

# Work with us to End the Waiting List

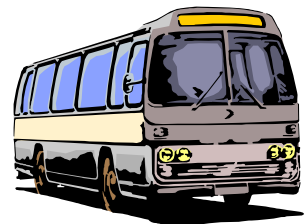


Join us as we advocate for community-based services locally and in Richmond. **WE NEED YOU!** This year there are multiple local speaking opportunities, and an opportunity to join us on the road to Richmond.

Why advocate with us? Virginia has nearly 12,000 people waiting for Developmental Disability Waivers, about 3,000 of whom are in crisis already. This year we will fight to “Fund Priority One” and get Waivers for anyone on Priority One of the Waiting List, and to come up with a plan to end the wait for everyone. Your stories will make the difference!

## RICHMOND TRIP

Hop on a FREE bus leaving The Arc of Northern Virginia at 6:45 AM on **Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> for statewide DD Advocacy Day!** We'll spend the day working in small teams and meeting with legislators, then having a rally with disability advocates from across the state. We need people who want to speak, people who want to learn, and anyone who wants to make change to join us. We will return to The Arc around 3 PM. It is a busy, fun day that makes a big impact. Having a crowd makes an impression and ensures we won't be forgotten in Richmond. Before the event, you'll be sent information on how to prepare and we'll host a live webinar to answer your questions.



## LOCAL OPTIONS

1. We'll attend a **region-wide budget hearing\*** where representatives from all over the region will come to hear about budget priorities, including Waivers. The hearing will be held **Wednesday, January 3, 2018** at 10 AM at Northern Virginia Community College Loudoun Campus, Waddell Building, 21200 Campus Drive, Sterling. We'll wear a coordinated color and stickers to support our speakers!
2. Fairfax County and Arlington County residents are invited to local hearings to speak to their Delegates and Senators. **The Arlington County Hearing will be Friday, January 5, 2018\*** from 5:30-7:30 PM at 2100 Clarendon Blvd, Arlington, VA. **The Fairfax County Hearing will be Saturday, January 6, 2018\*** at the Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA at 9 AM.
3. We want you to join us at a series of town halls,\* usually held on Saturday mornings between January and March. Dates TBA. *Please contact us to let us know if you're interested in attending or speaking,* and we'll help you find an event near you, help you prepare, and attend with you whenever possible. These are local and casual events.

**\*Attendees needed to show support at all events**

**To RSVP, for more information, or to join our Advocacy E-mail List, contact Lucy Beadnell at (703) 208-1119 x116, [Lucy.Beadnell@TheArcofNova.org](mailto:Lucy.Beadnell@TheArcofNova.org)**