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ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS (as of 11/3/2021)

#	ORGANIZATION	POSITION	TYPE	AGE RANGE	MEMBER
1	The ARC of Virginia	New Path Director rchurch@thearcofva.org	STATE FAMILY VICC	0-5	Robin Church
2	Child Care Aware of Virginia	Professional Development Coordinator susanne@vachildcare.com	STATE CHILDCARE CCRR	0-5	Susanne Rakes
3	Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughter <i>Eastern Virginia Medical School</i>	Vice Chair of Pediatrics (Pediatric Psychiatry) MaryMargaret.Gleason@chkd.org	REGIONAL HEALTH MH PROVIDER PSYCHIATRIST	0-5	Mary Margaret Gleason MD, FAAP
4	City of Alexandria <i>Virginia Department of Community & Human Services, Parent & Infant Education Program/Early Childhood Division</i>	Mental Health Team Supervisor/Program Manager Chrishonna.Greene@alexandriava.gov	LOCAL MH PROVIDER EI PD	0-5	Chrishonna Greene LCSW, LICSW
5	Arlington Public Schools <i>Teen Parenting Program</i>	Teen Parenting Program Coordinator sandra_triveri@yahoo.com	LOCAL MH PROVIDER	0-5	Sandra Triveri LPC
6	Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)	Behavioral Health Clinical Director Licensed Clinical Psychologist Alyssa.Ward@dmas.virginia.gov	STATE MEDICAID	0-5	Alyssa Ward PhD, LC
7	Early Impact Virginia	Director laparicio@earlyimpactva.org	STATE HOME VISITING	0-5	Laurel Aparicio MPA
8	ECMHVA Professional Development Action Team	karen.t.lange1956@gmail.com	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT VAIMH BOARD	0-5	Karen Lange
9	Family Representative	jebht@aol.com	FAMILY MH ADVOCACY	0-5	Beth Tolley
10	Healthy Families Virginia Families Forward Virginia	TA/QA Specialist (NOVA region) hschutte@familiesforwardva.org	TA/QA HOME VISITING	0-5	Hope Schutte MSW, LCSW
11	Infant Mental Health Consultant	Private Practice, Reflective Supervisor, IMH Trainer VAIMH Past President judith.martens@verizon.net	LOCAL ENDORSEMENT VAIMH BOARD ENDORSED-CIV- CLINICAL, REFLECTIVE SUPERVISION MENTOR	0-3 0-5	Judy Martens LCSW, IMH-E®



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12	Infant Toddler Connection of Henrico	Local System Manager syk@henrico.us	LOCAL PART C-EI SYSTEM	0-3	Bernita Sykes
13	Infant & Toddler Connection of Lynchburg	Lead Service Manager april.birchfield@vdh.virginia.gov	LOCAL Part C-EI SYSTEM	0-5	April Birchfield M.A., QMHP-C
14	Minus 9 to 5 <i>Eastern Virginia Medical School</i>	Executive Director, Minus 9 to 5 Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, EVMS GlasgoJE@evms.edu	LOCAL PRIVATE EARLY CHILDHOOD	0-5	Jane Glasgow PhD
15	New Found Families Virginia	Association for Foster Care, Adoption & Kinship Care lluv4babies@aol.com	FOSTER CARE ADOPTION KINSHIP CARE	0-5	Traci Pitts
16	National Alliance on Mental Illness Virginia (NAMI-VA)	Director of Children and Youth Programs mwalsh@namivirginia.org	STATE MH ADVOCACY FAMILY	0-5	Mary Beth Walsh MSW
17	Project HOPE-VA	State Coordinator Clinical Associate Professor, School of Education The College of William and Mary pxpopp@wm.edu	STATE HOMELESS VICC	0-5	Patricia A. Popp PhD Ad Hoc Member
18	Reach Out and Read Virginia <i>Early Relational Health and Medical Provider Voice</i>	Regional Program Manager Melissa.rice@reachoutandread.org	STATE DEVELOPMENT PARENT SUPPORT	0-5	Melissa Rice M.Ed.
19	VCU Health Systems <i>Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU; VA Chapter of the AAP</i>	Pediatrician Bergen.Nelson@vcuhealth.org	STATE HEALTH	0-3 0-5	Bergen Nelson MD, MS
20	VCU Health Systems <i>VA Treatment Center for Children</i>	Child Psychiatrist/Professor Psychiatry & Pediatrics, Virginia Treatment Center for Children Senior Professor of Child Mental Health bsood@mcvh-vcu.edu	STATE MH PROVIDER PSYCHIATRIST VCU FACULTY ENDORSEMENT APPLICANT-CIV (C)	0-5	Bela Sood M.D. M.S.H.A. F.A.A.C.A.P.
21	Virginia Association for Infant Mental Health (VAIMH)	President Srveatch@gmail.com	LOCAL VAIMH BD	0-3	Sharon Veatch



