



January 7, 2026

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Dear Ms. Wilborn:

On behalf of the Cancer Action Coalition of Virginia, it is our pleasure to submit the annual report to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Joint Commission on Health Care as requested in House Joint Resolution No. 56 of 2010.

The Cancer Action Coalition of Virginia (CACV) is an alliance of organizations and individuals working together to provide statewide guidance, support, leadership, and coordination of cancer prevention and control activities throughout the Commonwealth. CACV is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Our mission is to reduce the burden of cancer for all persons living in Virginia utilizing the Virginia Cancer Plan to provide a forum for collaboration, education, and advocacy.

In 2023, CACV members, in partnership with the Virginia Department of Health, released the latest blueprint for community-based cancer prevention and control activities in the Commonwealth; the document is the [Virginia Cancer Plan \(VCP\), 2023-2027](#). The VCP contains goals, specific objectives, methods to achieve identified objectives, and standards used to measure success. In response to the VCP, CACV organizes and supports implementation teams to address objectives along the cancer continuum and hosts quarterly meetings for its membership and the Virginia Cancer Conference biennially.

Throughout the report, you will find references to how our activities align with the *Virginia Cancer Plan* along with metrics showing our progress. Our activities always intend to promote collaboration among our members to meet the goals and objectives of the *Virginia Cancer Plan*.

Please contact Annie Turner at aturner@cancercoalitionofvirginia.org to answer questions about the report. Thank you for distributing the report to Virginia's legislators and citizens.

Sincerely,

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Amy Godkin
Chair

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Annie Turner
Executive Director



**Report to the Governor, General Assembly, and the
Joint Commission on Health Care**

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This annual report describes activities and accomplishments of the Cancer Action Coalition of Virginia (CACV) as related to the Virginia Cancer Plan throughout 2025. The appendix reproduces the text of HJR 56, which requests that CACV provide annual reports to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Joint Commission on Health Care regarding changes to the Virginia Cancer Plan.

Since the 2024 report, the Cancer Action Coalition of Virginia has expanded its statewide reach to 397 members and accelerated progress on the Virginia Cancer Plan. Notable gains include improved early detection of lung and ovarian cancers. Initiatives piloted in 2024 were scaled statewide in 2025, including the Lung Cancer Screening Learning Collaborative and quality improvement efforts for HPV vaccination. CACV also strengthened statewide leadership and alignment through the launch of the Virginia Cancer Center Leadership Summit and expansion of the Virginia Cancer Conference to include a Pediatric Cancer Track.

Looking ahead, CACV remains committed to advancing the Virginia Cancer Plan through collaboration, data-informed strategies, and sustained implementation. By aligning partners and resources across Virginia, CACV will continue to support efforts that improve cancer prevention, early detection, treatment, survivorship, and quality of life for all Virginians.

CACV Mission

The mission of the Cancer Action Coalition of Virginia (CACV) is to reduce the burden of cancer for all persons living in Virginia, utilizing the Virginia Cancer Plan to provide a forum for collaboration, education, and advocacy.

Our key initiative is to develop the [Virginia Cancer Plan](#) (VCP) every 5 years which provides a roadmap to addressing the burden of cancer in the Commonwealth. The first plan was developed in 1998. The plan is a framework that presents priority objectives, goals, and strategies to reduce cancer risk, eliminate preventable cancers, and minimize cancer deaths and disabilities.

Cancer is too big a problem to fight alone. CACV fosters relationships between healthcare systems, non-profits, government agencies, community organizations, and individuals throughout Virginia to implement the goals and objectives of the plan.

CACV Members

- Members constitute a cross-section of parties that have a professional or personal interest in cancer prevention and control issues.
- Members include not-for-profit organizations, community-based organizations, academic institutions, public health agencies, private businesses, and health care organizations.
- Members collaborate by providing expertise in identifying the burden of cancer in Virginia, working to reduce risks, advancing early detection and state-of-the-art treatment, and enhancing survivorship.

