



# Virginia Department of Social Services

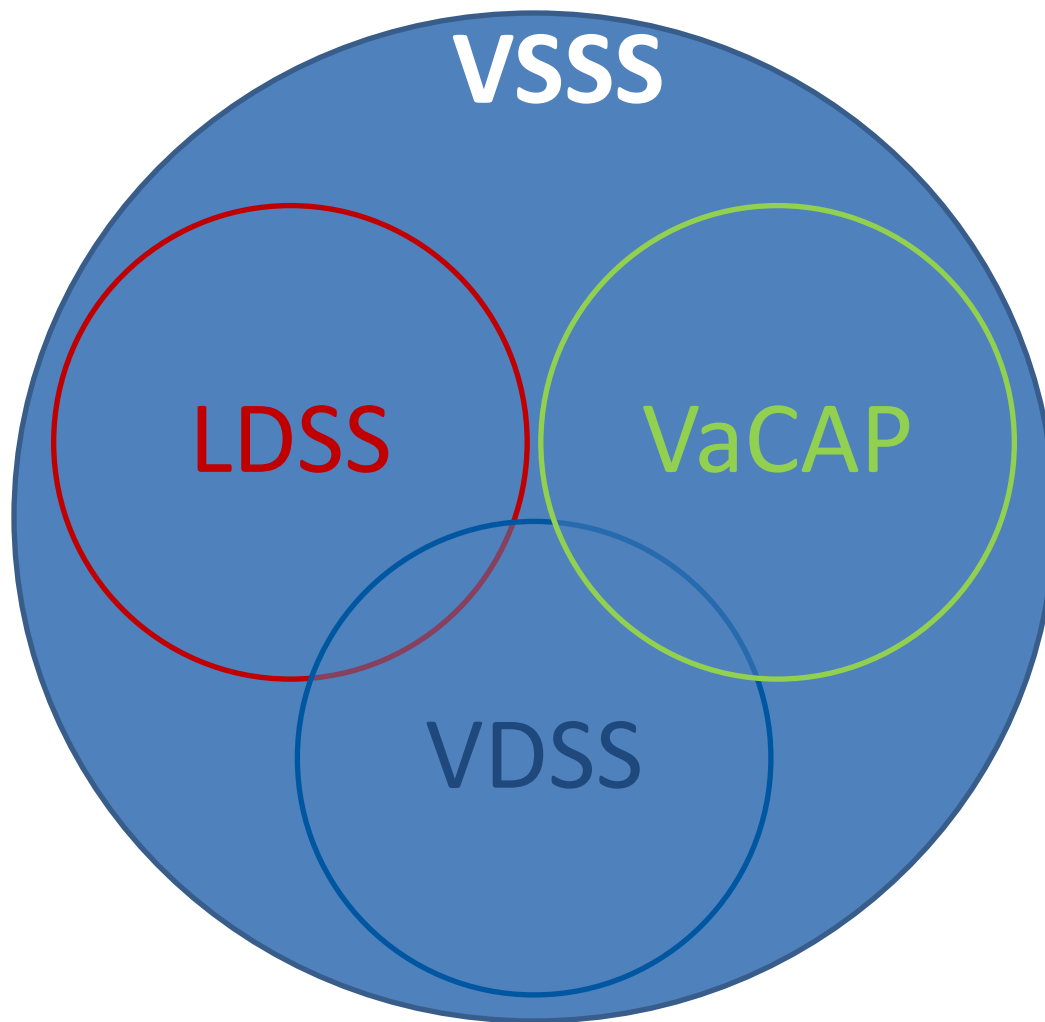
*people helping people*

## Human Services Delivery Model and Legal Authority

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- 1,650 VDSS employees
- 8,500 LDSS employees
- 120 Local Departments of Social Services (LDSS)
- 28 Community Action Agencies



# Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS)



- Agency Authority (63.2)
  - *§ 63.2-200. Department of Social Services Created*
- Commissioner
  - *§ 63.2-201. Appointment of Commissioner*
  - *§ 63.2-203. Powers and Duties of Commissioner*
- Organization
  - Home Office in Richmond, VA
  - Five Regional Offices
  - Division of Child Support Enforcement (DCSE)
    - 16 DCSE District Offices collected \$639 Million Child Support
  - Licensing Programs





- State Board of Social Services
  - Authority
    - *§ 63.2-215. State Board of Social Services*
  - Powers and Duties
    - *§ 63.2-216. Powers and Duties of Board in General*
    - Promulgates policy
    - Advisory capacity to Commissioner
    - Reviews new policies & programs for compliance with State & Federal Law



- State Supervised & Locally Administered
  - One of 10 states
- Provides oversight and guidance to 120 local departments of social services
- Delivers a wide variety of services and benefits to more than 1.6 million Virginians each year



- Programmatic
  - Policy Guidance
  - Sub-Recipient Monitoring
  - Training
    - *§ 63.2-204. Cooperation with Local Authorities*
  - Consultation





- Administrative
  - Funding
    - *§ 63.2-400. Local Appropriation*
    - *§ 63.2-401. Reimbursement of localities by the Commonwealth*
    - *§ 63.2-408. When a Locality Fails to Provide Assistance or Social Services; Deductions by Comptroller; social services; withholding payments*
  - Information Technology



- Administrative (Cont'd)
  - Human Resources
    - Deviating (Local) vs. Non-deviating (VDSS)
    - Administrative Code for Deviation
      - *22VAC40-675-40. Inclusion in Local Jurisdiction Personnel Plans*
      - *22VAC40-675-50. Adoption of Specific Policies of the Local Jurisdiction*
      - *22VAC40-675-110. Deviations from State Classification or Compensation Plans*



- Memorandum Of Understanding with Department of Medical Assistance Services
- VDSS provides the following services:
  - Intake
  - Eligibility determination and re-determination
  - Case management
  - Fraud Investigation
  - Fair Hearings & Appeals



**Local Department of  
Social Services  
(LDSS)**



- Authority
  - *§ 63.2-300. Local Boards Established by Local Governments*
- Local Director
  - Authority
    - *63.2-324. Local Departments of Social Services*
  - Powers and Duties
    - *63.2-332. Powers and Duties of Local Directors*
  - Removal
    - *63.2-327. Removal by Commissioner*



- Local Boards
  - *§ 63.2 (Chapter 3. Local Social Services)*
  - Two types:
    1. Administrative (most common)
      - Directs activities of Local Director & assists with program and personnel issues
      - Has discretionary power of requests for local funding
    2. Advisory
      - Monitors local social services programs
      - Meets with local officials in the interest of citizens served by the LDSS



- LDSS's assist Virginia's most vulnerable citizens find permanent solutions to many life's challenges through various programs:
  - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
  - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
  - Medical Assistance (Medicaid)
  - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program



- Adoption
- Foster Care
- Child Care Assistance
- Refugee Resettlement Services
- Child Protective Services
- Child Support Enforcement (Referrals made for Child Care & TANF eligible recipients)





# Virginia Community Action Partnership (VaCAP)



- Authority
  - *§ 2.2-5400. Community Action Act*
  - *22VAC40-901-60. Designation of a Community Organization as a Community Action Agency*
- Community Action Agencies:
  - Alleviate poverty and increase self-sufficiency for low-income families
  - Are community capacity builders
  - Are funded through local block grants and appropriated funds from the General Assembly
  - Operate mostly as non-profits
  - Six are operated out of local departments of social services



