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# RAISE

Network Meeting

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April 14, 2022

# Meeting Overview

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- Welcome
  - Poll – Future of Meetings
  - Poll – Member Survey
- VA TICN Updates
  - Lift Up Virginia (LUV) Campaign
  - Update on VDSS Funds
- Legislative Updates
- Committee Work
- Close and Thank You



# Polls

## Poll 1: Future Gatherings

1. How often would you like to meet in-person for RAISE network meetings?

## Poll 2: Member Survey

1. How familiar are you with the concept of ACEs?
2. How familiar are you with the concept of Resilience?
3. To what extent has your organization integrated adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) concepts into its work?
4. To what extent have RAISE's efforts influenced your organization to improving the knowledge of staff about ACEs, resilience, and healthy child development?





# VATICN Updates

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VIRGINIA TRAUMA-INFORMED COMMUNITY NETWORKS

# VA TICN Updates

- **Lift Up Virginia (LUV) Campaign**

- Fairfax CSB and TICN took the lead on LUV Campaign with some federal funding
- A shared campaign among TICNs that uses friendly, positive, hopeful, and inclusive messaging about the science and value of empathy, community-building, and connection, and honors the different ways we learn to love
  - There will be social media graphics, radio ads, flyers, translated into different languages;
  - Provides information about the impact of ACEs and Positive Community Experiences across the lifespan and information for how to mitigate impacts of ACEs;
  - Customizable for different communities; Can add in community-specific data that relates to your town, city, community, etc.
  - Can be a good way to be consistent across TICNs for Resilience Week
  - No one has to use it, it's just a resource that's available to use if helpful; is free and accessible to use
- **Next steps:**
  - Develop website and promote across the state.
  - Will launch on May 13th during a statewide conference

# VA TICN Updates Continued...

## Update on Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) Funds

- VDSS received \$1 mil to support TICNs from federal relief money:
  - \$500,000 to go to one network to do public awareness and professional development from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023
  - Other \$500k likely to start July 1 and support more networks
- They still don't have any budget approved at this point; right now in a holding pattern waiting for General Assembly
- As soon as they get the green light, will award first 500k, then will have conversations about best way to support networks

# VATICN Updates Continued...

## **FACT Updates**

- Still have funds left for 5 emergency grants (\$5k each)
- Latest issue brief on sexism was released in March – part of systems of trauma series – plan to also have one on the impact of trauma on the LGBTQ community

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# VATICN Updates Continued...

## **Building Resilient Communities Virtual Conference**

- Free, one-day conference on **May 5** during Resilience Week; promoted in RAISE eNewsletter and Website
- **Gina** was selected as a Workshop Presenter!
- **Register here:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/building-resilient-communities-virtual-conference-tickets-304195355497>

## **Resilience Week VA 2023**

- Resilience Week can be about small celebrations for yourself and with loved ones, colleagues, etc. – doesn't have to be planning big events
- **Resilience Week website:** <https://grscan.com/resilience-week-virginia/>
- **Resilience Week in Alexandria** – Daily Messaging Campaign
  - Understanding ACEs Training(s)? “Resilience” Film Screening? Member Orientation?

## **Building Trauma Responsive Communities Conference – May 12 & 13 | 9:30-3 | Virtual & Free**

- Dr. Bruce Perry and Dave Ellis are the Keynote Speakers
- Statewide Conference focused on Community-Centered Healing. LUV Campaign will be unveiled!
- **For more info and to register:** [southsidebh.org/trauma-responsive-communities/](https://southsidebh.org/trauma-responsive-communities/)
- Cancel RAISE Meeting in May?





# 2022 Legislative Session Updates

From Voices for Virginia's Children

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## Bill Highlights:

### • Early Childhood

- **HB389:** Establishes regional entities for early education (Ready Regions) and a fund to reserve childcare payments.
- **HB994 & SB529:** Asks the Board of Education to determine the feasibility of amending its regulations to permit all active-duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States to apply for the Child Care Subsidy Program.
- **SB69:** Allows a rental agreement to contain provisions allowing tenants to operate licensed and regulated home-based childcare programs.