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22	Virginia Association for Play Therapy (VAPT)	President, Richmond Area Chapter jlwilliamson@mindspring.com	STATE MH PLAY THERAPY	0-5	Jan Williamson
23	Virginia Commonwealth University <i>Faculty/Research</i>	Assistant Professor Early Childhood Special Education Department of Counseling and Special Education spencecm@vcu.edu	HIGHER ED ECSE ENDORSEMENT APPLICANT-CIV- RESEARCH/FACULTY	0-5	Christine Spence PhD
24	Virginia Commonwealth University <i>Partnership for People with Disabilities (Retired)</i>	CDC's Act Early Ambassador to Virginia deanabuck@gmail.com	CHILD DEVELOPMENT	0-5	Deana Buck M.Ed.
25	Virginia Commonwealth University <i>Partnership for People with Disabilities The Center For Family Involvement</i>	Liaison to Mental Health Community pabeard@vcu.edu	STATE PARENT	0-5	Patrice A. Beard
26	Virginia Commonwealth University <i>Partnership for People with Disabilities Early Intervention PD System</i>	Virginia Early Intervention Professional Development Specialist cfill@vcu.edu	STATE EI PD VCU FACULTY	0-3	Cori Hill
26	Virginia Commonwealth University <i>Partnership for People with Disabilities</i>	Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Endorsement Coordinator plgbooker@vcu.edu	STATE PD PROVIDER ENDORSED-CII INFANT FAMILY SPECIALIST	0-3 0-5	Pam Booker IMH-E® M.Ed.
27	Virginia Commonwealth University <i>Partnership for People with Disabilities</i>	Workforce Collaboration Director - Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health robinsonjb3@vcu.edu	STATE MH PROJECT PCAV ENDORSEMENT APPLICANT-CIV- POLICY	0-3 0-5	Jackie Robinson-Brock MSW
29	Virginia Commonwealth University <i>Partnership for People with Disabilities VDOE Training/Technical Assistance Center</i>	Co-Director slwilber@vcu.edu	STATE PD ECSE	0-5	Sandy Wilberger
30	Virginia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services <i>Infant & Toddler Connection of VA Early Intervention (Part C)</i>	Early Intervention Program Manager Catherine.hancock@dbhds.virginia.gov	STATE DBHDS EI VICC	0-3	Catherine Hancock RN, PMHCNS BC
31	Virginia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services (DBHDS)	Director Office of Child & Family Services nina.marino@dbhds.virginia.gov	STATE MH VICC	0-5	Nina Marino MSW, LCSW



