

Who's Involved - Member Organizations

- Abingdon Episcopal Church
- Abingdon Ruritan Club
- Adult Literacy on the Middle Peninsula
- Alzheimer's Association
- American Cancer Society
- American Red Cross
- Animal Rescue Foundation
- Bay Aging
- Bethany United Methodist Church
- Bread for Life Food Pantry
- Children's Diaper Bank
- Bridges Head Start
- Brain Injury Association
- DAV Chapter 58
- First Presbyterian Church
- Giving Garden Foundation, Inc.
- Gloucester Community Education & Clean Community
- Gloucester Community Foundation
- Gloucester Commonwealth's Attorney
- Gloucester Chamber of Commerce
- Gloucester Family YMCA
- Gloucester Genealogical Society
- Gloucester Health Department
- Gloucester Housing Partnership/Samaritans, Inc.
- Gloucester Lions Club
- Gloucester Main Street Preservation Trust

- Gloucester-Mathews Care Clinic
- Gloucester Moose Family Lodge
- Gloucester Parks, Recreation & Tourism
- Gloucester Public Library
- Gloucester Social Services
- GUEST
- Habitat for Humanity
- Hearing Loss Assoc. of Mid. Pen.
- Helping Hands Missions
- Insight Enterprise Inc./Pen. Center for Independent Living
- Laurel Shelter, Inc.
- Literacy Volunteers of Gloucester
- Middle Peninsula Regional Adult & Career Education
- MPNN Community Services Board
- Newington Baptist Church
- Parent Child Development Corporation
- Piankatank Community League
- Riverside Walter Reed Hospital
- Rural Infant Services
- Salvation Army
- Susanna Wesley Methodist Church
- Three-Rivers Health District
- Three Rivers Healthy Families
- Va. Cooperative Extension Service
- VersAbility Resources & Puller Center

Networking

Filling Service Gaps

Identifying Needs

Connecting Groups

Information Sharing

Involvement

Collaboration



Gloucester Resource Council

What We Do

Addressing Identified Issues

The Gloucester County Resource Council is a coordinating body for organizations with community service missions. The council meets monthly to promote agency services, identify needs, encourage collaboration and advocate.

Monthly Networking – The Gloucester Resource Council meets the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Gloucester Library Community Room to share information and resources.

E-News Services – Through an online e-news service, council members stay informed and share upcoming announcements, events and specific needs through an e-news service and e-mail network with potential to reach

Current Initiatives:

The council has identified key issues and areas and formed working committees to address:

- **Childhood Food Insecurity:** To research and investigate options for providing summer food resources to families participating in the back/snack pack programs during the school year.
- **Poverty/Mental Health:** To research, investigate and discuss the issues of poverty and better understand how it impacts individuals and communities, as well as plan activities to bring more awareness and understanding.
- **Regional Resource Network:** To facilitate and convene quarterly meetings of resource networking groups in the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck for information sharing and potential collaborative efforts.
- **Community Volunteer Month:** To conduct a volunteer/community service awareness and recruitment campaign in April 2017, to coincide with National Volunteer Month, for the purpose of increasing the number of community members volunteering with non-profits in Gloucester and promoting awareness of the importance of volunteers to our community.
- **Public Relations:** To promote the Gloucester Resource Council and its activities, as well as participating organization's mission and activities in multiple venues such as traditional and social media. The PR Committee oversees the Spotlight on Hope and Facebook Feature Friday initiatives.

For more information, contact the Gloucester Department of Community Education at 804-693-5730 or awallace@gloucesterva.info.

“Working Together for Our Community”

Our Successes

Community Needs Network

- ⇒ Promotes a Community Needs Network for unmet needs publicized through an extensive email distribution list with the ability to reach 8,000 contacts. Over 40 unmet needs have been publicized and met through this network. The network received the 2016 Virginia Association of Counties Achievement Award.

Basic Assistance Brochure

- ⇒ Publishes the “How Can We Help You” assistance brochure with contact information for basic necessities.

Poverty

- ⇒ Conducted a poverty simulation to sensitize participants to the realities faced by low-income individuals followed by a resource fair with organizations that can provide assistance.

Childhood Food Insecurity Forum

- ⇒ Conducted a panel discussion and forum on childhood food insecurity to address needs during the summer months when children are not in school. The committee worked with the local food pantry to connect families of children participating in the school's backpack/snackpack programs with the local pantry over the summer.

