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## How Virginia used the Community Opportunity Map to build a Family Resource Center network

“Behind every data point, there is a living, breathing person. We wanted to make sure that the FRCs could make that connection .... Using the map gave us a clear path to visualize the need in a way that everyone could understand.”

—Traci B. Jones, Assistant Director of Protection and Prevention Programs, Virginia DSS

[Thriving Families, Safer Children](#) is a first-of-its-kind national partnership of the U.S. Children’s Bureau, Casey Family Programs, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Prevent Child Abuse America, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The effort works across public, private and philanthropic sectors to promote the health, well-being and economic stability of families to help strengthen communities and end the harmful practice of family separation in child welfare systems. [Families Forward Virginia](#), the Prevent Child Abuse America chapter in the state, leads this effort with the public child welfare agency. A cornerstone of the [project](#) is to provide equitable access to resources and support by developing a network of Family Resource Centers (FRCs) across the state. They’re engaging people with lived experience, community organizations, civic groups, and nontraditional service providers to shift their communities from a child welfare system to a child and family well-being system.



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