CACV membership grew by 14% in 2025. CACV has 397 members representing the following:

Membership Organization

Cancer Center: 18%
Healthcare: 24%

Health Regions

Central Region: 46%
Northern Region: 15%

Private Sector: 19%
Community Based/Non-Profit: 25%
Higher Education: 6%
Local/State Health Department: 8%

Southwest Region: 15%
Eastern Region: 8%
Northwest Region: 10%
Outside Virginia: 6%

Virginia Cancer Plan 2023-2027

The [Virginia Cancer Plan](#) provides a roadmap to help Virginia residents address the burden of cancer by providing data, guidance, information and links to resources for all Virginians. The objectives of the plan are based on an evaluation of the cancer incidence, mortality, and burden of cancer. The plan includes key goals, objectives, and strategies for each of the following areas: Prevention, Screening & Early Detection, Diagnosis & Cancer Directed Therapy, Survivorship & Palliative Care, and Pediatrics, Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer.

Virginia Cancer Plan 2023-2027 Progress Dashboard

The Virginia Cancer Plan Dashboard provides progress on the goals and objectives outlined in the 2023-2027 Virginia Cancer Plan. Updates to the dashboard are made annually and when new data is available. The dashboard is available on the CACV website at [VCP Progress Dashboard](#).

PREVENTION: Goals & Progress

Cancer prevention includes actions that individuals and communities take to promote healthy lifestyles. Changes in behaviors, policies, and environments fit into prevention activities. Prevention efforts focus on reducing the number of people who develop cancer each year and whose quality of life suffers as a consequence.

Prevention Goals

1. Reduce exposure to and use of tobacco products among Virginians.
2. Increase the adoption of dietary patterns recommended to reduce cancer risk among Virginians.
3. Improve physical activity among Virginians.
4. Decrease underage and excessive alcohol consumption among Virginians.
5. Increase prevention and treatment of carcinogenic infectious diseases among Virginians.
6. Reduce overexposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun and indoor tanning devices among Virginians.
7. Reduce exposure to radon and other environmental substances linked to cancer.

Prevention Progress

Virginia has seen improvements across various prevention priority areas from the 2023-27 Virginia Cancer Plan (VCP), including the select objectives below. An asterisk* indicates that Virginia has already exceeded targets for 2027.

*Objective 1.1 Decrease the percentage of adult cigarette smokers.

- Baseline: 13.6% (2020 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 11.0% (2024 data)**
- Target by 2027: 12.0%
- Data source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

Objective 1.4 Increase the percentage of adolescents in grades 9-12 who never tried a cigarette (even one or two puffs).

- Baseline: 81.8% (2019 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 88.4% (2023 data)**
- Target by 2027: 88.8%
- Data source: Virginia Youth Survey

*Objective 1.11 Decrease the percentage of adolescents in grades 9-12 who use an electronic vapor product.

- Baseline: 19.9% (2019 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 8.1% (2023 data)**
- Target by 2027: 11.3%
- Data source: Virginia Youth Survey

*Objective 2.5 Decrease the percentage of adolescents in grades 6-8 who did not eat vegetables in the past 7 days.

- Baseline: 15.6% (2019 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 13.1% (2021 data)**
- Target by 2027: 14.8%
- Data source: Virginia Youth Survey

*Objective 3.6 Increase the percentage of adolescents in grades 6-8 who are active at least 60 minutes per day every day in the last 7 days.

- Baseline: 29% (2019 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 33.6% (2023 data)**
- Target by 2027: 30.5%
- Data source: Virginia Youth Survey

*Objective 4.2 Decrease the percentage of adolescents in grades 9-12 who had at least one drink in the past 30 days.

- Baseline: 25.4% (2019 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 15.8% (2023 data)**
- Target by 2027: 24.1%
- Data source: Virginia Youth Survey

Objective 5.2 Increase the percentage of males aged 13-15 who are up to date on their HPV vaccine series.

- Baseline: 37.2% (2020 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 57.4% (2024 data)**
- Target by 2027: 80%
- Data source: National Immunization Survey

EARLY DETECTION: Goals & Progress

Early detection promotes finding cancer before symptoms or signs occur. Cancers generally are more easily treated and cured when found early. Decreasing the incidence of late-stage cancer diagnosis is a primary goal of early detection efforts.

Early Detection Goals

8. Increase high-quality cancer screening and early detection rates for Virginians.

Early Detection: Progress

Below are select VCP objectives for early detection for which Virginia has already seen progress. An asterisk* indicates that Virginia has already exceeded targets for 2027.

