Commission on Youth Meeting Oct. 20, 2026

Center for Evidence-based Partnerships

Overview

VCU



CEP-Va

CENTER *for*
EVIDENCE-BASED
PARTNERSHIPS

- Inclusion
- Integrity
- Teamwork
- Transparency

FAMILY FIRST VIRGINIA
an initiative of the Virginia Department of Social Services

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

OCS
Office of Children's Services
Empowering communities to serve youth

DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES - VIRGINIA -

VIRGINIA'S MEDICAID PROGRAM
DMAS

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

DBHDS
Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

VDH VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
To protect the health and promote the well-being of all people in Virginia.

Virginia Department of Health Professions

CEP-Va

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

CEP-Va Team

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Agenda for today

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CEP-Va background

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CEP-Va projects

Introduction to CEP-Va

Origin story

When?

Why?

About CEP-Va

Source of truth

EBP availability in Virginia.

Training infrastructure

Hub for training awards for FFPSA EBPs (and more).

Data infrastructure

Hub for fidelity monitoring and program evaluation for EBPs.

Intermediary functions

Implementation consultation.

SOURCE OF TRUTH

Registry and Finder

Team: Ashley Robinson, Brianna Boggs, Catherine Ewell, Myles Kwitny, MSG

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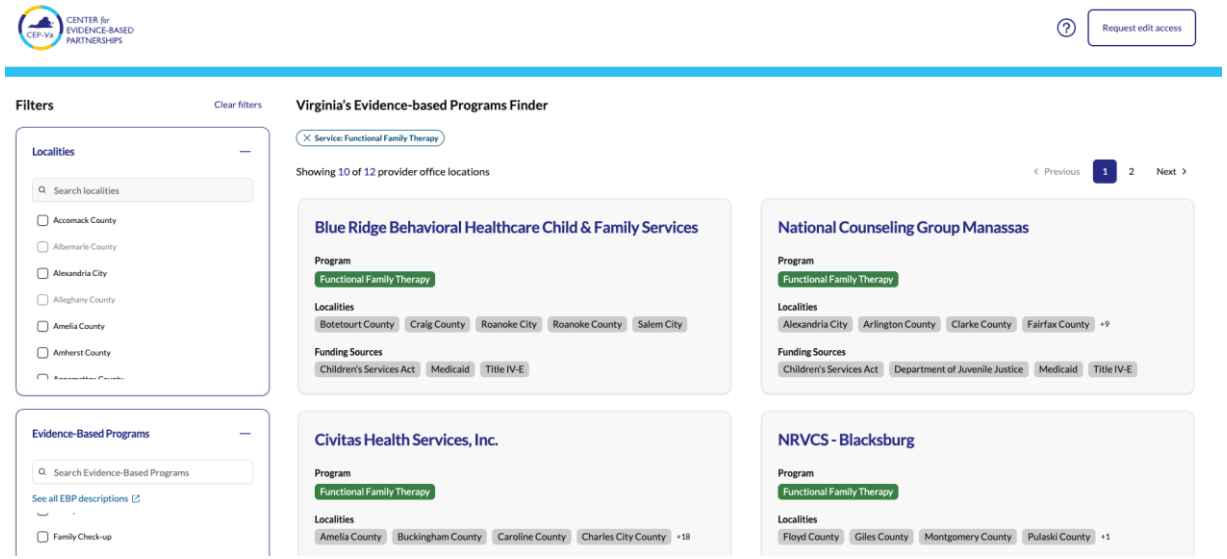
Source of truth

What?

Why?

The places: EBPFinder.org

- The authoritative source for providers offering specific EBPs in Virginia
- **Designed for and with service planners** to locate EBPs available in their area
- **Eligibility for billing** for some EBPs depends on being in the Finder
- Upgrades occur annually (new EBPs, new functionality)



EBPs included:

ACT	BSFT	CSC	FCT	FCU
FFT	HB	MST	PCIT	

EBP Finder

Statewide fidelity monitoring and evaluation in Virginia

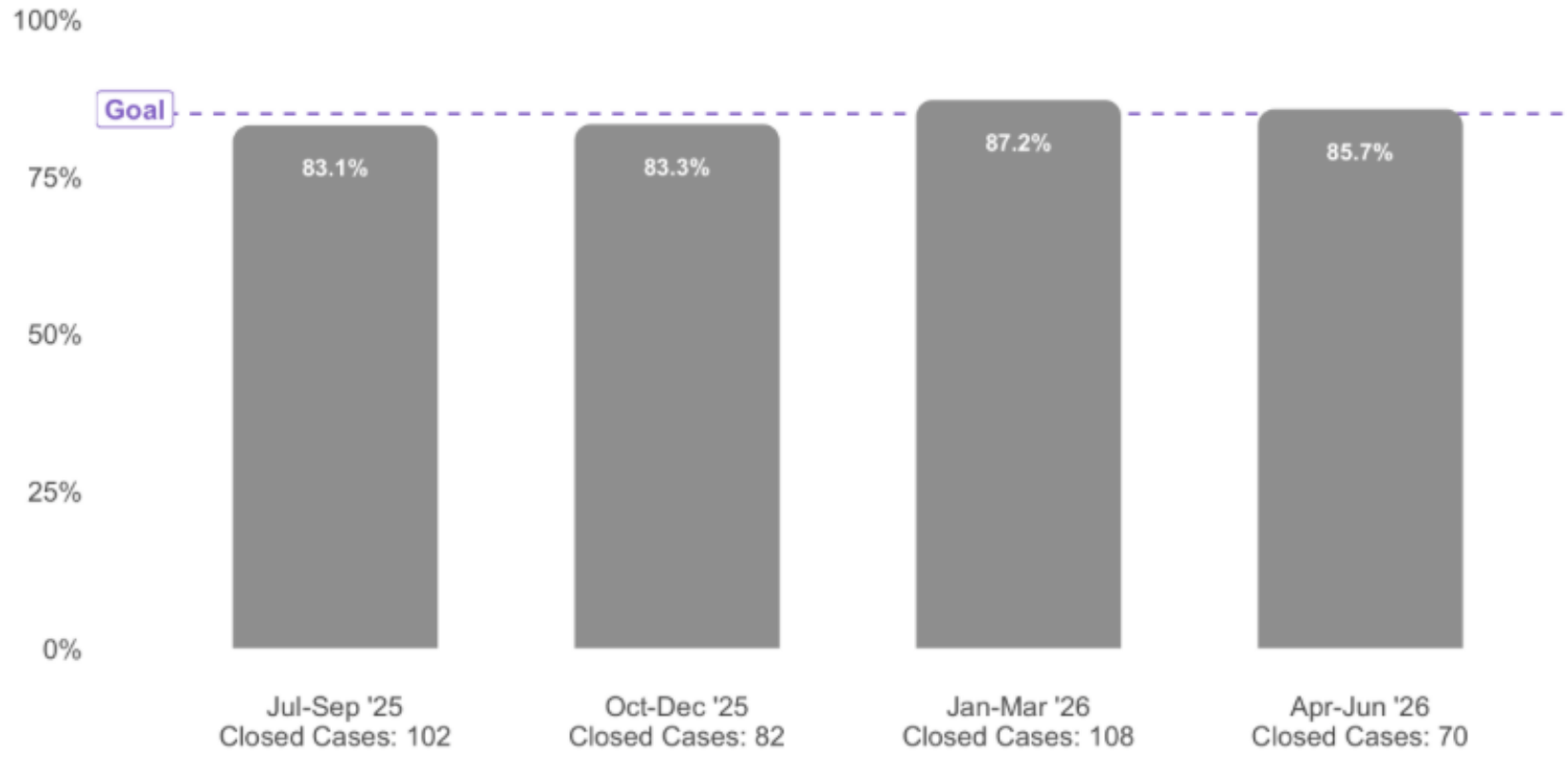
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FFT — youth remaining in community

