

Who Participates?

- Faith-Based Communities
- Area Non-Profit Organizations
- Caring Individuals
- City Service Providers including:
 - Human Services
 - Housing & Neighborhood Preservation
 - Police
 - Public Schools
 - Cooperative Extension
 - Parks and Recreation
- Regional Service Providers

When

IAB meets the third Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p. m.
Nov/Dec is a combined meeting.

Where

Locations vary.

Schedule will be posted at

<https://www.facebook.com/InterfaithAllianceattheBeach/>

<https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/human-services/about/Pages/IAB.aspx>

Why Participate

- Fulfill your organization's mission directive
- Utilize limited resources for most impact
- Learn about human needs in Virginia Beach
- Partner to fill the gaps
- Mobilize resources
- Be a liaison for your community
- Encourage collaborative partnerships
- Promote justice and peace within our community

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Interfaith Alliance at the Beach



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Advocacy · Community · Compassion · Service

The IAB is an informal coalition of faith-based congregations, non-profit organizations, and City service providers working to address unmet needs and social justice issues through community initiatives and nonpartisan advocacy.

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IAB Collaborations

Housing Supports

IAB aims to support making homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring in partnership with BEACH (Bringing an End to All City Homelessness).

VB FEST

With the opening of the HRC, the Family Emergency Shelter Team transitioned into the Family Empowerment Support Team with a focus on empowering families experiencing a housing crisis.

Move-in Kits

Provides basic household items through the BEACH Closet to families obtaining housing for the first time.

Furniture Ministry

Coordinates receipt and delivery of donations of gently used and new furniture to assist individuals and families set up a home following homelessness.

Strengthening Family Resilience

IAB seeks to empower individuals and families to become self-sufficient in partnership with City services.

Open Table Model

Volunteers provide and promote the natural support systems of individuals and families.

VB Care Connect

Provide safe learning and food distribution opportunities, like the Virtual Learning Center, through joint initiatives with the VBCPS Care Connect Team.

Foster Care

Provide community outreach and education opportunities.

Fathers In Training and Reentry Program

Engage participants in community and celebrate **FIT** graduations. Welcome **Returning Citizens** with connections to community resources and opportunities.

Coordination of Services

IAB strives to identify gaps in service and maximize community resources through collaboration and coordination.

Faith in Action Office/Charity Tracker

A powerful cloud-based tool used to maximize efficiency and avoid duplication of services while meeting community needs in Virginia Beach. Available to interested organizations at a nominal cost of \$75.00 per year.

Health Care Access and Mental Health

Increase mental health awareness and advocate for affordable health care for all.

Food Security

Improve access to healthy food and nutrition education.

Matched Savings Program

Partner with the **Bank On Program** to help families become financially fit and avoid predatory lending.