Objective 8.5 Increase the percentage of adults aged 45-75 who receive recommended colorectal cancer screening.

- Baseline: 67.6% (2020 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 71.4% (2024 data)**
- Target by 2027: 80.0%
- Data source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

*Objective 8.7 Increase the percentage of lung cancers diagnosed at the localized stage.

- Baseline: 22.7% (2014-2018 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 28.0% (2018-2022)**
- Target by 2027: 27.3%
- Data source: Virginia Cancer Registry

*Objective 8.14 Increase the percentage of ovarian cancers diagnosed at the local stage.

- Baseline: 16.8% (2014-2018 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 24.3% (2018-2022)**
- Target by 2027: 17.3%
- Data source: Virginia Cancer Registry

DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT: Goals & Progress

This priority area in the VCP is focused on reducing barriers to care, promoting evidence-based practices, and encouraging participation in clinical trials.

Diagnosis and Treatment: Goals

9. Increase availability and access to current evidence-based diagnosis and treatment options following national standards.
10. Reduce socioeconomic, structural, cultural, and workforce barriers to obtaining quality diagnosis and treatment.
11. Increase the number and diversity of cancer patients enrolled in clinical research trials.
12. Establish a system for regular collection of data regarding cancer care across the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Diagnosis and Treatment: Progress

Below are select VCP objectives for diagnosis and treatment for which Virginia has already seen progress. An asterisk* indicates that Virginia has already exceeded targets for 2027.

Objective 9.2 Increase the percentage of cancer patients with insurance that paid for all of their cancer treatment.

- Baseline: 95.5% (2020 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 97.3% (2022 data)**
- Target by 2027: 98%
- Data source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

*Objective 10.1 Reduce the percentage of adult cancer survivors who could not see a doctor when they needed to because of costs in the past 12 months.

- Baseline: 6.7% (2020 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 6.1% (2024 data)**
- Target by 2027: 6.4%
- Data source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

*Objective 11.1 Increase the percentage of Virginia cancer patients who participate in clinical cancer research trials.

- Baseline: 3.9% (2020 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 6.1% (2023 data)**
- Target by 2027: 4.1%
- Data source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

SURVIVORSHIP AND PALLIATIVE CARE: Goals & Progress

People living with, through, or beyond cancer are survivors. Family members, friends, and caregivers are also survivors. Palliative care is a systematic application of methods that assist people in daily life, including employment, and in managing practical, legal, and financial needs. Survivorship and palliative care goals create means and opportunities to enhance quality of life for survivors.

Survivorship and Palliative Care: Goals

13. Optimize the quality of life for patients and caregivers across the cancer continuum.

Survivorship and Palliative Care: Progress

Below are select VCP objectives for survivorship and palliative care for which Virginia has already seen progress. An asterisk* indicates that Virginia has already exceeded targets for 2027.

*Objective 13.9 Increase the number of health systems that have a financial navigator available.

- Baseline: 2 (2022 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 8 (2023)**
- Target by 2027: 5
- Data source: Cancer Action Coalition of Virginia

*Objective 13.16 Increase the number of health systems that offer cancer patient case management, care coordination, and cancer navigation across the continuum of cancer care.

- Baseline: 19 (2024 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 19 (2025)**
- Target by 2027: 19
- Data source: Cancer Action Coalition of Virginia

PEDIATRIC, ADOLESCENT AND YOUNG ADULT (AYA) CANCERS: Goals & Progress

Pediatric cancers are often different from the types of cancers that develop in adults and in many cases, they are not treated in the same manner. Therefore, it is important to treat children at a center that is a member of the Children's Oncology Group where the treatment team understands the unique needs of children and teens with cancer and their families. The pediatric, adolescent and young adult cancers goals

include a comprehensive approach to improving the quality of life for all pediatric, adolescent and young adult survivors from the time they are diagnosed into adulthood.

Pediatric and AYA Cancers: Goals

14. Improve access to quality treatment and timely medical information for patients and their families.
15. Improve long-term follow-up care for childhood cancer survivors.
16. Improve support services for pediatric patients, survivors, and their families.
17. Increase awareness of palliative care strategies for children with cancer among healthcare providers, patients, and families.
18. Address financial burdens of pediatric patients, survivors, and their families.

