

## New On Main Street: The National Counseling Group



**The National Counseling Group (NCG)** is a privately owned, community based, counseling company founded in 1993 by **Thomas W. Minnick**, a licensed clinical social worker. Mr. Minnick was born and educated in Virginia.

NCG has 16 offices throughout the Commonwealth and will serve an estimated 8000 families in the coming year through the services of almost 500 employees. NCG provides comprehensive, community-based, mental health and substance abuse services to individuals and families.

The counselors of NCG primarily work with at-risk children who receive Medicaid funding which includes school-based day treatment and therapeutic foster care. NCG strives to serve the needs of the chronically ill and the underserved adult population. The company also provides private outpatient counseling services

in most of its locations.

Mr. Minnick, president and CEO, lives in Marshall and attends the local Methodist Church and is active in the community. Mr. Minnick's dream of having an office in his "home town" was recently realized with the opening of the Main Street executive office at 8354 West Main Street.

NCG has been recognized for its innovative and excellent professional services by **President Ronald Reagan**, **Governor Tim Kaine**, The Washington Post, the Clinton administration, and twice by the Virginia General Assembly. In July of 2008, Mr. Minnick was featured on the cover of the *NFIB My Business Magazine*.

**Paul Lawrence**, who retired from **State Farm Insurance Company** at the end of January, has taken an executive position with NCG and will remain in his familiar post on Main Street. State Farm has moved across the street to the John Wine building and continues to be serviced by **Wanda Creel** and **Gia Quiroz**.

Paul would like everyone to know he will still be active in the community and will continue to work on the "Marshall Moving Forward" committee and our Main Street revitalization initiatives. He can still be reached at (540) 729-0001.

Please feel free to stop in and say hello. An open house celebration is being planned for in the spring so stay tuned to the *MarshallMinute* for more information.

As to NCG's services, the closest clinical location is in Warrenton. If someone you love is in need, please feel free to call them at (540) 242-8971 or make contact through their web page at [www.nationalcounselinggroup.com](http://www.nationalcounselinggroup.com).

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