



Into the Light

ASCV STARTS SCHOOL YEAR WITH TWO EXCEPTIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES!

The amount of information parents of children with autism must learn can be overwhelming!! The ASCV will offer two workshops on diverse topics this fall that will equip you with much needed information.

September 11 Special Needs Trust Workshop and Resource Fair

Attorney Paula Peaden will kick off the night with an overview of special needs trusts and the ABLE Act, both of which will allow families to put aside money for their child's future without jeopardizing their child's eligibility for public benefits such as Medicaid Waiver or Supplemental Security Income. Following Ms. Peaden's presentation, Gail Henshaw, with Commonwealth Community Trust, will share information about pooled special needs trusts and why this type of SNT may be a worthwhile option when future planning for your loved one with a disability. Before and after the workshop, families will have an opportunity to visit the Resource Fair, featuring six organizations that assist with Special Needs Financial Planning. Learn more and register here: <https://ascvspecialneedstrusts.eventbrite.com>

October 17 & 24 IEP Boot Camp

Tammy Burns, ASCV Outreach Coordinator, and Bradford Hulcher, ASCV Program Director, will share information to help parents understand and become effective partners in the IEP process in this two session workshop series. Parents taking the class last year had this to say about their experience:

- *This was really an invaluable workshop!*
- *Presenters were excellent. A must attend workshop for all parents.*
- *The information provided from lecture, questions, and handouts is incredibly valuable and useful.*
- *So worth taking no matter where you are in the IEP process or how many years of experience you have had. So validating to hear parents' experience as well.*
- *Best training that have ever received on the IEP process. Worth the time and definitely take it.*
- *This is very helpful info that applies at all levels, ages, etc. for IEPs. The 2 presenters are knowledgeable, friendly, positive and willing to share personal experience.*
- *Even if you are a beginner in the IEP process or a veteran of IEPs or still getting your legs under you, you'll get something useful out of this.*

For more information and to register for IEP Boot Camp, visit: <https://iepbootcamp15.eventbrite.com>

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Mission

To improve the lives of all affected by autism by maximizing the self-sufficiency, independence, and quality of life for all living with autism.

Vision

We are the local voice and resource of the autism community in education, advocacy, services, and support, committed to meaningful participation and self-determination in all aspects of life for individuals on the autism spectrum and their families.

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Donate

Your gift will help support autism education, awareness, advocacy and most importantly, enable us to assist families and individuals living with autism in our community. You can help by making a donation today!

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We accept for consideration any comments, personal vignettes, book reviews, information, announcements, or advertisements for publication in our newsletter. The deadline for submission for the October newsletter is September 1. You may send your contributions to the above address or email contributions to info@ascv.org.

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This edition was edited by ASCV staff.



From Our Executive Director

Can it really be September already?? The busy schedule of events and activities quickly approaching for the ASCV assures me, ready or not, fall is here! This newsletter contains a great deal of information on ASCV sponsored educational opportunities and social activities, and fundraisers to benefit the ASCV. Please read through it carefully so that you don't miss a thing! I have listed below just a few of the places you will find the ASCV having fun in the next few months! I hope you will plan to join me at one or several of these events!

MWHY Radio Network is sponsoring the **Healthy, Wealthy, & Wise RVA Expo** at Chesterfield Towne Center from 10am to 6pm on **September 12th**. This free event will include Health Screenings, Financial Education, Business and Start-Up Strategies, Live Music Performances, and Family Fun. The ASCV is honored to have been chosen as a nonprofit partner for this full Mall Takeover. Please visit <http://www.healthywealthyandwiserva.com/> for more information.

On **Saturday, October 10th**, we will be rolling into October with the **Third Annual Poker Run** sponsored by the Sons of Dominion Motorcycle Club. This exciting event to benefit the ASCV will start at the Colonial Heights Harley Davidson at 9am, with kickstands up at 10am. Join us for an exciting morning of riding, raffles, food, live music, and great prizes! Please see the flyer insert or visit www.sonsofdominion.com for more details!

