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No parent should feel alone. Ever.

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Partnership for People with Disabilities





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How CFI supports families



Emotional support

Someone who listens and understands



Information and resources

Help finding answers and services



Help navigating systems

Support understanding & using programs and services

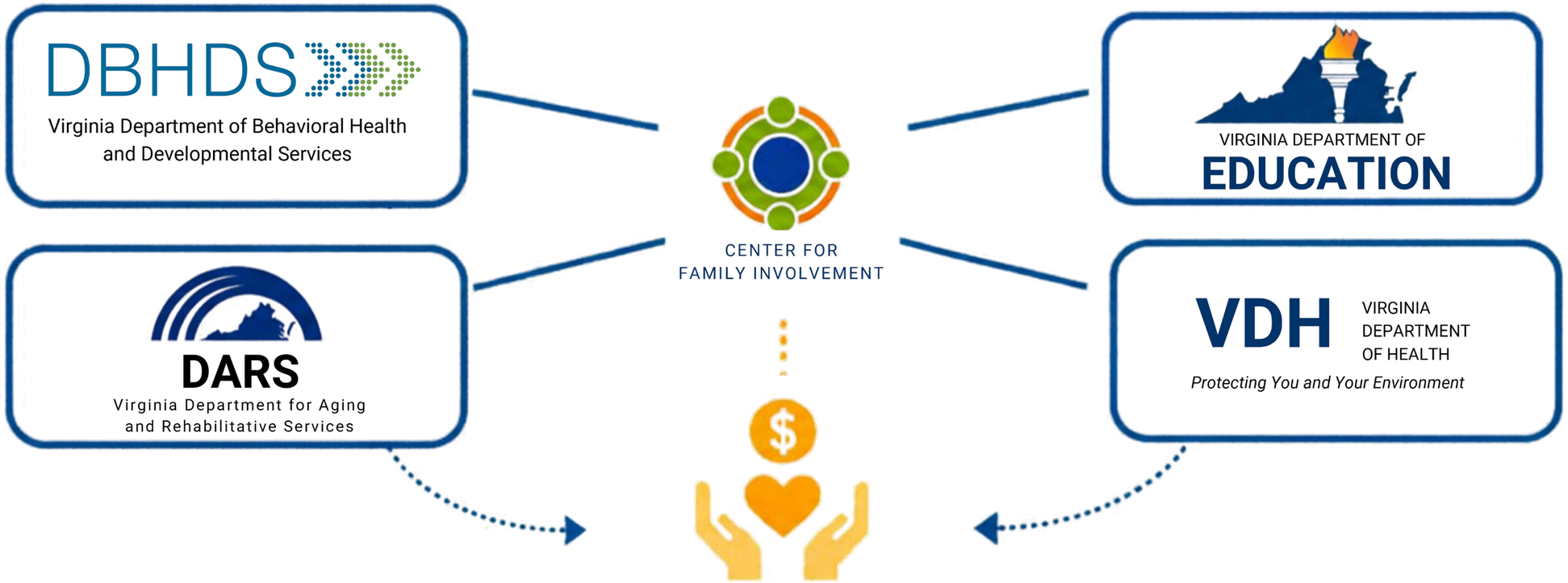
CFI connects families with one-to-one support from another family member who understands.

CFI is affiliated with Parent to Parent USA and Family Voices.

Community partners make family-to-family support possible

CFI partners with public agencies that provide funding through contracts so families can support and learn from one another.

