



## COUNTY OF AMHERST

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### **Amherst County's 2019 Trauma Informed Community Network (TICN)**

The Amherst County Trauma Informed Community Network was recently formed in January 2019 to address the public health crisis of toxic stress in our locality. They have established a core leadership and planning committee who have been meeting regularly and recently hosted their first Trauma Summit Kick-Off event on March 22nd, 2019. They had approximately 100 attendees from all different community sectors participate in this fantastic event that was facilitated and presented by Melissa McGinn of the Greater Richmond SCAN. Amherst County is officially the 19th TICN recognized in the state of Virginia. They are excited to be taking members of their leadership committee to the Virginia Summit on Childhood Trauma and Resilience in April to learn and work as a team to develop a plan to "Realize, Recognize and Respond" to trauma related issues that need to be addressed to improve the health and well-being of our families. For more information, please contact 434-946-9398 or email us at [bladdison@countyofamherst.com](mailto:bladdison@countyofamherst.com)



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