

Virginia Association of Community Services Boards

2026 Public Policy Conference at a Glance

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026

9:30 am – 5:00 pm	VACSB Registration Desk Open Exhibit Center Open (BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN)				North Entry Crystal Foyer
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	CONFERENCE OPENS – Buffet Luncheon				Roanoke A/B/C/D
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Keynote: From Skid Row to CEO: Building Resilience One Step at a Time Joe Roberts, Keynote Speaker, Author and Humanitarian				
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Conference Workshops (concurrent)				
Wilson	Crystal A/B/C	Monroe	Crystal D/E	Buck Mountain	
Centering Youth Voice: The Power of Youth Support Partners in High- Fidelity Wraparound	From Avoidance to Alignment: Building a Feedback-Rich Organization	Peers Working Within Clinical Settings	Building Empathy in Healthcare: What My Patients and Families Have Taught Me	Come Walk in My Shoes, Listen With My Ears, Watch with My Eyes	
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Refreshment Break in Exhibit Center				Crystal Foyer
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Conference Workshops (concurrent)				
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Invisible Labor: Using IFS to Work with Your Own Internal Activation	Sustaining Virginia’s Behavioral Health System: Making the Case for CCBHCs in a Changing Medicaid Environment	Creating Inclusive Mental Health Care for Autistic Clients	Medicaid Updates: DMAS Response to H.R.1, CCBHC Study, and Upcoming Policy Changes	Opioid Abatement Authority- How Settlement Funds Can & Are Working for CSBs	
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Welcome Reception - (Complimentary Hors d’oeuvres & Cash Bar)				Garden Courtyard

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration & Exhibit Center Open				North Entry/Crystal Foyer
8:00 am – 9:30 am	Continental Breakfast				Crystal Foyer
9:30 am – 12:00 pm	2026 Virginia Public Policy Panel Presentation				Roanoke A/B/C/D
	Daryl Washington, Commissioner, DBHDS Tammy Whitlock, Deputy Director for Complex Care, DMAS Marvin Figueroa, Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Commonwealth of Virginia (<i>invited</i>) Sam Rasoul, Virginia House of Delegates R. Creigh Deeds, Senate of Virginia				
12:00 pm – 1:45 pm	2026 Joseph V. Gartlan, Jr. Award Luncheon				Roanoke A/B/C/D
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	CSB/BHA Board Member Workshop -Better Discussions. Better Decisions. Better Boards.				Buck Mountain
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Group Meetings - Executive Directors Forum - Developmental Services Council - Emergency Services Council - Human Resources Directors Council - Quality Leadership Council - Behavioral Health Council - Children and Family Services Council - Prevention Services Council - Finance Directors Council - Physician Directors Meeting				Crystal A/B/C Crystal D/E Monroe Tinker Mill Wilson Brush Appalachian Jefferson Harrison-Tyler
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Refreshment Break in Exhibit Center				Crystal Foyer
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Networking Reception (Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar)				Garden Courtyard

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026

8:00 am – 11:00 am	Registration Desk Open				Crystal Court
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Buffet Breakfast				Crystal Foyer
9:00 am – adjourn	Combined VACSB Board of Directors and Business Meeting				Crystal Ballroom