Figure 5. *Percent of VA Youth Remaining in Community*



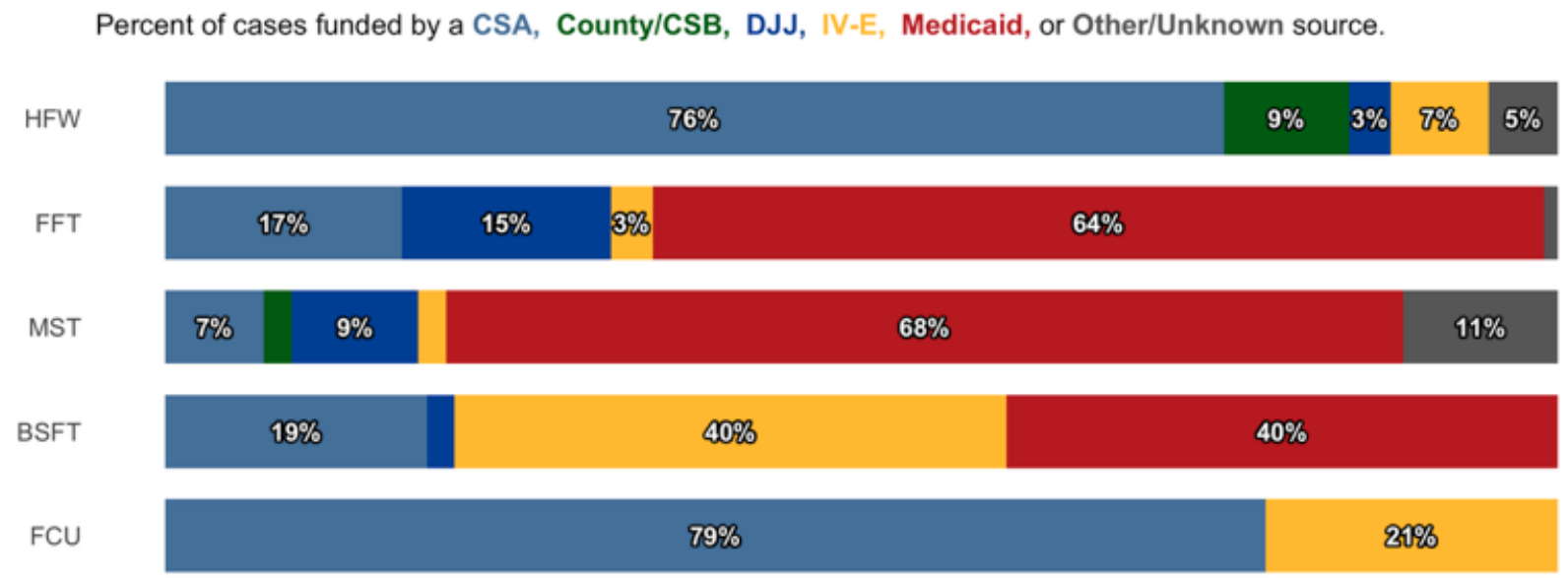
DATA REPORTING

Funding reporting

Funding mix across EBPs, Oct–Dec 2025

Figure 8. *Funding source percentages from October-December 2025*

Figure 8 compares the share of cases paid for by each major funding source. Note that this figure is not representative of the total number of cases; the EBPs with the lowest and highest number of cases are FCU at 19 and HFW at 262, respectively.



