



Project LINK

Project LINK provides intensive case management and home visiting services to pregnant and parenting women who are “at risk” or are currently abusing substances. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) funds eight Project LINK sites. Each site is affiliated with at least one community service board (CSB) and provides services to pregnant and parenting women and their families that live within the community served by that CSB. The eight CSBs and communities are:

- Roanoke (Blue Ridge CSB)
- Fredericksburg (Rappahannock Area CSB)
- Charlottesville (Region Ten CSB)
- Newport News (Hampton-Newport News CSB)
- Virginia Beach (Virginia Beach CSB)
- Petersburg (District 19 CSB)
- Northern Virginia (Fairfax, Loudon, Alexandria, Arlington and Prince William CSBs)
- Far Southwest Virginia (Cumberland Mountain, Dickenson and Planning District One)

Project LINK is an interagency, community-based collaborative program designed to coordinate and enhance existing services to help meet the extensive and multiple needs of women and their children whose lives have been affected by substance use. Through the use of innovative linkages, LINK seeks to provide a full continuum of care by integrating prevention, early intervention, and treatment services with health care and other human and supportive services. Services at each Project LINK site vary some depending upon the needs of the community and available resources.

By coordinating community resources, Project LINK seeks to reduce barriers to services for substance using women and their families. Project LINK’s goals include

- improving communication on behalf of participants,
- enhancing the knowledge and skills of service providers
- augmenting existing services to address participants’ special needs.

The Project LINK sites provide intensive outreach case management, home visitation and support services to women and their families. Participants are also linked to substance abuse, mental health, medical and other social services available in the community. Services provided by or coordinated through Project LINK include substance abuse prevention and treatment, family planning, prenatal care, well-baby care, general health care, developmental screening, assessment and intervention, family services, child protective services, foster care, parenting education, and public education.