

Relationships between CSA and VCOPPA

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Objectives

- Understand some of the provider membership organizations
- Formal ways to partner with providers
- Less traditional ways to partner

Collaboration Multiplies Impact

- ***Relationships, relationships, relationships***
- Mission match up
- Thinking outside the box

VCOPPA

- Foster Family-Based Treatment Association VA Chapter (FFTA)
- Virginia Association of Licensed Child Placing Agencies (VALCPA)
- Virginia Association of Children's Homes (VACH)
- Virginia Association of Independent Specialized Education Facilities (VAISEF)

Partnering with Private Providers

- **VCOPPA and other industry associations**
 - Allies in building community resources
 - Advocates for best-practices and industry quality
 - Resources for training and professional development
- **Expanding Community Resources**
 - Private providers are partners in helping children and families succeed. It is our business/mission
 - Private providers want to work collaboratively to develop new resources when feasible and needed
 - Private providers can provide innovative solutions to situations when seen as a partner

Formal Partnership Possibilities

- **Participation on FAPT**
 - Industry/population expertise
 - Information on how other localities have addressed specific service/population challenges
 - Use their industry knowledge regarding private provider licensing and regulatory restrictions
- **Participation on CPMT**
 - Education on industry/population trends
 - Explanation of legislative, licensing and regulatory limitations
 - Increase understanding and opportunity for creating public/private partnerships

Informal Partnerships

- Ways to partner for greater impact
- Real world examples
- Community engagement and community building opportunities

Private Providers Offer.....

- **Responsiveness**
 - Faster response to inquiries
 - Systems in place to meet immediate needs
- **Flexibility**
 - Services can be adapted/customized more easily
 - Ability to innovate
- **Collaborative**
 - Business is based on achieving successful outcome
 - Providers work together to get “the right fit” (VCOPPA, VAISEF)
 - CSA, case managers and private providers MUST communicate
- **Receptiveness**
 - Providers welcome and want feedback
 - Providers can more easily adapt/respond to specific feedback(criticism) when needs are communicated
- **Quality**
 - Multiple levels of monitoring and accountability
 - Safeguards are in place to ensure quality
 - Typically able to maintain longer after-care relationships