

# Richmond Times-Dispatch

**Many Virginians Remain Dedicated**  
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Editor, Times-Dispatch: In response to your editorial "Mental Health: Forgetting Tech": Thank you for bringing attention to the need for mental health reform in Virginia once again, and to children's mental health in particular. It is sad to see how soon after a tragedy we lose our sense of concern, urgency, and determination to make mental health services more available to those who need them.

A growing group of citizens, however, remains dedicated to the cause of transforming Virginia's mental health system for children and is mobilizing for action. The Campaign for Children's Mental Health is a statewide advocacy initiative launched late last year and sponsored by Voices for Virginia's Children -- a nonprofit, nonpartisan child advocacy, research, and policy organization. More than 40 organizations have signed on so far as partners in the campaign.

The goal of the campaign is simple: To make mental health services more available and accessible to the children who need them, regardless of where in Virginia they live or what system identifies their needs. By developing strong grassroots support, we are determined to build the political will in Virginia to transform the child mental health system.

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