

Q11. Please use the space below to write your name.

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Q1. Please indicate the knowledge or experience you have with individuals with developmental disabilities (e.g., autism, Down syndrome). Select all that apply.

- I have a family member or close friend with a developmental disability
- I have worked with people with developmental disabilities
- I am familiar with the DD community through my work at the General Assembly
- Other

Q2. Please indicate the ways in which you wish to inform yourself on disability-related issues. Select all that apply

- Work with the Arc of Virginia
- Work with other disability non-profits
- Work with local disability advocacy organizations
- Work with state disability advocacy organizations
- Work with federal disability advocacy organizations
- Hire employees with disabilities
- Other

Q3. Please indicate if you would support Virginia eliminating the Wait List for Medicaid Waivers, a critical disability service that provides long term support to keep people living out of institutions and in their community. Please select one.

- Yes, I support Virginia eliminating a wait list for critical disability providing through Medicaid.
- No, I do not support Virginia eliminating a wait list for critical disability providing through Medicaid.
- I'm unsure if I support Virginia eliminating a wait list for critical disability providing through Medicaid.

Q4. Please use the space below to describe experiences or thoughts regarding waitlists for services provided by Medicaid.

Nearly 12,600 people in the state receive Medicaid reimbursements for disability-related services as of May 2017. An additional 11,525 disabled people are on a state waiting list for Medicaid waivers. It is a worthwhile investment for the Commonwealth to fully fund the waiver program in order to add additional waiver slots, eliminate the waiting list and better address future needs. The focus of this program should be on the needs of the individual, and not necessarily on the diagnosis. In the long term, transforming the Intellectual Disability (ID), Developmental Disability (DD) and Day Support (DS) waivers into a combined waiver program will place the focus on the overall needs of the cross-disability community.

Q5. Please indicate ways in which you believe we can reduce the unemployment rates of individuals with disabilities, which hover around 80%. Select all that apply.

- State hiring initiative and incentives to employers to hire more people with disabilities
- Greater funding for DARS, our state vocational rehabilitation agency to reduce waiting list and offer more long term job supports
- Reducing the waiting list for Medicaid Waivers, which fund employment supports
- Funding and incentives for secondary schools to develop employment options so people with disabilities are employed before leaving high school
- Other

Q6.

Please indicate if you are in favor of Virginia passing legislation to help mitigate housing costs that prevent individuals with disabilities living in their communities. Select all that apply.

- YES, I do support Housing Choice Vouchers (i.e. vouchers that cover the gap between 30% of someone's income and the fair market rent cap)
- YES, I do support Section 811 Project Based Rental Assistance (i.e. funding that offers reduced/capped rent for individuals willing to live at certain housing locations)
- YES, I do support Community Development Block Grants
- YES, do I support another initiative to mitigate housing costs
- NO, I do not support Housing Choice Vouchers
- NO, I do not support Section 811 Project Based Rental Assistance
- NO, I do not support Community Development Block
- I'm unsure if I am in favor of passing legislation to help mitigate housing costs.

Q7. Do you favor finalizing the closure of the Southwest Virginia Training Center and Central Virginia Training Center, state institutions for individuals with disabilities who would then receive services and support in their local communities? Please select one.

- Yes, I support the closure of state institutions for individuals with disabilities.
- No, I do not support the closure of state institutions for individuals with disabilities.
- I'm unsure if I support the closure of state institutions for individuals with disabilities.

Q8. Please use the space below to describe experiences or thoughts regarding the closure of state institutions for individuals with disabilities who would then receive services and support in their local communities.

Virginia is moving toward closure of its state-operated institutions, and should continue on this path. Individuals with disabilities who can thrive in and benefit from community settings should not be isolated or disconnected from participating in community life. Institutionalization of individuals with disabilities violates Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Under the U.S. Supreme Court's Olmstead Decision of 1999, public entities must provide community-based services rather than institutional services to a person with disabilities when the following three conditions are met: 1) the person's treatment professionals determine that community supports are appropriate, 2) the person does not object to living in the community; and 3) the provision of services in the community would be a reasonable accommodation when balanced with other similarly situated individuals with disabilities. Institutional confinement of individuals with disabilities severely diminishes the everyday life activities of individuals, including family relations, social contacts, work options, economic independence, educational advancement, and cultural enrichment.

Q9. Please indicate if you support fiscal provisions for fully funding early intervention disability-related services for children aged birth to 3 years, including increasing the case management reimbursement rate to be in line with Medicaid Waiver case management. Please select one.

- Yes, I support fully funding early intervention services.
- No, I do not support fully funding early intervention services.
- I'm not sure if I support fully funding early intervention services.

Q10. Please use the space below to describe experiences or thoughts regarding early intervention services for children aged birth to 3 years.

Children who require special services are in the greatest need of them in the period between birth and three years old. A child with a developmental delay, or a specific health condition that will probably lead to a delay, will be better prepared for participation in regular education classroom settings during the elementary and secondary education years if he or she receives early intervention services and an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). Ultimately, this improves the social and interpersonal skills that are needed to achieve post-secondary education, gainful employment and become a contributing member of society.

Location Data

Location: ([38.835693359375, -77.337501525879](#))

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