidance, and leadership to the CSA program. We wish Pat much happiness and relaxation in her retirement!





CANS Certification

The Child Adolescent Needs and Strengths Assessment (CANS) is a mandatory uniform assessment required for children and youth served through the Children's Services Act. New CANS users and those who need to recertify can do so at http://www.canstraining.com.

Users must pass the CANS exam with a score of .70 or more. Please send a copy of your certificate to CSA via fax at 703.653.1369.

Upcoming Trainings

Register for trainings at EmployeeU, https://ffclearning.fairfaxcounty.gov. Contact Tanisha Capers at Tanisha.capers@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703.324.5634 with questions.

CSA New Staff Trainings

Part I: Intro to System of Care & Team-Based Planning
Tuesday, January 30
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Part II: Facilitating Family Resource Meetings
Tuesday, February 15
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

CANS Booster

Wednesday, January 31 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Have ideas about possible training topics? We'd love to hear from you! Please contact Patricia Arriaza at patricia.arriaza@fairfaxcounty.gov with your thoughts.

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provide highly individualized, family-driven facilitation services to maximize the effectiveness the families are receiving amongst their team. Glenn has a passion in setting team members up for success by learning about their strengths and expertise to put the team into position to help families move closer towards reaching their family vision. He is honored to work alongside numerous helping professionals in the community to be able to make a positive impact for the families that we serve. Glenn has resided in the Northern Virginia area for nearly 30 years and has insight of the ongoing challenges youth and families are faced with living in an increasingly growing metropolitan area. Glenn received his Master's in Social Worker from Barry University and undergraduate degree from George Mason University. He is currently being supervised to obtain his Clinical Social Work License.

Victoria Anne Dansereau, BA, QMHP-C



Victoria Anne (Victoria, Vic) is a native of Québec, Canada but spent most of her life in Springfield and Boston, Massachusetts. Victoria is fluent in American Sign Language and proficient in Québécois. She received her Bachelor's degree in psychology

with a focus in criminology from Framingham State University in May 2016. During her time at University, Victoria worked for four years in the direct service field with adults and adolescents who were survivors and/or perpetrators of sexual violence. Victoria began working in case management and was an assistant program coordinator at a local non-profit by her final year at University. Victoria currently has one academic publication and has presented her undergraduate thesis at various

conferences throughout Massachusetts. Upon graduation from Framingham State, Victoria accepted admission to a Master's program in forensic psychology at George Washington University. While attending graduate school, Victoria began working as an intensive care coordinator with UMFS in August 2016 to further strengthen her clinical insight and judgement and to serve youth at risk. Victoria is presently seeking admission to a doctoral program in clinical psychology so that she can provide treatment and forensic assessments for the courts and consult with law enforcement on investigations and interrogations in the future.

Brittany Stratton, MSW

After earning her Masters of Social Work degree from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2012, Brittany returned to Northern Virginia to begin her post-graduate career as a social worker with a private non-profit therapeutic foster care agency in Chantilly. Dur-



ing her time in Chantilly, Brittany served as a therapeutic foster care case manager before transitioning into a more clinical role, providing intensive in-home and outpatient counseling services to youth in the community. Brittany became an Intensive Care Coordinator for UMFS in June 2015 serving at-promise youth and families, collaborating with communities to help them reach their full potential. In addition to providing intensive care coordination through UMFS, Brittany participates in the grant-funded Fairfax County Short Term Behavioral Health Program as an outpatient provider/therapist. Brittany is presently a supervisee in social work and in the process of studying for her licensing exam to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

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Vanessa Ingram, BA, QMHP-C

Vanessa and her family recently relocated from New Jersey to Northern Virginia. She studied at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology. After graduation, she returned home to New Jersey and began working with children and families in New Jersey's Children's System of Care, where she has been very dedicated and faithful. Over the past



19 years, Vanessa has gained lots of experience by working in different areas of System of Care to include Residential Direct Care, being a member of the Clinical Team, and as a Supervisor. She has also done In-Home Counseling, Case Management, and Care Management. Vanessa is one of the newest Intensive Care Coordinators at UMFS/Leland House as of August 2017 and the team is happy to have her on board! She has dedicated half of her life to work to meet the needs of children and families who present with an array of challenges.