### • Foster Care and Foster Youth

- **HB716 & SB307:** Requires local boards of social services to connect relatives with an application to become a kinship foster parent within 15 days and gives kinship caregivers the right to appeal if they are denied.
- **HB717:** Allows unaccompanied youth to be deemed an adult so they may seek emergency shelter.
- **SB 689:** Establishes a workgroup to study the current Virginia foster parent barrier crime list beyond the federal requirements.

### • Language Access

- **HB987:** Directs Medicaid Assistance to provide language access and auxiliary access for all information regarding health insurance.

### • Leadership and Oversight of Children and Youth Issues

- **HB1188:** Creates a student advisory board of eight student representatives to the state Board of Education.
- **HB1197:** Establishes a workgroup to study the transfer of the Department of Juvenile Justice from the Secretary of Public Safety to the Secretary of Health and Human Services.
- **HB215 & SB62:** Establishes the legislative School Health Services Committee to review and provide advice to the General Assembly and other policy makers regarding proposals that require local school boards to offer certain health services in a school setting.

- **Voices' fight for families to receive tax relief:** <https://vakids.org/our-news/blog/how-virginia-families-can-benefit-from-proposed-tax-credits>

- **Visit the Voices website for more info and read blog updates here:** <https://vakids.org/>



RAISE Committee Work



# Member Engagement & Wellness Committee

Chairs: Emma & Noraine

**Committee's Purpose:** Supports existing efforts that aim to promote community wellness and resiliency among RAISE members and the greater community

**Strategy 1:** Intentionally engage New RAISE Members and make them feel welcome by developing an onboarding process.

**Celebrate:** Delivered First Member Orientation!

**Strategies 2-5:** Engage more members through targeted outreach

**Celebrate:** Recruited 15 more young adult members by tabling at a Health Fair at Marymount University!

**Celebrate:** Developed a member survey!

**Action:** Use survey results to develop member database

**Strategy 6:** Intentionally engage prospective RAISE members through online platforms, hosting events and trainings, Resilience Week VA Campaign, marketing material

**Action:** Create a calendar of New Member Orientations and Resilience Screenings throughout the year

# Changing Environments & Cultures Committee

Co-Chairs: Erika & Chelsea

**Committee's Purpose:** Support organizations becoming trauma-informed by providing them with technical assistance in transforming their spaces, policies, and procedures

**Strategy:** Develop and deliver our own T-I Spaces Workshop

- **Action:** Develop powerpoint on Trauma-Informed Spaces and Cultures using Fairfax TICN's presentation, TI Org self assessments, and other literature

**Strategy:** Become adept at supporting organizations becoming trauma-informed

- **Action:** Become experts in creating T-I environments and cultures

**Strategy:** Implement Community Resilience Project by June 30, 2022

- **Celebrate:** Created an online application for organizations to apply for Trauma-Informed Spaces mini-grant! **Learn More and Apply here:** [www.research.net/r/AlexandriaVA-TI-Spaces-Mini-Grant](http://www.research.net/r/AlexandriaVA-TI-Spaces-Mini-Grant)
- **Action:** Between May 4-11, review applications and award two organizations

**Strategy:** Receive funding to offer more organizations with mini-grants to transform their spaces

- Seek out grant and other funding opportunities

# Justice Advocacy & Training Committee

Co-Chairs: Gina & Jodie

**Committee's Purpose:** Supports community members and professionals by delivering trainings focused on ACEs, trauma, and resilience, and elevates our community's voices by advocating for justice and advancing policies that dismantle systems that perpetuate racial trauma and inequity

**Goal/Strategy: Deliver the Understanding ACEs training to 4,000 people by August 2022**

- **Celebrate:** We have reach at least 492 people since May 2020
- **Action:** Provide the ACE Interface Cohort the support they need to deliver trainings

**Strategy:** Develop and deliver other trauma and resilient trainings to the community

- **Action:** Work with the Changing Environments Committee to develop a Trauma Informed Spaces training

**Strategy:** Participate in local and statewide initiatives that advance policies that create trauma-informed systems and dismantle systems that perpetuate racial trauma and inequity

- **Action:** Identify a liaison from RAISE who can attend RTR Coalition meetings

**Strategy:** Support existing efforts that aim to promote community wellness and resiliency.

- **Action:** Work with educators to identify ways to support Alexandria teachers during Teachers' Appreciation Week