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## Family Check-Up (FCU) Organizational Kick-Off

- WHAT: Lynchburg, VA Horizon Behavioral Health presents a Family Check-Up (FCU) Organizational Kick-off to celebrate the launch of a new program involving the implementation of the Family Check-Up (FCU) model, an evidence-based program (EBP). Horizon is honored to be selected as the first agency to implement the FCU model in Virginia. This new program is slated to serve youth ages 2-17, and their families, with a family-centered and strengths-based approach to mindful parenting, tailored to family strengths and needs.
  - WHO: The Virginia Commonwealth University Center for Evidence-based partnerships in Virginia, Horizon Behavioral Health, and Virginia Department of Social Services will present information on the FCU model and review expectations for the implementation of the EBP in Central Virginia. This workshop is open to local referral brokers including Children's Services Act (CSA) coordinators, Department of Social Services (DSS) personnel and leaders, Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)/Court Service Unit service coordinators, local Community Services Board (CSB) and school-based representatives and practitioners who plan to be trained in EBP.

"We are truly excited to join together with partners from our local community, VCU, and DSS to implement a model for families and children rich in research-based outcomes to improve the health and wellness of children and families." Says Jennifer Smith Ramey, Outpatient Program Manager at Horizon Behavioral Health. "We are honored that Horizon was selected as the pilot site for FCU implementation. Our team of clinicians and supervisors are eager to learn the model and begin practicing FCU in Central Virginia."

- WHERE: Acorn Hill Lodge 2134 Old Forest Road Lynchburg, VA 24501
- WHEN: Friday, March 10th, 2023 1:00pm to 4:00pm