

Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice – Service Coordination – Evidence-Based Associates



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Kara will serve as the central point of contact for the Virginia Transformation Project with respect to stakeholders and local court service units. She has worked within a variety of community based and residential programs, assisting in the implementation of several evidence based projects. Most recently she served as a Children's Services Act Coordinator, working within and leading a multi-disciplinary team to meet the needs of at-risk youth and families.



Dan Edwards, PhD

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A resident of Virginia, Dan is president of Evidence-Based Associates. Before joining EBA, Edwards worked for MST Services, an affiliate of the Medical University of South Carolina, to lead state and international projects focusing on the dissemination of MST. Since joining EBA in 2007, he has coauthored several publications on evidencebased programs and has been an advocate for high-quality, evidence-based programs for at-risk children, youth and families.



Margaret McAlister

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Margaret is the human resources specialist for Evidence-Based Associates. She brings more than 20 years of human resource management experience for mid-sized corporations and start-up businesses. She has coauthored nine evidence-based practice therapy model-specific EBA Best Practices Hiring Manuals in collaboration provider teams and model consultants, and is currently working on a comprehensive human resources manual for Evidence-Based practitioners.



Bob Sayles

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Bob has 18 years of experience working in the data management and internet technology field and has worked in finance and audit areas within multiple corporations. As director of information management and technology, Bob is responsible for the daily maintenance of the company databases and dashboards. Before joining Evidence-Based Associates, Bob was the director of information technology for Liberty Resources, a New York-based human services provider.



Kim Stafford

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Kim has 20 years of experience in providing direct care services as well as program development and clinical supervision of services delivered to children, adolescents, and their families. She has worked extensively in collaborating with community partners to establish a continuum of care for youth and families in need.



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Joel has worked for various private and public family-serving agencies in Virginia since 2009, including direct case work for adults with developmental disabilities, children and parents affected by abuse & neglect. Most recently Joel has worked with youth and families involved in the juvenile justice system. He resides in The Shenandoah Valley and is currently pursuing a Masters of Social Work degree at Virginia Commonwealth University.