

IDENTIFYING THE IMPLEMENTATION JURISDICTION OF YOUR DVHRT

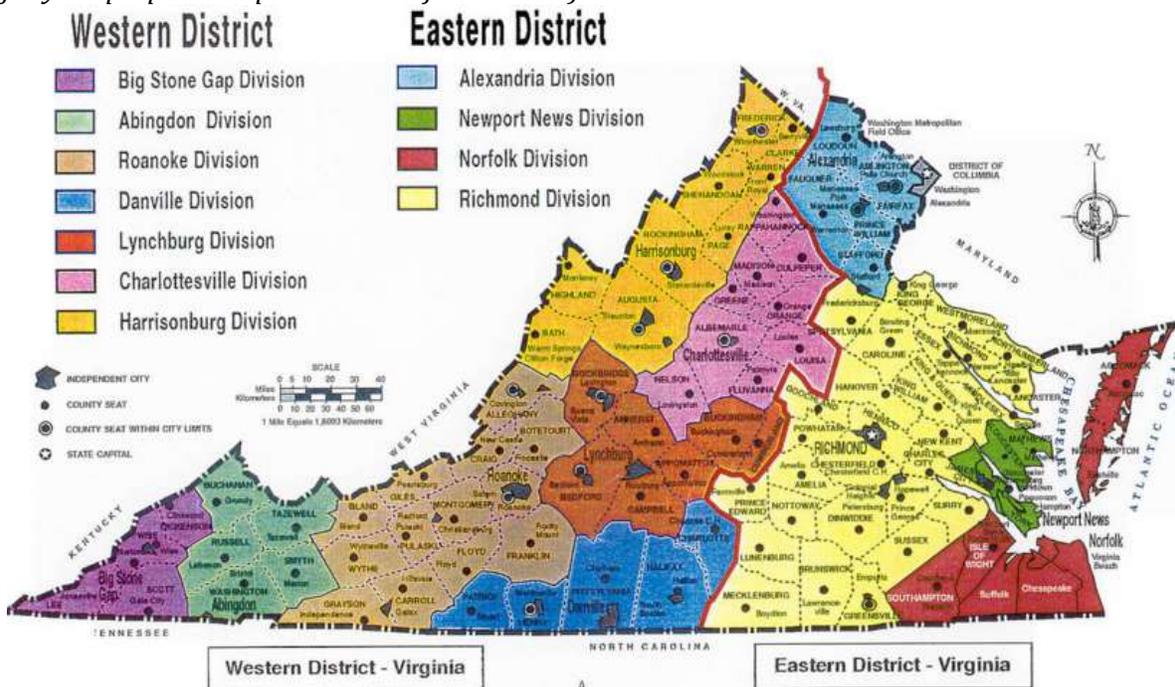
Identifying the implementation jurisdiction of your DVHRT requires first determining the geographic boundaries of the criminal court jurisdiction where intimate partner violence cases are prosecuted. DVHRT core partner organizations share information and develop coordinated intervention plans concerning common cases to increase victim safety and offender accountability. Consequently, the core partner organizations that make up your DVHRT must operate within and directly correspond to the court's jurisdictional boundaries you've identified.

- *One DVHRT will typically serve a population of no larger than 200,000 for optimal case manageability. Larger jurisdictions may need to consider multiple teams organized by police precincts or police districts that correspond to the court jurisdiction. Piloting the Model in one court jurisdiction is a common first step in larger cities or counties.*

The following represents an example and guidelines for defining both the jurisdiction and core partner agencies for your DVHRT. You may need to adapt these instructions to fit how your systems are organized.

STEPS TO DEFINING YOUR DVHRT JURISDICTION

1. **Determine the geographic boundaries of a misdemeanor or district court jurisdiction within which you propose to implement the DVHRT.** (For the purposes of this example we have taken the state of Virginia and outlined each of their court jurisdictions. You will be doing this for your proposed implementation jurisdiction.)



2. Identify the following core partner organizations that operate within the geographic boundaries of this court: (You may find you have multiple agencies of the same discipline within these boundaries. Please list them all.)

- *Non-government domestic violence agency*
- *Law Enforcement*
- *Prosecution*
- *Probation*
- *Pretrial assessment agency (if available)*

Additional organizations (if available)

- *The court-ordered batterer's treatment program is a suggested partner organization of the DVHRT.*
- *Community health care center(s) and/or emergency department(s) staff are a suggested partner organization(s) of the DVHRT.*

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