Pediatric and AYA Cancers: Progress

Below are select VCP objectives for pediatric and AYA cancers for which Virginia has already seen progress. An asterisk* indicates that Virginia has already exceeded targets for 2027.

*Objective 16.1 All pediatric cancer treatment centers will have a dedicated educational specialist.

- Baseline: 0 specialists (2022 data)
- Most Recent Data: 5 specialists (2024 data)
- Target by 2027: 5
- Data source: ASK Childhood Cancer Foundation

Addressing Health Equity

One goal that permeates all the other goals in the Virginia Cancer Plan (VCP) is to ensure that we are addressing health equity throughout our activities. CACV and its members continue to focus efforts on reducing disparities through research, education, and targeted initiatives throughout the state.

CACV 2025 Initiatives

Virginia Cancer Plan Implementation Efforts

In 2025, CACV developed and implemented the following programmatic efforts to help reach specific goals and objectives of the Virginia Cancer Plan.

VCP FY25 Implementation Grants Enhancing Group Psychosocial Support

VCP Focus Area: Survivorship & Palliative Care and Health Equity

CACV provided \$29,000 in funding to four organizations to implement psychosocial support programs for cancer survivors and caregivers. The outcomes of these efforts were:

- Activities reached **388 cancer survivors**
- Activities reached **608 cancer caregivers/family members**
- Activities reached **32 healthcare professionals**

Grantees reported that this initiative provided the ability to uniquely support the needs of cancer survivors and caregivers in multiple ways, including identifying new connections, supporting coping skills, and improving knowledge of cancer survivors' needs.

Sun Safety

VCP Focus Area: Prevention

In partnership with the Virginia Department of Health, CACV provided sunscreen dispensers, posters, and sample sun safety policy guidelines to five new parks and recreation facilities across the state.

In partnership with the Virginia Department of Health and the UVA Cancer Center, CACV supported the development and implementation of a Sun Safety in Schools Toolkit. This toolkit helps Virginia school districts implement sun safety initiatives throughout schools and includes steps to address sun safety through environmental, education, and family-focused changes.

These initiatives are a part of our efforts to implement cancer plan strategies for Prevention Goal 6: Reduce exposure to ultraviolet radiation from the sun.

Insurance and Finance Intensive

VCP Focus Area: Survivorship & Palliative Care and Health Equity

CACV partnered with Triage Cancer to bring an Insurance and Finance Intensive to Richmond, VA on February 6, 2025. This all-day training covered topics including: a broad overview of health insurance, steps to mitigate financial toxicity following a cancer diagnosis, disability insurance and appeals, and other government programs. This intensive hosted over 50 unique persons, including patient navigators, health care professionals, community health workers, and cancer advocates. CACV offered continuing education credits at this free event.

Pink and Pearl Campaign

VCP Focus Area: Early Detection

CACV hosted a Pink and Pearl webinar on November 5, 2025. The Pink and Pearl campaign originated in Tennessee to bring awareness to the importance of screening for both breast and lung cancer in women given the overlapping risk factors. Over 40 people attended the one-hour webinar. The Pink and Pearl webinar featured Vanderbilt's Dr. Kim Sandler; her presentation titled: "Women Screened for Breast Cancer are Dying from Lung Cancer: An Opportunity to Improve Lung Cancer Screening in a Mammography Population" highlighted the benefits of integrating breast and lung cancer screenings in eligible populations.

This initiative is part of our efforts to implement cancer plan strategies for Early Detection Goal 8: Increase high-quality cancer screening and early detection rates for Virginians.

Thoracic Oncology Multidisciplinary Symposium

VCP Focus Area: Diagnosis & Cancer Directed Therapy

CACV partnered with UVA Cancer Center to host two educational events focused on the latest in diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer. Over 70 medical oncologists and advanced practitioners from community and academic-based practices attended these events.

This initiative is part of our efforts to implement cancer strategies for Diagnosis & Cancer Directed Therapy Goal 9: Increase availability and access to current evidence-based diagnosis and treatment options following national standards.

