

Virginia's Trauma-Informed Community Networks (VA TICNs)

Virginia's Trauma-Informed Community Networks (VA TICNs) are multi-sector coalitions focused on building resilience and preventing and mitigating the impact of trauma and adversity. As of April 2024, 31 TICNs exist throughout Virginia. While there is guidance for building and sustaining a TICN, each network may look a bit different depending on the needs of the community. For instance, some networks may represent a single large city, while others may represent multiple rural counties. TICNs work within their regions and together with state partners to change practices, policies, and systems at the local, state and federal levels. A network may be referred to by a different name locally.

An updated list of networks can be found on the VA TICNs website maintained by Greater Richmond SCAN. This list includes the network name and contact info, regions represented, website address, and backbone agency responsible for coordination and administration of the network.

A BRIEF TIMELINE

SCAN begins providing support and technical assistance to communities across Virginia to assist with development of their own TICNs

2014

2012

Greater Richmond SCAN begins a work group that forms the Greater Richmond Trauma-Informed Community Network

2017

General Assembly passes a resolution commending TICNs

2017

SCAN begins convening semi-annual meetings of Virginia's TICNs

2018

The Family and Children's Trust Fund (FACT) begins providing financial support for TICNs

2019

VA TICNs eNote is created and begins distribution monthly

2019

Planning begins for first annual Resilience Week Virginia

2020

VA TICNs begin meeting virtually on a bi-monthly basis; eNote shifts to weekly then bi-weekly distribution in response to COVID-19 crisis

2020

First Resilience Week Virginia takes place the first week of May throughout TICNs in the state

2021

Network coordinators meet with First Lady Pamela Northam on her Road to Resilience tour

2022

\$1 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding is allotted for Virginia's TICNs

PARTNERS

TICNs are supported by state, national, and community partners who recognize the role of TICNs in the prevention and mitigation of trauma and the promotion of healing and well-being.

These include but are not limited to:

- Family & Children's Trust Fund (FACT)
- Virginia Department of Social Services
- Virginia Department of Health
- Department of Behavioral Health and Human Services
- Voices for Virginia's Children
- Families Forward
- PACEs Connection
- Campaign for Trauma-Informed Practice and Policy (CTIPP)

HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Led efforts for new language in the Virginia State Board of Education regulations to require trauma-informed courses for university-level K-12 teaching programs.

Provided consultation and technical assistance about the process of becoming more trauma-informed to organizations in the sectors of child welfare, law enforcement, juvenile courts, schools, and healthcare.

Facilitated the education of more than 50,000 people about ACEs science.

Participated in and led multiple summits throughout the state, included the 2019 Virginia Summit on Childhood Trauma & Resilience, hosted by Voices for Virginia's Children in partnership with SCAN, FACT, and Families Forward, with a keynote address from Dr. Nadine Burke Harris; 2019 Beyond ACES: Impact of Race, Culture, and Poverty Summit led by Virginia Department of Health's Crater Health District with support from Southside TICN; and 2021 Alexandria Trauma & Resiliency Summit hosted by RAISE.

Resilience Week Virginia has been celebrated annually statewide since 2020, with Governors Northam and Youngkin recognizing Resilience Week Virginia with a proclamation each year.

Coordinators for Virginia's TICNs participated in First Lady Pamela Northam's Road to Resilience Tour in 2021, sharing their stories and highlighting their regions' strengths and needs in Community Conversations, helping to inform the incoming administration.

Greater Richmond SCAN has presented on Virginia's TICNs for national organizations Campaign for Trauma-Informed Practice and Policy and PACEs Connection. SCAN also represents VA TICNs in PACEs Connection's Cooperative of Communities, a learning collaborative composed of trauma-informed coalitions throughout the United States, including California, North Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia.

The first annual Building Resilient Communities Conference was held virtually in 2022. The free conference was a celebration of Virginia's TICNs, featuring workshops led by network members on topics related to trauma-informed and resilient communities; responding to the needs of diverse groups; and trauma-responsive organizations and systems. Over 300 people registered from throughout the United States.

WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

Visit grscan.com/va-ticns and browse the list of networks, or explore the map of networks to find one near you. Contact your regional TICN coordinator to learn how you can participate in your local TICN. No TICN in your region? Contact grscancommunityprograms@gmail.com for support and consultation about how to build a network in your area.