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32	Virginia Department of Education <i>Office of Early Childhood</i>	Associate Director, Early Childhood Learning tamilah.richardson@doe.virginia.gov	STATE EARLY CHILDHOOD ECMH CONSULTATION STUDY LEAD	0-5	Tamilah Richardson Ed.D.
33	Virginia Department of Education	Program Development Consultant Office of Early Childhood Education Arlene.Kasper@doe.virginia.gov	STATE CHILDCARE	0-5	Arlene Kasper
34	Virginia Department of Education <i>Head Start State Collaboration Office</i>	Head Start Collaboration Director Office of Early Childhood Education taundwa.jeffries@doe.virginia.gov	STATE HEAD START/EHS VICC	0-5	Taundwa Jeffries
35	Virginia Department of Health <i>Developmental Screening Initiative Virginia MH Access Program (VMAP)</i>	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Bethany.Geldmaker@vdh.virginia.gov	STATE VDH VMAP SCREENING	0-5	Bethany Geldmaker PhD, PNP
36	Virginia Early Childhood Foundation <i>Health and Nutrition</i>	Senior Community Liaison Emily@vecf.org	STATE SMART BEGINNINGS SCREENING	0-5	Emily Keenum MA
37	Virginia Infant & Toddler Specialist Network <i>Community Development Resources</i>	Director of Training amyb@cdr.org	CHILDCARE ENDORSEMENT APPLICANT - CII INFANT FAMILY SPECIALIST	0-3	Amy Bornhoft
38	Child Development Resources	Infant & Toddler Mental Health Supervisor dawnw@cdr.org	ENDORSED-CII INFANT FAMILY SPECIALIST	0-3	Dawn Wimbush MS, IMH-E® (II)
39	Voices for Virginia's Children	Early Childhood Policy Analyst Emily@vakids.org	POLICY ADVOCACY	0-5	Emily Griffey



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Early Childhood Mental Health Virginia (ECMHVA) is a statewide initiative focused on the development, implementation and sustainability of a comprehensive and coordinated early childhood system of care for infant and early childhood mental health serving children birth through age five and their families/caregivers and providers, that provides for increased access to and funding for a continuum of quality prevention, promotion and intervention evidence-based services that support the parent-child relationship and other key caregiver relationships and are linked to efforts supporting older children's mental health services in Virginia. Values supported are as follows:

- *Engages parents as partners;*
- *Provides high quality supports and services to families;*
- *Is grounded in developmental knowledge;*
- *Includes family and child centered practices and policy & cultural and linguistic competence;*
- *Is infused into natural settings and services & relationship based;*
- *Utilizes evidence-based practices;*
- *Is linked to the substance abuse, domestic violence and court systems;*
- *Includes workforce development supporting providers in Early Education, Special Education/Early Intervention, Childcare, Health, and Home visiting systems; and*
- *Supports comprehensive mental health services for infants and toddlers in foster care and to the highest risk/most vulnerable infants and young children & their families in Virginia.*

The ECMH VA State Coordinator/ IMH Endorsement® Administrator is responsible for overseeing the ECMHVA Initiative including the development and implementation of a Virginia ECMH Strategic Plan, facilitating regular meetings of the ECMHVA Advisory Board and administering the Virginia Endorsement for Culturally Sensitive, Relationship-Focused Practice Promoting Infant Mental Health®.

The ECMH Virginia State Coordinator/ Infant Mental Health Endorsement® Administrator is an employee of the Partnership for People with Disabilities in the School of Education at Virginia Commonwealth University. Funding for this position is currently made available through the support of our largest funder, the Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services including the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia and through funding made available by our sustaining partner, the Virginia Department of Education, Early Childhood Special Education.

Funding for the ECMH Virginia Initiative is currently made available through the support of the Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services, Office of Child & Family Services including the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia; Early Impact Virginia and the Head Start State Collaboration Office with the Virginia Department of Education.

The ECMH Virginia Initiative partners with the Virginia Association for Infant Mental Health to implement the **Virginia Endorsement for Culturally Sensitive, Relationship-Focused Practice Promoting Infant Mental Health®**. Endorsement® scholarship funding is currently available for home visitors through the support of Early Impact Virginia. Funding in previous years from the Virginia Department of Health (Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Grant) and the Virginia Department of Social Services (CCDBG Infant & Toddler).