VCP Implementation Teams

The coalition's implementation teams focus efforts toward specific areas of the Virginia Cancer Plan. The work of these groups is highlighted below.

Virginia HPV Immunization Taskforce (VHIT)

VCP Focus Area: Prevention and Health Equity

The Virginia HPV Immunization Taskforce (VHIT) works to prevent HPV-related cancers by increasing HPV vaccination across the Commonwealth. VHIT members represent many diverse sectors including public health, healthcare systems, industry, education, and non-profit organizations. The task force is comprised of over 45 individuals representing 15 organizations. VHIT key activities in 2025 include:

HPV QI Project

VHIT partnered with the Virginia Department of Health and the American Cancer Society to improve on-time HPV vaccination rates among adolescents in Virginia who are under- or uninsured through quality improvement strategies that promote and educate medical and dental providers on evidence-based practices related to HPV immunizations. This initiative began in June 2024 and concluded in May 2025. In collaboration with Healthy Community Health Centers (HCHC) in Harrisonburg, there were monthly meetings, four training sessions, and education materials distributed to the clinics. HCHC reported increasing the percentage of adolescents age 13 years old who received one or more doses of the HPV vaccine on or before their 13th birthday by a monthly average of 27.3% and increasing the percentage of adolescents age 13 years old who received two doses of the HPV vaccine by a monthly average of 39.9%.

HPV Awareness Day

In honor of HPV Awareness Day on March 4, VHIT and its partners rolled out a targeted campaign to encourage Virginia healthcare providers, parents, and guardians to support HPV vaccine for children 9 and older. The following partners provided support for this campaign: Virginia Academy of Family Physicians (VAFP), ImmunizeVA, CACV, UnitedHealthcare, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) -- Virginia Chapter, Anthem, Aetna, ACOG, ACS, Sentara, VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center, UVA Cancer Center, Inova, Virginia Community Healthcare Association (VCHA), Old Dominion University (ODU), VA Association of Free Clinics, Virginia Rural Health Association, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital/The HPV Cancer Prevention Program, ADA VA Dental Chapter, Humana, Virginia Children's Care Network (VCCN), Carilion Children, Children's Hospital of the King's Daughter (CHKD), and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH).

HPV Dental Toolkit Implementation

VHIT reached out to all dental health programs in Virginia to introduce the HPV dental toolkit and discuss implementing HPV education into each program's curriculum. Six of the eight programs responded to the inquiry and shared the HPV dental toolkit with their students. The dental health program at VCU is incorporating additional HPV education into the curriculum as a result of these efforts.

Meetings and Collaboration

VHIT hosted four virtual meetings this year providing education on timely issues relating to HPV vaccination and HPV associated cancers. Topics included: HPV Provider Letter, Vaccine Confidence & Motivational Interviewing, Cervivor: Sara's Story, HPV and VA Code, AIM Immunization Champion Award Winner Spotlight, Top 12 States: HPV Vaccination Engagement Summit, Back to School Updates, Engaging with Oral Health Professionals to Address the Rise of Oropharyngeal Cancers, and Cancer Prevention through HPV Vaccination: An Action Guide for Dental Health Care Providers.

Virginia Colorectal Cancer Roundtable (VCCRT)

VCP Focus Area: Early Detection and Health Equity

The Virginia Colorectal Cancer Roundtable (VCCRT) is a volunteer group made up of over 70 advocates, focusing on colorectal cancer prevention and control. Together, members work to reduce the burden of colorectal cancer and achieve 80% screening rates in every Virginia community. VCCRT key activities in 2025 include:

Northern Virginia Regional Action Planning

On December 3, VCCRT hosted its third regional roundtable, with 2025 focusing on addressing colorectal cancer (CRC) in northern Virginia. The in-person meeting, held in Fairfax, VA, was attended by 43 partners from around the state and the DC metro area. Presentations included a region focused data overview, a dive into the various types of CRC screening, a community panel highlighting strategies to build community capacity for cancer screening and strategies for health system-based outreach efforts, an update on multitarget stool DNA testing, and a CRC survivor discussion.

