Virginia Social Services System

- 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
VDSS Regions

Central
Eastern
Northern
Piedmont
Western

Central: Blue
Eastern: Red
Northern: Green
Piedmont: Yellow
Western: Pink

Warren
Loudoun
Clarke
Fairfax
Manassas Park
Arlington
Alexandria
Prince William
New Kent
Northampton
Accomack

Waynesboro
Augusta
Richmond
Fredericksburg
Westmoreland

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Culpeper
Stafford

Madison

Frederick

Fauquier

Petersburg

Spotsylvania

Drake

Prince Edward

Newport News

Brunswick

Franklin City

Chesapeake

 Virginia Beach

Portsmouth
Governance Structure

• 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
VDSS Support Provided

• 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
LDSS Support Provided

- 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