The **Courthouse Car Show in Amelia**, presented by the Amelia Car Club, will take place on **Saturday, October 17th** at the Courthouse Square in Amelia. This will be a fun day for car enthusiasts and all types of vehicles are welcome. The day's activities will include live music/entertainment, a swap meet, trophies, and food! All proceeds from this event will benefit the ASCV. Please check out the flyer in this newsletter for more details or visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/1662897547275956/>

And on **Saturday, October 24th**, all local **Martial Arts World** locations will join together, at Hermitage High School in Henrico County, for a day of thrilling competitions and an evening "Super Show." Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more details and/or contact your local Martial Arts World location for information. A Silent Auction will be open throughout the day on October 24th. If you, or an individual or business that you know, would be willing to donate an item, gift certificate, or service for the auction, please let us know! All of the proceeds from the Silent Auction and the entire event will be donated to the ASCV.

We hope that you will help us share all of these opportunities with your family, friends, and networks! The ASCV is truly blessed in the relationships we have built with individuals, groups, and organizations in our community who support our work. We would not be able to offer the programs, workshops, conferences, bowling leagues, lego/game clubs, spring and holiday events, etc., nor serve on the many local and state workgroups giving individuals with autism and families in Central VA a voice, without your donations and continued support. Thank YOU for all you do!

All the Best,

Becky

Becky Boswell, MBA
Executive Director
director@ascv.org



COMMUNITY GIVING CHALLENGES

In September, there are TWO ways to support the ASCV through community giving challenges!!

The ASCV will once again be participating in the **Amazing Raise**. Hosted by GiveRichmond.org, the **Amazing Raise** is a 36-hour online giving challenge that has empowered our community to raise over \$5 million for local nonprofits in the past 4 years. During the time period of **6am, September 16th to 6pm, September 17th**, donations will be accepted for non-profits of your choice and incentive prizes will be awarded to organizations. For more information, please visit the website -- <http://www.theamazingraise.org/#home>. Look for more information on the ASCV Facebook page and in our weekly E-Blasts! And thank you for selecting the ASCV if you give through the **Amazing Raise**!



On **September 17th**, for the first time ever, the ASCV will join communities across the country for **The Big Give for Autism** - a 24-hour crowdfunding event celebrating 50 years of advocacy and leadership by the Autism Society. For the past half century, the Autism Society has been helping parents and individuals impacted by autism to provide options and opportunities, while enabling individuals with autism to maximize their quality of life and life's opportunities. The Autism Society and its 100+ Affiliates nationwide provide real help to those affected by autism right now. The ASCV is proud to be participating in this national campaign of awareness, education, and fundraising.



**THE BIG GIVE
FOR AUTISM**
Make a gift, make a difference.

<https://www.autismbiggive.org/#npo/autism-society-central-va> is the Big Give direct link for the ASCV. Stay tuned for more information in E-Blasts and on Facebook! Anyone, anywhere can designate support for the ASCV through the Big Give for Autism on September 17th.

TAKE ACTION! AUGUST 11TH DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE U.S. vs VA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

At The Arc of Virginia 2015 State Convention, the Department of Justice (DOJ) gave a status update on the implementation of the U.S. v Virginia Settlement Agreement; the presentation can be found here: <http://www.thearcofva.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/DOJ-8.11-1215-lunch-pres.pdf>.

DOJ also facilitated a feedback luncheon in which the audience discussed I/DD issues and wrote letters to DOJ sharing their stories as they related to areas of non-compliance. The Arc of Virginia staff is currently working to compile the stories collected at the luncheon and through electronic story submissions. Stories will be shared with DOJ prior to the upcoming public status hearing on the **U.S. v Virginia Settlement Agreement, scheduled for October 23rd at 10:00 am at the Federal Courthouse in Richmond**. If you would like to share your story with DOJ, please fill out the electronic worksheet found on The Arc of Virginia's website here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/19xWSvx_lwpoBi8bB9tjYiubzx_7ser6hT89gWM3MExo/viewform.