Training infrastructure

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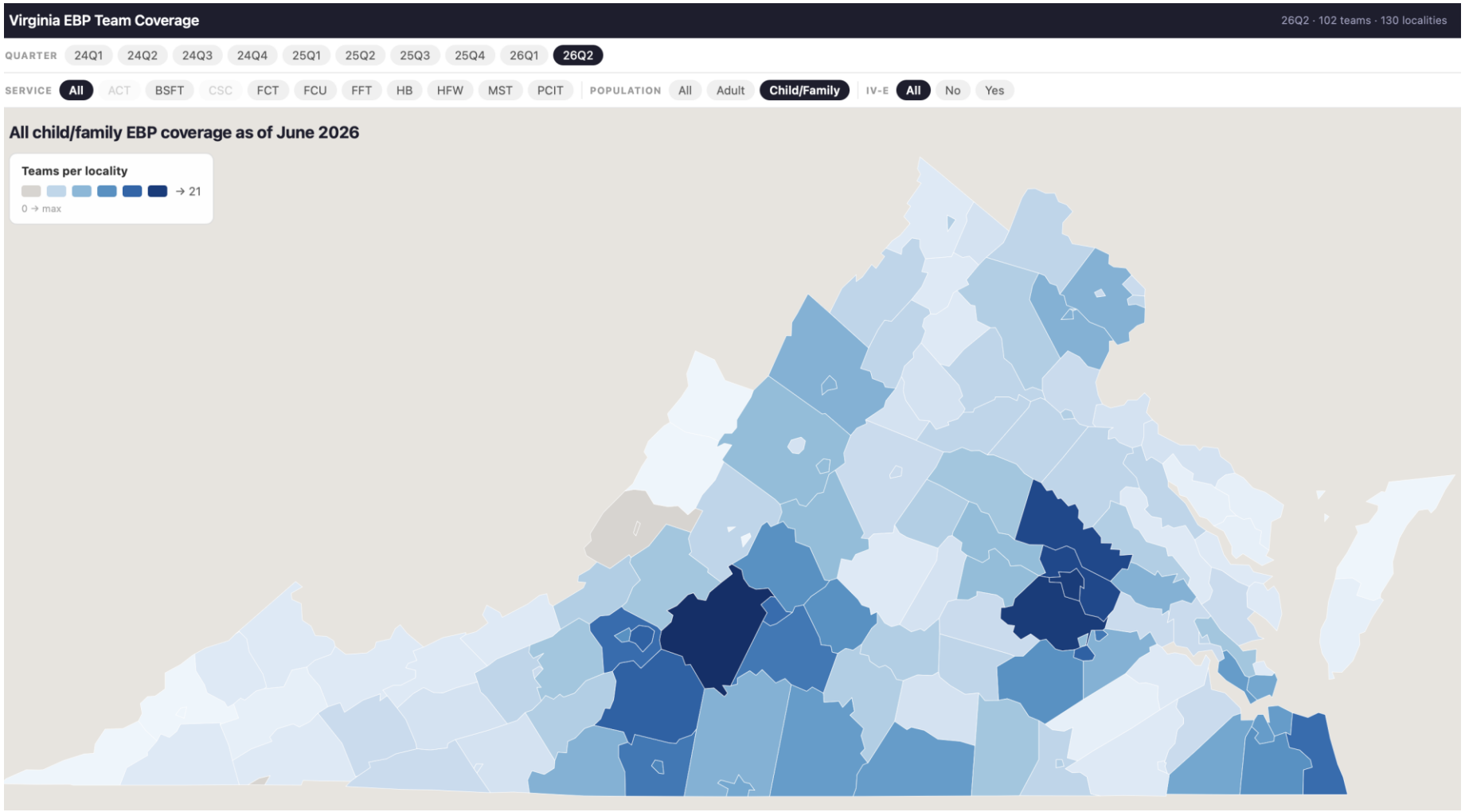
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All child/family EBP coverage, June 2026



Implementation consultation

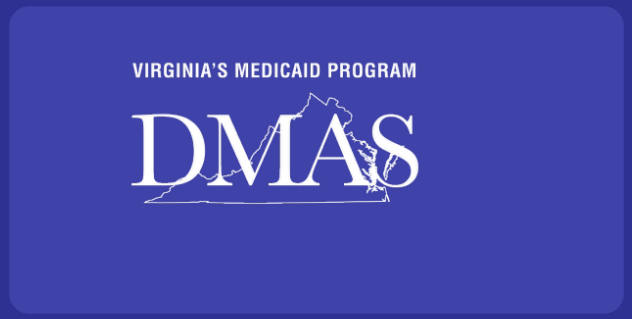
Sample of projects

- Transformation Zone project
- Community calibrations
  - Winchester/Frederick Summit (completed)
  - Norfolk calibration (ongoing)
  - HFW reboot (completed)
- Annual CSB Survey
- Virginia Provider Academy
- CPST Support

- Advisory groups
  - Providers
  - MCOs
  - Service coordinators
  - Caregivers
- Reports
  - Needs Assessment/Gaps Analysis (NAGA) reports
  - State approaches to unlicensed behavioral workers
  - CSC Fidelity Methods

CEP-Va's roles in Behavioral Health Redesign





CPST Directory and CPST Curriculum

- Develop, implement, and maintain service Directory to confirm providers meet state criteria
- Develop, implement, and maintain curriculum for all CPST workers

CPST: Simplified

1

YOU

Build your team

2

DBHDS

Follow the DBHDS license pathway

3

CEP-Va

Get into CEP-Va's CPST Directory

4

DMAS

Enroll with DMAS

5

MCOs

Enroll with the MCOs

6

YOUR STAFF

Complete all team training

7

ACCREDITOR

Get accredited

Thank you!

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