



DATE: January 22, 2020

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUPT'S EMAIL: Evidence-Based Practices Learning Collaborative

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is partnering with other child-serving state agencies in the Commonwealth to offer a training for local/regional teams to learn about evidence-based practices (EBP), current Virginia EBP initiatives, and ways that local teams can collaborate to plan for successful EBP implementation.

Evidence-based practices are a wide set of interventions that have established effectiveness in improving outcomes for children, families, and communities. School personnel that coordinate and support interventions as well as schools that participate in Virginia Tiered Systems of Supports (VTSS) may already be familiar with EBP. Community agencies (i.e., juvenile detention, community services boards, and social services) are beginning to put these practices in place as well.

As the use of EBP are becoming more widespread and are used in schools, juvenile justice facilities, community services boards, and social services, it is imperative that local leaders collaborate to best meet the needs of kids and families. These trainings provide an opportunity to build local/regional teams that can learn more about EBP, think about their readiness, and plan for future implementation.

These trainings are recommended for school division leaders that coordinate and/or support interventions for students (i.e., VTSS coordinators, student services directors, CSA representatives). Other agencies will likely send their agencies CSA representative. School personnel that are interested in attending a training are encouraged to reach out to their CSA teams to coordinate.

Training sessions are **free** and lunch will be provided.

All sessions will run from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- Northern Virginia – April 15
- Richmond – April 16
- Abingdon – April 23
- Lynchburg – April 24
- Tidewater – April 30

Please see attachments for additional information and team application. The application is due by **February 14, 2020**. Teams will receive confirmation of attendance on or before **March 13, 2020**.

For questions about team composition or event logistics, please contact ebp.trainings@csa.virginia.org. For questions about the school staff to send to the

trainings, please contact Martha Montgomery, School Psychology Specialist, by telephone, at (804) 692-0396, or by email, at Martha.Montgomery@doe.virginia.gov.

Attachments begin on the next page.

Evidence-Based Practice in Virginia:

Are you ready to turn data into wisdom?



As we prepare to move into the next decade, Virginia's child and family serving systems are undergoing dramatic change. Do these phrases ring a bell?

- The Family First Prevention Services Act
- Behavioral Health Redesign
- Juvenile Justice Transformation
- Virginia Tiered Systems of Support
- High Fidelity Wraparound
- System Transformation Excellence and Performance (**STEP-VA**)

Embracing schools, social services, juvenile justice, behavioral health and CSA systems, all of these initiatives involve the identification and installation of evidence-based practices (EBP) – a wide set of interventions that have established effectiveness in improving outcomes for children, families, and communities.

Becoming a more evidence-based system doesn't "just happen" and will require extensive partnerships and lots of work. If you ever look into the heart of "collaboration" you'll find the word "labor." In the public sector, state agencies and local partners will need to learn together and work together to realize the potential benefits of these changes and to assure they are installed with sensitivity to local and individual youth and family needs.

In recognition of this, representatives of the Commonwealth's child-serving agencies and their local partners (Children's Services Act, Education, Social Services, Juvenile Justice, Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Medical Assistance Services (Medicaid)) are planning a series of **FREE** Regional EBP Learning Collaboratives facilitated by the National Implementation Research Network. The purpose of these events is:

To bring together local teams in the children's services system(s) to build leadership capacity, learn about evidence-based practices (EBP), current Virginia EBP initiatives, and to begin/continue local level planning for successful EBP implementation and sustainability.

These events will not focus on specific EBPs, but about getting ready to think about and implement a variety of new practices with youth and families at the locality level.

Localities, or if more practical and appropriate, regional teams of representatives from the child-serving systems (think about for example, the agencies on your CSA teams or who might be a local "agent of change") are invited to come together for a day of learning, self-reflection, team building, and planning to enhance your local/regional readiness for the adoption, implementation and long-term sustainability of the new and excited approaches.

