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Background Brief

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Ms. Allen, MS, is a research associate in Virginia Tech's Institute for Policy and Governance (VT IPG) with 20+ years of experience in supporting people, projects, and processes in a variety of work settings (academic, professional, medical, non-profit and non-secular).

Currently she assists with the management of the institute and serves as a data manager and consultant, program evaluator and project specialist on IPG sponsored research projects. In addition, Liz is a Faculty Fellow in VT's Center for Communicating Science providing workshops on data management and *Story Telling with Data*.

Current projects: *New River Valley Community Services, Evaluation of NRVCS CCBHC Expansion (SAMSHA) Grant*, serving as lead data scientist and data manager overseeing all aspects of data collection process and reporting; *Vibrant Virginia Seed Grant: Collaborative Strategies to Reduce SUD in Roanoke City and Pulaski County* designing and maintaining data management and reporting system for tracking and reporting qualitative information gathered during coalition monthly meetings and facilitated work sessions; *VHDA Economic Impact Study* managing data sharing between research team and funder and data analytics consulting; *Fairfax County Rent Reform Evaluation of Moving To Work Program* providing data management and analytics consulting; *Supporting Healthy Rural Communities through Increased Awareness of Well-being and System Factors Seed Grant* data analytics consulting.

Recently completed projects: *Assessment and Mapping of Early Childhood Risk and Protective Factors in Southwest VA; Assessment of Montgomery County Children's Services Act (CSA); Needs Assessment of Nonprofits in Loudoun County, VA*. Previous work includes a Commonwealth Veteran demonstration grant evaluation, providing staff assistance and data management support, gathering information on 1000+ transition programs, employment and training opportunities, and educational programs available to Virginia Veterans and Transitioning Service Members. She developed and maintained a data management system for tracking and reporting quantitative and qualitative data for asset mapping/web portal prototype and gap analyses. She assisted with all aspects of qualitative data collection and analysis of results (managing logistics and data, conducting semi-structured interviews and focus group facilitation).

Prior to joining IPG, Liz was a data specialist on a 4 year grant funded *Project Evaluation of Smart Beginnings Danville-Pittsylvania School Readiness Initiative*. Providing technical assistance and project management support, her work focused on implementation and outcome evaluations of three program areas, including The Incredible Years (IY), an evidence- based parenting program targeting at-risk families and The Virginia Star Quality Initiative (VSQI), a state-developed enrichment program for early care and education providers. With expertise in data management and visualization techniques, she worked with program managers to develop a "user friendly" data tracking and dashboard reporting system for program management and evaluation. Ms. Allen has also served on an evaluation team for *The Virginia Star Quality Initiative Family Child Care Home Provider Pilot Evaluation*.

PROJECT REPORTS/PUBLICATIONS & REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

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