

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

Delegate Vivian Watts

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.

Virginia is so far behind. It starts with the fact that we've been almost at the bottom of states on Medicaid spending for decades; we are currently 47th. Having never developed a tax and revenue base adequate to support basic health needs, our limited resources have recently been largely controlled by meeting Justice Dept orders to close training centers. We then have further severely undercut our ability to fund services and eliminate the waitlists for crucial services by refusing to expand Medicaid at a cost of \$6.6 million a day in lost revenue. Bottom line: The waitlist battle must be fought on all fronts.

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.

Until the premise of the previous question that individuals will receive services in their local communities is guaranteed, I have strong reservations about services for the severely disabled. Northern Virginia families have already lost the component "in their local communities" when the only viable alternative is hundreds of miles away.

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.

Since taking physiology/psychology courses in college, I have extensively followed the ever-expanding knowledge of brain development. The earlier work is done to create functional neurological paths, the more completely the child will be able to function in all aspects of their learning and behavior.

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