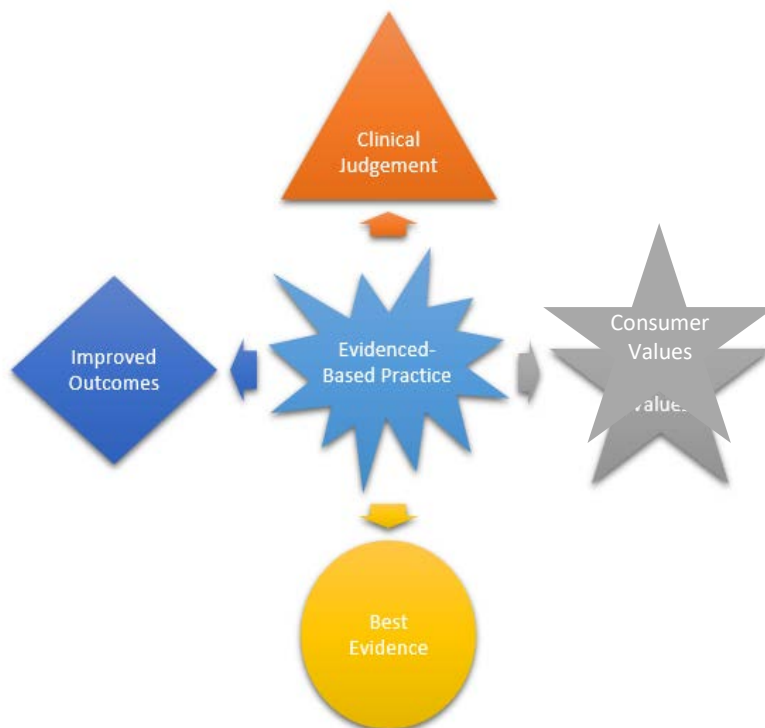


Locality teams would include a single jurisdiction and are most appropriate for larger jurisdictions where agencies only “cover” that locality (e.g., the CSB and the CSU serve only that locality). Regional teams might be most appropriate for a group of smaller or more rural localities, those where the CSU and the CSB are multi-jurisdictional, or regions where several smaller localities might work with a larger locality in a collaborative approach. Regional teams need not adhere to traditional regional boundaries such as planning districts, DSS region, etc., but rather, should reflect the reality of services on the ground. It may be, for example, that a jurisdiction in one planning district/CSB catchment area is actually closer to and have a history of access to a different jurisdiction/district for the types of services and service providers most relevant to their population.

This free training is open to all localities and will take place in April 2020 in a variety of locations throughout the Commonwealth:

- Northern Virginia – April 15
- Richmond – April 16
- Abingdon – April 23
- Lynchburg – April 24
- Tidewater – April 30

Local or regional teams should identify their team members and submit the application no later than February 14, 2020. Local/regional teams will receive confirmation of attendance on or before March 13, 2020.



This is a FREE Regional EBP Learning Collaborative facilitated by the National Implementation Research Network!





Application to Participate in Regional EBP Learning Collaboratives

Return to: ebp.training@csa.virginia.gov

(please use the subject line “Regional EBP Event Application”)

No later than: February 14, 2020

Who should be on your team?

Local/regional leaders in child-serving agencies or other agency representatives who have the potential to be collaborative agents of change.

- A single locality team will ideally consist of no less than four (4) and no more than six (6) people representing distinct child serving agencies (LDSS, CSU, CSB, Schools) and if possible, a family representative.
- For teams representing a “regional” group of localities (this makes sense where a single community services board or juvenile court service unit, for example, cover multiple localities), a regional team will ideally consist of no less than six (6) and no more than ten (10) people representing distinct child serving agencies.. A regional team might have two or three local school or DSS representatives from the various localities in the “region” and one or two court service unit, community service board, and family representatives.

If you have questions about team composition, please contact: ebp.training@csa.virginia.gov

**Please indicate which session you wish to attend:
(Sessions are from 9:00 – 4:00 lunch provided)**

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Team Type:

☐ Single locality ☐ Regional

What locality or group of localities is your team representing? (One team per locality/region)

enter locality/region representing

Please list your team members, including an individual to serve as the team “leader”:

	Name	Agency Representing	E-mail Address
1	enter name	enter agency	enter E-mail
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*Team Leader.

The role of the Team Leader is to:

- Prepare and submit this application
- Coordinate with the state planning team to share information (liaison) with local team members
- Coordinate viewing of/distribute information about a brief pre-event webinar

Questions ?? Please e-mail us at: ebp.training@csa.virginia.gov