ICC Referrals

If you are working with a youth who is at risk of an out-of-home placement or who will soon be transitioning out of an out-of-home placement and would like to make a referral for Intensive Care Coordination, please complete the ICC Referral form found on CSA's form page on FairfaxNet.

For questions about referrals or the ICC program, please contact Suzette Reynolds at suzette.reynolds@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703.324.7752.



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SAVE THE DATE

17th Annual Northern Region CSA Symposium and Provider Expo NVCC, Ernest Cultural Center, Annandale, Virginia Tuesday, March 13, 2018 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This event sponsored by the collaboration of CSA Managers for the jurisdictions of Arlington County, City of Alexandria, City of Manassas, Fairfax-Falls Church, Loudoun County and Prince William County, as well as NOVACO, the Northern Virginia region's coalition of private provider associations.

UMFS Open Table Conference February 13 & 14

United Methodist Family Services and Open Table are hosting a conference to explore new and innovative ways to transform the community. Faith communities use the Open Table model to transform communities through building sustainable, long-term relationships with people who have been marginalized. 18 months post-completion, 85% of people served by a "table" have a better job and/or are furthering their education, and 95% are self-supporting and are still in relationship with one or more table members!

For more information about the conference, please visit:

http://
umfstheopentableconference.org

Virginia Systems of Care Logo and Slogan Contest

Do you know an artistic, creative youth or young adult?

The Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services, in partnership with the Virginia Family Network and Youth MOVE Virginia, is holding a logo and slogan contest to help brand the Virginia Systems of Care. There will be two contest categories, one for youth ages 14-18 and one for young adults ages 19-25. Contest participants should complete an entry form and submit a logo and slogan that embodies or best expresses the core themes and values of Virginia Systems of Care. A winner in each category will be selected and each will win \$500 towards continuing education as well as one of the two winning logos and slogan will be made the official logo and slogan of Virginia Systems of Care!

Fore more information, contest guidelines and to download the entry form, visit http://bit.ly/2CVOf60. Contest Deadline: March 1, 2018



Upcoming Public Meetings

Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT) & Behavioral Health System of Care Meeting

Friday, January 19th 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Pennino, Room 200

CPMT

Friday, February 23rd 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Government Center, Room 232

CSA Stakeholders Meeting

Thursday, January 25th 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Location TBD

Questions about public meetings can be directed to:

DFSCSA@fairfaxcounty.gov



Tip of the Month

Juliana Swanson

- Regarding the Parental Contribution Agreement—your signature is NOT required. Only the parent signs the form. The second signature line is for CSA staff when the form has been reviewed and approved.
- When submitting a packet, please, do not scan double-sided unless your original is two sided.
 This wastes a lot of paper and time. Thanks!

Silence is golden...
unless you have a toddler.
In that case, silence is
very suspicious.



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Lisa Batres, MSW

After completing her Bachelor's degree at the University of Virginia, Lisa began her career in health insurance but found her passion working with adolescents dealing with mental illness. She worked in a local residential facility before moving onto Boston College to pursue her Masters in Social Work degree. In Boston she interned for Boston Public Schools as a middle school counselor and for Gan-



dara Center serving Latino families with children who had a mental health diagnosis. Lisa's focus during her education was gaining a greater understanding of how different cultures and beliefs can have an impact on mental health treatment and services. She applies her knowledge into her work in order to better understand and educate the families that she works with in the community. After relocating to Northern Virginia, Lisa worked as a home based counselor in the Loudoun County area and joined UMFS as an Intensive Care Coordinator in July 2017. Lisa is bilingual in English and Spanish and has fully embraced the wrap around model of care while supporting, advocating, and "cheering on" the families and youth she works with.

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Question, Concerns or Compliments ... Please don't hesitate to let us know!



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