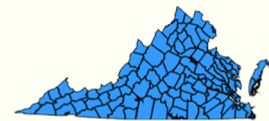


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VDSS


Richmond County 


Chesterfield County 


Richmond City 


Lancaster County 


Henrico County 

Prince William County 

King George County 

Gloucester County 

King and Queen County 

York County 

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Local Governing Body

The importance of effective working relationships between the local governing body, LDSS Director, and the Social Services Board

Role of the Local Board

Know your boards (Code 63.2)

- **Administrative**
- **Advisory**
 - Responsibilities of local board members
 - Mission and Priorities of the local board
 - Orientation of local board members

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Role of the Local Director

Authority: 63.2-300

Local Director

- 63.2-324 Local Departments of Social Services

Powers & Duties

- 63.2-332 Powers and Duties of Local Directors

Removal

- 63.2-327 Removal by Commissioner

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State Supervised Locally Administered

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**Deviating
vs.
Non-Deviating
Partially Deviating
(Local)**

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

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Legislation & Policy

- **State Legislature passes social services legislation**
- **State Board of Social Services adopts regulation necessary to carry out Code of Virginia, Section 63.2**
 - Reviews new policies and programs for compliance with State & Federal Law
 - Adopts rules and regulations for implementing legislative intent
 - LDSS operate under the policies approved by State Board of Social Services

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Reimbursement Process

- **Budget Lines**
- **Local Match Dollars**
- **Revenue Sources**
- **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

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Future Impacts

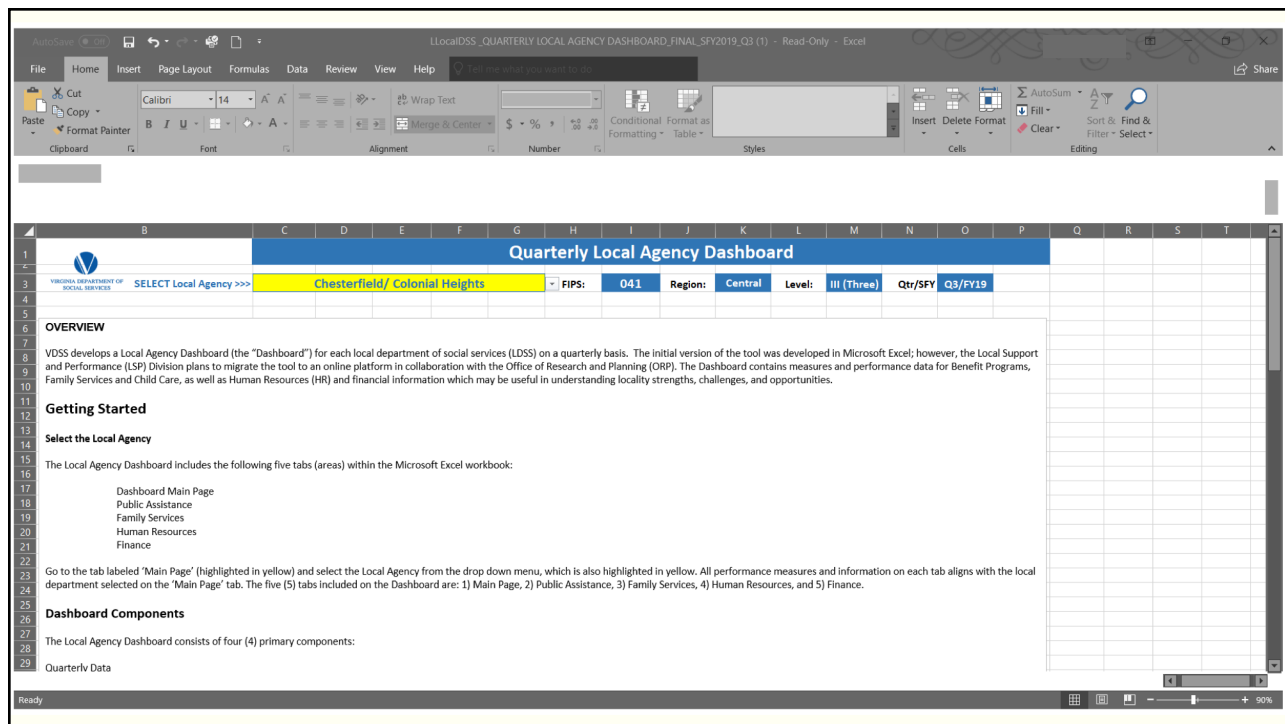
- **JLARC Report**
- **Families First**

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Monitoring the LDSS

- **Through the local board**
- **Local Director responsibilities**
- **Reports and audits**
- **Regional Offices**

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Tips to Ensure a Positive Working Relationship Between Local Government and "Your" Department of Social Services



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**Get to know your local
social service
department and leader!**

Learn all you can!

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**Set expectations
then let them do their job!**

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**Encourage your Director
to build
relationships/bridges**

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**Communication...Communication....
Communication**



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The most important single ingredient in the formula of success is knowing how to get along with people.

- Theodore Roosevelt

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Be your Social Services Director's greatest advocate

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**Remember
what is really
important
and why we do
what we do!**



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- **Liability issues - protection of vulnerable populations**
- **Services are mandated**
- **Favorable match rates**
- **Provide basic needs**
- **Most of the money goes back into the local economy**
- **The better services LDSS provide, the fewer calls received by local officials**

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\$7.2 MILLION

Average annual budgeted expenditure

4%

Average local contribution toward \$76 million average annual economic impact

66 CENTS

On the dollar average local reimbursement for staff and overhead costs

15,000

Average annual local financial assistance recipients

39

Average number of children in foster care

482

Average number of adult services cases

Questions?