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Another Successful VSIAS: The 2026 Conference Recap

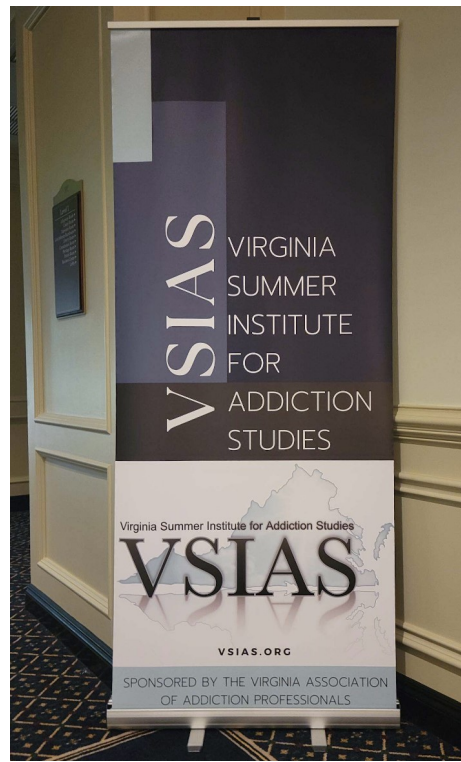


The Virginia Association of Addiction Professionals (VAAP) was proud to sponsor the 2026 Virginia Summer Institute for Addiction Studies (VSIAS), held July 19–22 at the Williamsburg Lodge.

This year's conference brought together addiction professionals, presenters, exhibitors, sponsors, and partners from across the field for several days of learning, connection, and professional growth.

Guided by the theme A Clinical Vision: Innovation, Access, Hope, VSIAS 2026 offered timely training, meaningful conversations, and opportunities to strengthen the addiction workforce across Virginia and beyond.





VSIAS by the Numbers:

325

Attendees

53

Exhibitors

4200 +

CE Credits Earned

The Continuing Education Sessions



Carmen Greiner, LPC, LSATP :
Ethical Considerations in the Use of AI



Lisa Duez, LCSW, EMDR Approved
Consultant:
When Trauma Drives Addiction

VSIAS 2026 featured a strong lineup of plenary sessions, breakout workshops, and pre-conference learning opportunities designed to support professionals across the continuum of addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery.

Attendees explored timely topics such as clinical ethics, trauma-informed care, workforce sustainability, access-informed services, peer support, emerging substances, and innovative approaches to care. Across the schedule, presenters brought both evidence-based knowledge and real-world experience to help participants deepen their practice and strengthen their impact.

*Great conference, great
facilities, well organized.
- Hugh B.*

The Exhibit Hall



The Exhibit Hall was once again a central gathering place for conversation, resource-sharing, and connection.

Exhibitors represented a wide range of treatment providers, recovery organizations, educational programs, technology platforms, advocacy groups, and other partners supporting addiction professionals and the communities they serve.



We are grateful to every exhibitor who helped make VSIAS 2026 a richer and more engaging experience for attendees.



*Fantastic event... I plan
to come every year now!
- Megan F.*

Ron Pritchard Visionary Leadership Award

Each year, VSIAS recognizes a leader whose work has made a meaningful impact in the field of addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery.

This year, VSIAS was honored to present the Ron Pritchard Visionary Leadership Award to Jessica Swan, MCJ, MAC, LSATP, founder and Executive Director of Recovery Consulting and former VAAP Board President.



Jessica Swan, MCJ, MAC: recipient of the Ron Pritchard Visionary Leadership Award.



Jessica Swan with the VSIAS Board



Jessica Swan with friends and family.

A nationally recognized leader in addiction recovery, Jessica's work spans clinical counseling, program development, professional training, research, advocacy, and family-centered approaches to care.

Special Thanks to Our Conference Coordinator, Board Chair, and the 2026 Master Facilitators

We extend our sincere thanks to Alicia Hurdle, Conference Coordinator and Monique Runge, Board Chair.



Alicia Hurdle,
Conference Coordinator



Monique Runge,
VSIAS Board Chair

A special thank you goes to the Master Facilitators who helped make VSIAS 2026 run smoothly. From supporting presenters and participants to helping manage daily logistics, this dedicated team played an important behind-the-scenes role in creating the welcoming, organized conference experience VSIAS is known for.

Information about applying to serve as a Master Facilitator for VSIAS 2027 will be shared in early 2027.



*Thank you! The hard
work and attention to
detail was evident.
- Anita P.*

Save the Date for VSIAS 2027!

**July 18 - 21, 2026
Williamsburg Lodge**

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