Resident and Fellows Corner

VCCRT hosts a workgroup of residents and fellows from various institutions in Virginia. This workgroup allows residents and fellows to gather and discuss current projects, research interests, and best practices. Residents and fellows are encouraged to present their work at VCCRT meetings.

Southwest Virginia Colorectal Cancer Screening Grant

In June, VCCRT awarded a one-time award of \$2,050 to the Town of Christiansburg. The purpose of this grant is to bolster screening initiatives related to CRC among employees employed with the Town of Christiansburg. This grant opportunity stemmed from the November 2024 Regional Action Planning Meeting, hosted in southwest Virginia.

Meetings & Collaboration

In addition to the in-person regional meeting, VCCRT hosted three additional virtual meetings this year, providing education to members on timely issues relating to colorectal cancer screening. Topics included Profiles of Success: Innovations and Best Practices from Health Systems, Early Onset Colorectal Cancer: Social Media Campaign & Engaging the Youth, a survivorship panel, UVA FQHC Collaborative and SPARC CRC Pilots, and presentations from the Resident and Fellows Corner.

Virginia Breast Cancer Roundtable (VBCRT)

VCP Focus Area: Early Detection and Health Equity

The Virginia Breast Cancer Roundtable (VBCRT) works to implement the goals and objectives related to breast cancer across the continuum, with a focus on equity, as outlined in the Virginia Cancer Plan. The task force is comprised of 60 individuals representing over 20 organizations. VBCRT key activities in 2025 include:

Virginia Mobile Mammography Unit Map & List

VBCRT established a mobile mammography workgroup after identifying a need to collaborate to increase access to mobile mammography services across Virginia. In 2024, with the support of VDH, this workgroup developed an interactive map highlighting Virginia localities served by mobile mammography units. In 2025, this workgroup, with representation from health systems with mobile mammography services, continued to come together to strategize initiatives and prioritize action steps to increase access across the Commonwealth. The workgroup met twice in 2025 to discuss barriers to care, metrics related to breast

cancer, and best practices. The map, which is reviewed and updated regularly, is located on the CACV website: [Virginia Mobile Mammography Unit Map](#).

Meetings & Collaboration

VBCRT hosted three virtual meetings this year, providing education to members on timely issues relating to breast cancer screening and treatment. VBCRT members also attended the Pink and Pearl event highlighted earlier in this report to support dialogue surrounding the importance of co-screening for lung and breast cancer.

Virginia Cancer Survivorship Roundtable (VCSRT)

VCP Focus Area: Survivorship & Palliative Care and Health Equity

The Virginia Cancer Survivorship Roundtable (VCSRT) works to address the goals and objectives outlined in the Survivorship and Palliative Care section of the Virginia Cancer Plan. The roundtable is comprised of 50 individuals including cancer survivors representing over 20 organizations. VCSRT key activities in 2025 include:

Cancer Survivorship Resource Directory

VCSRT, in partnership with VDH, created the Cancer Survivorship Resource Directory in 2024. This directory serves as a living document of resources and services for cancer patients from initial diagnosis and extending beyond treatment. CACV and VDH update the dashboard on a quarterly basis. The interactive dashboard includes both psychosocial and financial resources at the national, state, and local level: [Cancer Survivorship Resource Directory](#).

Partnership with the Cancer Experience Registry

To better understand the cancer patient experience in Virginia, CACV and VCSRT continue to partner with Cancer Support Community (CSC) to increase participation of Virginia cancer patients and caregivers in the Cancer Experience Registry (CER) survey. To date, the survey has over 120 responses from Virginians.

Meetings & Collaboration

VCSRT hosted two virtual meetings this year, providing education to members on timely issues relating to food is medicine and the holistic benefit of exercise for survivorship.

Virginia Cancer Patient Navigator Network (VACPNN)

VCP Focus Area: Diagnosis & Cancer Directed Therapy; Survivorship & Palliative Care; and Health Equity

VACPNN represents navigators across the state who strive to eradicate barriers and enhance outcomes for patients, families, and the healthcare team through education, networking, and mutual support. VACPNN is a local navigator network of the Academy of Oncology Nurse and Patient Navigators (AONN+), a professional organization that supports patient navigation practice nationally and internationally. VACPNN is comprised of over 50 navigators representing over 15 organizations from across the state. VACPNN key activities in 2025 include:

AONN+ Conference, November 6-9, 2025

VACPNN co-chairs submitted and were selected for a showcase presentation at the 2025 AONN+ Conference: *The Evolution of Navigation in Virginia: Lessons learned about sustainability of a Statewide Navigation Network*. Additionally, the conference awarded VACPNN the “2025 Outstanding Local Navigation Network Award”. This is the second time that VACPNN has received this award.

