Celebrating 80 Years and Counting!

Since 1941, The Planning Council has been in the forefront of local and regional human services planning. Below are just a few of the organizations, programs and services that The Council has helped create over the past 80 years. Thank you to all of our partner organizations who continue the legacy that The Planning Council founders, leadership and staff have developed over the last 80 decades!

1940s
- Established as Council of Social Agencies

1950s
- Detention Treatment Hospital for Women
- Norfolk Mental Hygiene Center
- Civilian Defense Volunteer Office
- Legal Reference Bureau
- Norfolk Juvenile Delinquency Study
- Norfolk Clinic for Treatment of Alcoholism
- Norfolk’s first comprehensive health survey
- Expands services to Chesapeake and Virginia Beach

1960s
- Eastern Virginia Medical Authority/ EVMS
- S.T.O.P. Organization
- Name change to Health, Welfare and Recreation Planning Council
- Hampton Roads Health Information Referral Planning Center
- Voluntarism and Urban Life Study

1970s
- Southeastern Virginia Model Program for the Elderly (now Senior Services of SE Virginia)
- Navy Family Services Center
- 911 Emergency Number
- United Drug Abuse Council
- Child and Youth Study

1980s
- Child and Adult Care Food Program
- Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore
- Child Day Care Fee Subsidy Program
- Homeless Prevention Program
- Ford for Kids
- Park Place Community Health Center
- Voluntary Registered In-Home Provider Program
- Childcare Resource and Referral
- Homeless Management Information System Administration
- Regional Permanent Supportive Housing for homeless adults
- U.S. Navy Respite Care Program
- Continuum of Care Coordination
- Accreditation for regional 2-1-1 Center
- Investment in Priorities Report
- Parents as Teachers
- Child Care Quality Initiative
- Central Fill Pharmacy

1990s
- Regional Crisis Hotline
- Regional Information and Referral
- Community Rehabilitation Services System
- Farm2Childcare

2000s
- Merger of homeless systems in 3 jurisdictions
- Virginia Quality Rating and Improvement System for Family Day Homes
- Eastern Shore Rapid Response Team
- Statewide 2-1-1
- Home Visiting Centralized Intake

2010s

2020s
- $16 million in COVID funding for the region’s homeless systems
- Disconnected Youth Coalition
- Racial Disparity Reports across region’s homeless systems
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