If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca King with The Arc of Virginia at rking@thearcofva.org.

WALK & ROLL TO END THE WAITING LIST

September 29th 10:00am – 12:00pm

More than 10,000 Virginians with intellectual and developmental disabilities are on a waiting list for community based medical and support services. They are in urgent need of an I/DD Waiver.

You can help end the wait! The Autism Society Central Virginia will join the Arc of VA and other advocacy groups for a rally and walk through the streets of Richmond as we call for an end to the I/DD Waiver Waiting List crisis.

Agenda:

10:00am-10:45am	Rally at the Bell Tower on the Capitol Grounds Speakers, advocacy updates, and collection of letters and stories for the Governor's office
10:45am-11:30am	Walk through the Streets of Downtown Richmond Walk by the General Assembly building, Governor's offices and Mansion, and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS)
11:30am-12:00pm	Pictures on the Steps of the Capitol Building

- Invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers to join us for this historic rally and walk.
- Bring a letter for the Governor asking for his support of I/DD waiver slots and ending the wait list for you or a loved one on the waiting list. Include pictures and personal stories. The Arc of VA will be collecting the letters and hand delivering them to the Governor's office.

For info, including parking and directions, go to : www.thearcofva.org/end-the-wait

A HOME OF YOUR OWN

HOUSING & SUPPORTIVE SERVICES INITIATIVE WORKSHOP

River Road UMC
September 28, 2015 6:30pm-8:30pm

This workshop will provide information on the Governor's 100 Day Initiative on Virginia's Housing and Supportive Services (HSS) and innovative ways to access affordable, accessible, and integrated housing. Integrated, independent housing offers a contract with tenancy rights in buildings and neighborhoods where there are natural ratios of people with disabilities and the opportunity to choose where individuals with developmental disabilities live, who lives with them, and who supports them.

Bradford Hulcher, Program Director for the ASCV and a member of the Richmond area HSS team, will lead this workshop. Bradford is the parent of a young adult who has been through this process and now lives in his own apartment with supports.

To be eligible for this initiative, one must:

- be 18 years of age or older and
- have an intellectual or developmental disability

and

- receive or be eligible for an ID or DD Medicaid Waiver, or
- reside in an institutional setting.

This workshop is free but registration is required. Learn more and register here:
<https://homeofyourownintegratedhousing.eventbrite.com>



NEWS FROM THE AUTISM SOCIETY CENTRAL VIRGINIA BOARD

In July and August the Autism Society Central Virginia worked to fulfill our mission to "improve the lives of all affected by autism" in the following ways:

Education

- Presented *What About Siblings?* Workshop at Arc of VA Convention
- Presented *Navigating an Extra Ordinary Life after High School* at the Arc of VA Convention
- Presented at the Autism Society National Conference
- Presented at the Chesterfield CSB
- Presented to Maymont staff
- Presented at two Region IV Housing Services and Supports Workshops

Services and Supports

- Sponsored two Sensory Friendly Movies in collaboration with the Byrd Theatre
- Sponsored Inclusive Lego and Game Clubs
- Sponsored Sibshops
- Sponsored Adults with Asperger's Interest Group
- Sponsored members to Richmond Flying Squirrels 8/24 game
- Sponsored An Evening at Katie and Friends Playground

Awareness

- Presented at the Mechanicsville Rotary Club
- Exhibited at I Heart Radio Volunteer Resource Fair
- Presented at the River City Rotary Club
- Presented at Covenant Woods
- Featured in 8/13 Richmond Times Dispatch article on Sensory Friendly Movies
- Shared information five Monday evenings at Buz and Ned's Helping Hams event

Advocacy

- Participated on the VA Autism Council bi-monthly meeting
- Participated on the Governor's 100 Day Challenge Region IV Housing Services and Supports Work Group
- Served as an observer for Department of Developmental Disabilities and Behavioral Services New Individual and Family Support Plan Work Group meetings

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This September, the Autism Society Central VA will sponsor or participate in the following events. All events take place at River Road UMC, 8800 River Rd, Henrico, unless otherwise specified. For information: 257-0192 or info@ascv.org.

