

What has this PAD program accomplished?

The "Saving Lives in the Historic Triangle" PAD program has successfully assisted in funding and placing over 225 AEDs and training over 600 citizens in numerous locations within our community to include:

- Lane Auditorium at Bruton Heights
- Camp Skimino, GSA
- College of William and Mary
- Colonial Community Services Board
- Colonial Williamsburg Visitor Center
- Griffin-Yeates Center
- Historic Triangle Community Services Center
- James City County EOC Building
- Jamestown 4H Camp
- Jamestown - Scotland Ferries
- Visitor Centers for Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown Settlement & the Yorktown Victory Center
- Merrimac Center
- Riverwalk at Yorktown
- Stryker Building
- Williamsburg - James City County & York County Animal Control
- Williamsburg James City County Courthouse
- Williamsburg, James City County & York County Parks & Recreation
- Williamsburg James City County Schools
- Williamsburg, James City County & York County Public Safety Agencies
- York County Schools

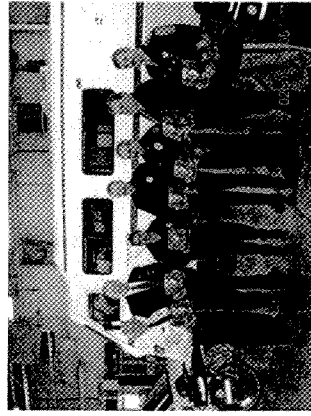
Can anyone use an AED?

AEDs are designed for use by an ordinary person during an extraordinary moment of crisis.



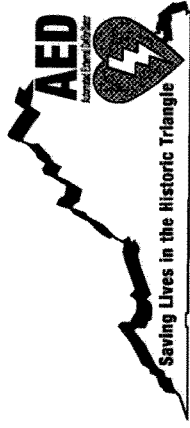
Does your organization, church, work place or neighborhood association need an AED?

Do you want to know more about AED training?



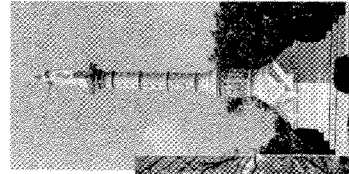
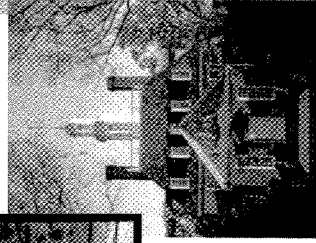
Automated External Defibrillators
Save Lives!

For more information, contact the Historic Triangle PAD Task Force at 757-984-8172.



Saving Lives in the
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A Public Access to
Defibrillation Program for
a Heart Safe Community



Why have a Public Access Defibrillation program in your community?

In Williamsburg, James City County, and York County there were 58 sudden cardiac arrests (SCA) in 2004. Each year SCA strikes approximately 125,000 people in the U.S. Because they experience no prior symptoms, the majority of these people have no warning. Sadly, fewer than 5% survive, often because emergency medical services cannot reach them in time.

When SCA strikes, the electrical system of the heart short-circuits, most often causing an abnormal rhythm known as ventricular fibrillation. Lacking proper blood flow, the person loses consciousness, stops breathing, and will die unless promptly treated. CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) can help a person in cardiac arrest, but it alone cannot save lives. A “shock” from an AED—automated external defibrillator—is needed to restore the heart’s normal pumping rhythm. A victim’s best chance of surviving SCA is to receive this electrical shock within three minutes of collapse.

Over the last 10 years, there has been a widespread effort to place AEDs in communities where they can be easily accessed and used by trained citizens at the scene of SCA. AEDs enable anyone to treat SCA quickly and effectively, wherever it happens—workplace, school, library, shopping center, swimming pool, golf course, athletic field, park, or restaurant.



What is the goal of this PAD program?

The “Saving Lives in the Historic Triangle” campaign goal is to help make the communities of Williamsburg, James City County and York County “Heart Safe Communities.” By increasing the public’s knowledge of how effective AEDs are, having units readily accessible, and training more citizens to use them, then response times to the treatment of cardiovascular emergencies will be decreased and more lives can be saved annually.



Who is involved with the PAD program?

A program team with representatives from all aspects of our community, including the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, Colonial Williamsburg, James City & York County & Williamsburg fire departments, Peninsula Mended Hearts, Sentara Williamsburg Healthcare System and the Williamsburg Health Foundation have been working together to increase community awareness about AEDs and SCA, to identify and prioritize where AEDs are needed in our community and to train our citizens in the proper use of an AED.



The Historic Triangle Public Access to Defibrillation (PAD) program began in 2004 with a grant from the Williamsburg Health Foundation to place AEDs in public locations throughout our community and to promote AED awareness and training for all citizens.