

SECTION 8
Other State or Local Resources and
Programs

The Virginia Chlamydia Prevention Program Screening Criteria

- Females under 35 visiting STD clinics who are receiving a pelvic examination
- Females under 30 in family planning clinics who are receiving a pelvic examination
- All prenatal clinic patients
- Male partners of infected females

For more information on the Virginia Chlamydia Prevention Program, please contact the Chlamydia Program Coordinator at (804) 864-7954.

The Virginia Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention (VPHBP) Program

The Virginia Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program is a collaborative effort with local health departments and private providers to identify hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) positive pregnant women and their household contacts and sexual partners. Once identified, free testing and vaccine, if needed, is provided to the contacts and partners of these women. Free Hepatitis B Immune Globin (HBIG) and hepatitis B (HB) vaccine for newborns of infected mothers are provided to the delivery hospital and the infant's physician to prevent the spread of HBV from mother to newborn. VDH Division of Immunization, 800-568-1929, website www.vdh.state.va.us/imm/index.htm.

Healthy Families

Healthy Families is a family support program providing new parent information and referral services. The program works in partnership with the local birthing hospital, as well as intensive home-based prevention services for families with children from birth to five years of age. The program offers services designed to:

- strengthen families
- improve maternal and child health outcomes
- promote optimal child development
- increase positive parenting knowledge and behavior
- prevent child abuse and neglect and other negative parenting and childhood outcomes

Healthy Families targets overburdened families in the most historically high-risk communities. Home visiting services are offered to new parents who have been identified through a standardized screening and assessment process. Families are accepted into the program prenatally or at the time of delivery. If a family accepts the offer of voluntary home visitation, home visits are provided at least twice a month prior to the birth of the baby and weekly after the baby's birth to provide support and education services. Visits decrease in frequency as the family becomes more knowledgeable and independent. Families may receive these home-visiting services until the child enters kindergarten.

Contact: Amy Strite, Vice President of Early Childhood and Family Development, 804-282-4255, 804-285-3701 Fax, Family Lifeline, 1518 Willow Lawn Drive, Richmond, VA 23230, website www.family-lifeline.org.

Comprehensive Health Investment Project (CHIP of VA)

CHIP of VA programs are local public/private partnerships, which provide comprehensive care coordination. CHIP provides family support and referral to medical and dental services for low-income at-risk children. CHIP programs provide a case management process which helps identified families connect to needed services. The program does not directly provide medical or dental services. Local programs are overseen by both a management team and an advisory council. The management team includes executive or senior level management of partner agencies, e.g., public health and community-based organizations. The advisory group is a broad group comprised of community representatives from local government, social services, health, mental health, education, private business, and parents.

Contact: Sandy Graves, 804-233-2850.

Community Service Boards (CSBs)

Statewide the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services is organized into 40 CSBs offer varying combinations of six core services:

1. emergency services
2. local inpatient services
3. outpatient and case management services
4. day support services
5. residential services
6. prevention and early intervention services

CSBs exist to provide individual, flexible, effective, integrated and efficient services in the most accessible, responsive and appropriate yet least restrictive settings possible. They draw upon all available community resources along with people's natural support systems (family, friends, work) to ameliorate the effects of mental disabilities and substance abuse, encourage growth and development, and assist individuals to realize their maximum potentials. CSBs also enable individuals with mental disabilities or substance abuse problems to access services in state mental health and mental retardation facilities through pre-admission screening, case management, and client services management. Sections 37.1-197, 197.1 and 198 of the Code of Virginia specify the legal duties and responsibilities of board members and the CSBs which they direct. Martha Kurgans, Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation & Substance Abuse Services, (804) 371-2184, mkurgans@dmhmrsas.state.va.us.

Richmond City Healthy Start

The Richmond Healthy Start Initiative works to eliminate disparity in perinatal and post partum healthcare for minority women and infants. This program unites several

community-based agencies to make prenatal medical support services and parenting education accessible to women and teens who are pregnant or parents of infants.

- Two programs, CHIP of Greater Richmond and Healthy Families Richmond/East District Families First Program, offer home visits, parenting education and case management services to improve the health and well being of pregnant women and teens. Eligible women can receive transportation to medical and social service appointments.
- Middle school students in City schools receive education on postponing sexual involvement through the Virginia League for Planned Parenthood.
- Women who have substance abuse problems and are pregnant or have just given birth are provided with outpatient treatment and support services from the Richmond Behavioral Health Authority.
- If a family experiences the death of an infant, the Central Commonwealth Perinatal Council FIMR program provides counseling sessions to help the family through the grieving process.

Richmond Healthy Start is committed to women, infants, parents and families to ensure that every baby is given a healthy start. Contact: Rose Stith-Singleton, Program Manager/Family and Child Health, 804-646-3335.