9/05	6 pm	Autism Society at the Richmond Flying Squirrels free for members; check your email for Eventbrite invitation
9/11	6:30 pm	Special Needs Trusts Workshop and Resource Fair free; details and registration @ https://ascvspecialneedstrusts.eventbrite.com
9/11		Asperger's Middle School Social Club members, check your e-mail for Eventbrite invitation
9/12	10 am	Inclusive Lego & Game Club – Chester , details and registration: https://legochesterseptember.eventbrite.com
9/13	2 pm	Sensory Friendly Movie at the Byrd Theatre, Carytown
9/18	6 pm	An Evening at the Greater Richmond ARCPark details and registration: https://arcparkevening.eventbrite.com
9/20		Autism Society Bowling Leagues – Uptown Alley members, check your e-mail for Eventbrite invitation
9/26	10 am	Sibshop ; register at http://ascv.org/meetings-events/sibshops/
9/28	6:30 pm	A Home of Your Own Housing & Supportive Services Initiative Workshop free but registration required at: http://homeofyourownintegratedhousing.eventbrite.com
9/28	7 pm	Adults with Asperger's/HFA Interest Group (open only to adults with Asperger's/HFA)

**AUTISM
SOCIETY
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**SEPTEMBER
CALENDAR**

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

9/09	Transition to Independent Living Settings for Youth with ASD free webcast from VCU Center for Transition Innovation; staff from the Lexington Center will provide tips based on their work with young adults as they make the transition to independent living. Registration: http://centerontransition.org/training/upcoming.cfm
9/24	The ABLE Act Implementation Tax Advantaged Savings Accounts: New Choices for Families To Create Pathways To A Better Quality Of Life. What Does It Mean For You? free webcast; registration: http://www.servicesource.org/ada25

SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

- 9/01 **Jumpology** special needs night; <http://www.jumpology.us/Calendar>
- 9/04 **Special Night for Special Needs** at Children's Museum Chesterfield; 5:30 pm, for info: <http://www.c-mor.org/events/special-nights>
- 9/05 **Game on Aspergers** from 2-4 pm at the Clover Hill Public Library (small meeting room), 6701 Deer Run Drive, Midlothian. Adults 18 and older with Asperger's have fun playing games and hanging out. Free. Info: 804-335-6634 or willkir77@gmail.com
- 9/09 **Chesterfield County Special Education Advisory Committee** topic: *Annual Report/Organizational Meeting*; meets 5 pm @ the Career and Technical Center, 13900 Hull Street Road, room 256; open to the public; contact 804-639-8918 for more info and info on making public comment
- 9/10 **Richmond Asperger's Meet-up** <http://www.meetup.com/aspergers-397/>
- 9/15 **Monkey Joe's Special Needs Night** from 5 pm-7 pm; kids ages 2-12 with special needs free; closed to public; siblings welcome \$5; info 897-5867
- 9/15 **Hanover County Special Education Advisory Committee** topic: *SEAC Orientation & Hanover County Public Schools Superintendent*; meets 6:15 p.m. @ Hanover County School Board Office, 200 Berkley Street, Ashland; open to the public; attendance encouraged
- 9/16 **West End/ Northern Chesterfield Asperger's Meet-Up**
<http://www.meetup.com/aspergers-397/>
- 9/19 **Game on Aspergers** see 9/05 info above for details

SAVE THE DATE

ASCV Members' Annual Holiday Party

Sunday, December 6th

5:00pm-9:00pm

Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens

Members will be able to enjoy the GardenFest of Lights,
light refreshments, and Santa may even pay us a visit!



Thank You To Our Volunteers

*"Unselfish and noble actions are the most radiant pages in the biography of souls."
~David Thomas*

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Jared Artis
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We would love to add your name to this list. We are always looking for individuals, 18 and older, who would like to get involved. Contact Tammy at outreach@ascv.org to find out how you can volunteer for the ASCV too!