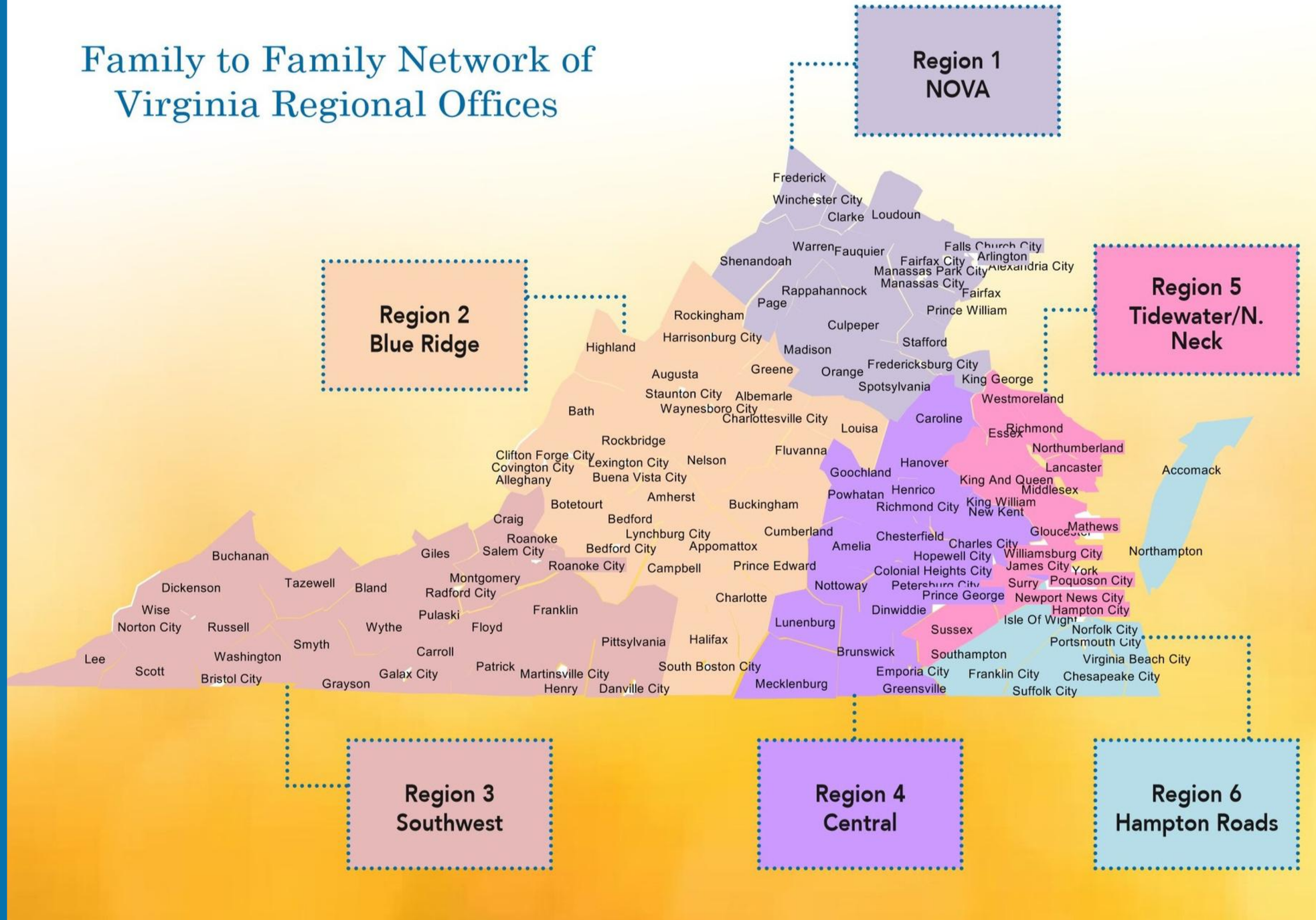
These partners value family engagement because families bring knowledge, trust, and lived experience.



Regional Networks

- 15 staff and 51 Family Navigators
- Parents, family and caregivers
- Family Navigators help families know, live, and utilize supports and resources in their regions

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Specialized Peer Support

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Cultural Brokers

Latino, African American, Indigenous and Refugee communities



DHH Navigators

Lived experience with a child with hearing loss, general awareness around early hearing loss detection



Specialists

Blind/visual impairment, Aging families, Mental Health and Rural communities



Genetic Navigators

Lived experience with a child with a genetic disorder



Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) Ambassadors

Lived experience with a child currently or formerly in transition

How are families matched with CFI Family Navigators?

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Referred Family



Matching Factors

Matching is based on perceived sameness.

- Age of person with disability
- Diagnosis
- Support or Service
- Culture/language
- Location in Virginia

Family Navigator



How to Refer

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