VACPNN Scholarship Program

VACPNN created a scholarship program in 2024 for members to attend the AONN+ Annual Meeting virtually. In 2025, three VACPNN members received scholarships to virtually attend the AONN+ conference from November 6-9, 2025, with the ask for attendees to present their experience and learning at a future VACPNN meeting.

Meetings & Collaboration

VACPNN hosted two meetings this year, providing education to members on topics including: recommendations to help support adherence to oral anti-cancer agents, policy panel discussion, workforce development, the ZONE tool, and an action plan recap from the hybrid meeting in April. In addition to these two meetings, CACV promoted the Triage Cancer February training to VACPNN membership, acknowledging the role navigators play in supporting financial navigation of their patients.

Virginia Lung Cancer Roundtable (VLCRT)

VCP Focus Area: Prevention; Screening; Diagnosis & Cancer Directed Therapy; and Health Equity

The Virginia Lung Cancer Roundtable (VLCRT) focuses on the prevention, screening, and treatment of lung cancer as outlined in the VCP. VLCRT is comprised of over 50 members representing a diverse group of organizations throughout Virginia. VLCRT key activities in 2025 include:

Lung Cancer Screening Learning Collaborative Series

VLCRT partnered with VDH to implement and pilot a Lung Cancer Screening Learning Collaborative Series. This learning collaborative engaged with five unique health systems, including one federally qualified health center, for a six-month series aimed at supporting development and/or growth of each health system's lung cancer screening program. Participating programs developed comprehensive, guided action plans to identify the unique steps each health system would explore in implementing and growing their lung cancer screening programming. Attendees participated in subsequent sessions focused on topics including addressing tobacco cessation in a lung cancer screening program, how to use your electronic health record to identify eligible patients, addressing stigma in lung cancer screening, and more.

Meetings & Collaboration

VLCRT hosted four virtual meetings, highlighting the following topics: An Inside Look into Thoracic Oncology Clinical Research Coordination, policy updates in the lung cancer space, lung cancer screening day initiatives, and innovations in bio-marker testing. VLCRT members also attended the Pink and Pearl event highlighted earlier in this report to support dialogue surrounding the importance of co-screening for lung and breast cancer.

Virginia Pediatric Oncology Group

VCP Focus Area: Pediatric, Adolescent and Young Adult Cancers

In 2024, CACV established the Virginia Pediatric Oncology Group to focus efforts on the implementation of the pediatric, adolescent and young adult cancer section of the VCP. The group is comprised of 30 individuals representing 15 organizations across Virginia. For the first time, the Virginia Cancer Conference offered a specific pediatric track consisting of the following topics; Grief and Loss: Rebuilding, Healing and the Impact of Secondary Loss, Transitions of Care in Survivorship, and Compassion Fatigue. In addition to the Virginia Cancer Conference, the Virginia Pediatric Oncology Group met once virtually in the summer. The Pediatric group hopes to begin meeting regularly in 2026.

CACV Quarterly Meetings and the Virginia Cancer Conference

The purpose of CACV quarterly meetings is to disseminate the latest available and locally applicable

cancer prevention and control information to the entire membership. These quarterly meetings align with the goals and objectives of the VCP.

Quarterly meetings were held in March, June, and December; the Virginia Cancer Conference replaced the standard September quarterly meeting. Over 200 unique members participated in the quarterly meetings.