The ASCV hosts bi-monthly Sibshops as an opportunity for brothers and sisters (ages 7-12) of children with any developmental disabilities to obtain peer support and education in a fun recreational environment. (Siblings older than age 12 are encouraged to email outreach@ascv.org about volunteering with our Sibshop program.

Sibshops acknowledge that being the brother or sister of a person with special needs is for some a good thing, for others a not-so-good thing, and for many somewhere in between. They reflect a belief that brothers and sisters have much to offer one another. The Sibshop model intersperses information and discussion activities with recreation and games (designed to be unique, off-beat, and appealing).

Sibshops are not therapy, although the effect may be therapeutic for some children. While Sibshop facilitators always keep an eye open for participants who may need additional services, the Sibshop model takes a wellness approach.

Make sure to check out our Fall 2015 dates and registration info on our website - <http://ascv.org/meetings-events/sibshops/>.

Thank You For the Following Donations

All donations stay in the Central Virginia area to support individuals and families affected by autism.

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The following donations were made in memory of Anthony “Jack” Wilby:

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The following donation was made in memory of John Maloney:

Marc & Kirsten Elim

The following donation was made in honor of Marcus Parker:

Karon Parker

The following donation was made in honor of the birthdays of Matthew and Wesley Fletcher:

Jay Hogan

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- Game Nights
- Minecraft Clubs
- Movie Nights
- Writing Workshops
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- IEP Review & Support
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Contact us for details: autasticavenues@gmail.com

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Our newsletter reaches over 600 families, professionals and educators on a monthly basis and is archived on our website. If you would like to place an advertisement, please email it to info@ascv.org or mail it to us at 200 South 3rd Street, Richmond, VA 23219. Deadline for entry in the October newsletter is September 13th.

Ad Rates:

- \$50.00 1/4 page
- \$75.00 1/2 page
- \$100 full page

The Board reserves the right to refuse to place an advertisement.

Non-Profits / Long Term Ads may have negotiated discount rates with Board approval.



I.E.P. Boot Camp

Enlist Today!

This 2 session workshop series will empower parents / caregivers to understand and become effective partners in the I.E.P. process. Attendance at both sessions is required.



Topics covered and included in Boot Camp Toolkit:

- Beginning with the End in Mind
- Person Centered Planning
- Present Level of Performance
- Goals and Objectives
- Accommodations / Modifications
- Extended School Year
- What if You Don't Agree
- Collaboration Strategies
- Behavior Plans
- Transition
- Rights and Regulations
- And much, much more!

Session Dates:

Oct. 17, 2015
Oct. 24, 2015

Cost:

\$10 ASCV Members
\$35 Non-members
Plus Processing Fees

Location:

River Road United Methodist Church
8800 River Road
Richmond, 23229

Both sessions will run
8:30am-12:30pm

Space is limited to 50 participants –
Register Early!

Light refreshments will
be provided

Presenters:

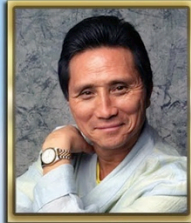
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For more info and to register:
<http://iepbootcamp15.eventbrite.com>

www.ascv.org info@ascv.org 804-257-0192

2015 Martial Arts World Super Show

Presented By:



Grandmaster V. K. Kim

Founder of Martial Arts World

Tickets:

In Advance: \$10.00

At The Door: \$15.00

(All tickets are valid from 9 AM to Event Finish)

All Proceeds Benefit:

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Special Judges:



Chief Master Joseph Diamond
Producer & Director of The IBUR Connection



Senior Master Keith Winkle
Senior Vice Chairman of Martial Arts World



Instructor Mike Thomas
Senior Vice President of Government Relations

When: 6:00 PM Saturday October 25th, 2015

Where: Hermitage High School - Gymnasium
8301 Hungary Spring Road - Henrico, VA 23228

Sponsored By:





SONS OF DOMINION MOTORCYCLE CLUB

3rd Annual Autism Poker Run
Saturday, October 10th 2015

Registration begins at 9am

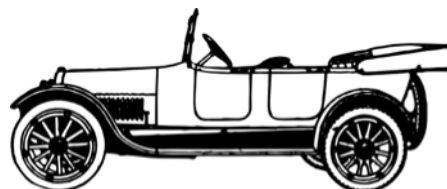
Ride from 10am-12:30pm

\$200 prize - best hand
\$100 prize - worst hand

Start at: Colonial Harley
1701 Temple Pkwy, Prince George, VA

Join the Sons of Dominion Motorcycle Club as we support the Autism Society of Central Virginia in raising funds and awareness for the cause of Autism. Enjoy a beautiful morning of **riding, raffles, food, and great prizes** - all in support of the ASCV.
\$20 per rider, \$5 per passenger. Proceeds support the ASCV.

Not a rider? You can still participate. Many prizes to be raffled off!
Go to WWW.SONSOFDOMINION.COM for more details.



The Amelia Car Club presents
The Courthouse Car Show

When: Saturday October 17th

Rain date: Saturday October 24th

Time: 9 AM – 3 PM

Where: Amelia Courthouse, Amelia, VA
Participating vehicles will park on Washington Street

Who: All vehicle types

Registration: \$15 per vehicle in advance

****Early registration forms must be received by Oct. 10****

\$20 Day of Show

Proceeds benefit the Autism Society Central Virginia
For more information call: Ryan Holman
(434) 390-2984

Life in the Community

Learn, Live, Work, and Play! Free Conference, Resource Fair

For Students & Adults with Developmental Disabilities, Families,
Educators & Service Providers

Save
the
Date!

Saturday
November 7, 2015
8:30am – 4:00pm

Save
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Keynote by: Paul Wehman, Ph.D., VCU—RRTC

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1651 E. Parham Road - Richmond, VA 23228

Massey Technology Center & Burnette Hall

The Conference is FREE; details & registration at:

www.LifeInTheCommunity2015.eventbrite.com

Sponsoring organizations:

Autism Society Central Virginia - info@ascv.org (804-257-0192)

Down Syndrome Assoc. of Greater Richmond- Dsagreducation@gmail.com (804-525-7731)

The Arc of Hanover - info@hanoverarc.org (804-798-2400)



CHILDREN'S CRISIS SERVICES

Fact Sheet for Providers

Who is eligible?

Individuals under 18 years of age with a documented intellectual or developmental disability and experiencing mental health or challenging behavioral needs. Region IV REACH admissions are approved based on the team's review of individual needs, situation, and assessment information.

What will REACH Children's Crisis Services do?

Region IV REACH children's providers will be available 24/7 to provide mobile crisis intervention and stabilization as well as on-call services to eligible youth and their families. Region IV REACH does not offer out of home residential crisis placement to individuals under the age of 18 years.

Services may consist of:

- Phone Triage
- On-site crisis stabilization
- *Short-term* follow-up/linkages to services

REACH's Role with Emergency Services

Region IV REACH staff are *not* certified pre-screeners and will *not* replace Emergency Services (ES) for mental health crises. Region IV REACH will collaborate with ES to help stabilize individuals in crisis and decrease need for hospitalization.

During a crisis, REACH may:

- Provide consultation and on-site support during ES pre-screens
- Assist with crisis de-escalation, engage in problem solving, and assist individuals with use of coping strategies
- Provide family support and education
- Connect families with additional local services

The goal of Region IV REACH Children's Crisis Services is to partner with families and providers throughout the region to strengthen supports, increase access to services, reduce risk of hospitalization, and keep youth in their homes

How to make a referral to Region IV REACH Children's Crisis Services:

Contact the toll free information and crisis line 1.855.282.1006 or email **Autumn Richardson/Region IV REACH Director** at richardsona@rbha.org. Referrals submitted by email must be encrypted for protection of Private Health Information. If you do not have the ability to encrypt emails, please submit a fax to 804.562.5135.

Questions?

Region IV REACH

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