The topics of 2025 quarterly meetings included:

March

- Medical-dental integration for cancer control priorities: Perceptions and action of oral health professionals (*VCP Prevention*)
- Palliative Care: What it is and offers to families (*VCP Survivorship & Palliative Care*)
- Member Spotlight: Hitting Cancer Below the Belt (*VCP Early Detection*)
- Advocacy & Policy Update (*VCP Overall*)

June

- Improving Prostate Cancer Screening in Southwest Virginia FQHC (*VCP Screening*)
- Radon: Cancer Risk and Mitigation Efforts in Virginia (*VCP Prevention*)
- State & Federal Policy Updates (*VCP Overall*)

December

- Virginia Impacts of H.R.1 and Federal Decisions: Medicaid and Health Care (*VCP Overall*)
- Understanding Key Legislative Issues Relating to Cancer in Virginia (*VCP Overall*)
- Advocacy 101: How to be an effective advocate (*VCP Overall*)

Virginia Cancer Conference 2025

The Virginia Cancer Conference is a biennial event hosted by the Cancer Action Coalition of Virginia. The purpose of the Virginia Cancer Conference is to provide education and training to key stakeholders in the Virginia cancer community. The conference is attended by physicians, nurses, clinical social workers, patient navigators, health educators, survivors, caregivers, advocates, and community members.

The Virginia Cancer Conference “*Uniting Minds, Healing Lives: A Collaborative Approach to Cancer Care*” was held in Richmond on September 11-12, 2025. The conference was attended by 226 individuals representing all areas of Virginia. The following topics were discussed during the conference:

- Food is Medicine
- Virginia Cancer Plan Implementation: Prioritizing Our Efforts
- Viral Types of Cancer
- Use of Treatment Guidelines in Clinical Settings: A Case Study in Lung Cancer
- Role of Navigators, CHWs, and Community-Based Organizations in Cancer Control & Prevention
- Provider Wellness
- Clinical Trials: Engaging Underrepresented Communities
- Diversifying Funding Sources for Cancer Control & Prevention
- Cancer & Policy
- Latest in Cancer Screening & Early Detection
- Survivorship: How to Know Your Rights

- Motivational Interviewing & Shared Decision Making
- Pediatric Cancer Track (offered for the first time in 2025)
 - o Grief & Loss: Rebuilding, Healing and the Impact of Secondary Loss
 - o Transitions of Care in Survivorship
 - o Compassion Fatigue

Virginia Cancer Center Leadership Summit

The 2025 Virginia Cancer Conference included the Virginia Cancer Center Leadership Summit. This inaugural summit engaged leaders from nine unique cancer centers across the Commonwealth and partners from the American Cancer Society and Virginia Department of Health. The leadership meeting highlighted the value of collaboration and partnership and utilized the latest cancer data in Virginia to identify statewide goals for prevention and screening to foster partnerships between the cancer centers to address identified prioritizations.

The conference evaluations were positive with 94% of attendees who strongly agreed or agreed that they learned new and useful information about cancer prevention, policy, and treatment. The next Virginia Cancer Conference is planned for 2027.

Appendix: House Joint Resolution No. 56, 2010 Session

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 56

Requesting the Virginia Cancer Plan Action Coalition to report annually on changes to the Virginia Cancer Plan to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Joint Commission on Health Care. Report.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 8, 2010, Agreed

to by the Senate, March 2, 2010

WHEREAS, cancer is the leading cause of death for people under age 65 in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, between 2001 and 2005, over 154,000 cases of cancer were diagnosed and over 67,000 people died from cancer in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Health identified the need to address cancer as a public health issue and established the Cancer Control Project in January of 1998; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Cancer Control Project, the Virginia Department of Health initiated development of the Virginia Cancer Plan, a state cancer plan for the prevention and control of cancer, and established the Cancer Plan Action Coalition to create the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Cancer Plan sets forth the state's goals and strategies for all areas of comprehensive cancer control, and includes baseline data, measurable objectives, guidance for design, implementation, surveillance, and evaluation of cancer-related actions and issues for the general public, people with cancer and their families, health care providers, policymakers, and the broader health care system; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Cancer Plan is regularly updated; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring,

That the Virginia Cancer Plan Action Coalition be requested to report annually on changes to the Virginia Cancer Plan to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Joint Commission on Health Care. The Virginia Cancer Plan Action Coalition shall submit to the Division of Legislative Automated Systems an executive summary and report of its progress in meeting the request of this resolution no later than the first day of the 2011 Regular Session of the General Assembly. The executive summary and report shall be submitted for publication as a report document as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.