



2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Achieve with us by joining the movement to build a better world for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Fund Priority 1

As part of the Governor's *Right Help Right Now* plan, we anticipate the introduced budget will include slots to eliminate Priority 1. The following funding and legislative initiatives support this critical priority.



Retention of Waiver Slots

In response to the ongoing provider shortage, allow individuals struggling to find services to retain their waiver slot for up to one year.



Increase Peer Mentor Rates

Peer Mentoring was the only direct service left out of DD Waiver Rate increases and must be increased to maintain parity with other DD Waiver Services.



Match Supported Living Rate

Match the Supported Living Rate to the 4-person group home rate in order to create parity between services and to eliminate the current incentive for congregate services.



Develop Core Services

Study the options for implementing a set of core essential services that will move our system from a reactive to proactive system.



Build Provider Capacity

Fund a series of initiatives that will build the capacity of providers to serve existing and newly funded DD Waiver Slots with supports provided in the community.



Medicaid Works Eligibility

Create Medicaid Works Eligibility for DD Waiver Recipients to ensure that people can work and earn income without risking the loss of their waiver.



Legally Responsible Individuals

Protect families by ensuring the regulations regarding their ability to provide paid care for their children is reasonable and appropriate.

TOP PRIORITY

Join us for the DD Rally at the Bell Tower!

With **historic turnover** in the Virginia General Assembly, it is VITAL that **WE ALL ENGAGE** in educating the newly-elected members and taking our advocacy in person to the Capitol.

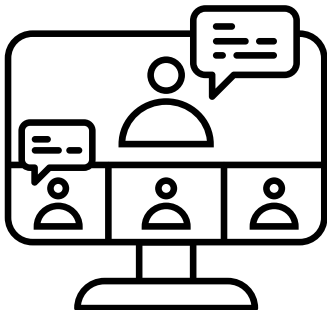


January 17, 2024

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

at the **Bell Tower** on Capitol Square
Richmond, VA

Additional Advocacy Opportunities



VIRTUAL Public Budget Hearings **January 3, 2024**

This is your opportunity to tell General Assembly members how you think state tax dollars should be spent. You must register on January 2, 2024!

See complete details: sfac.virginia.gov

DD Advocacy Days During Session

Self-Advocates, families, and allies visit with General Assembly members to tell their stories and what is important for the DD community.

We will be hosting **DD Advocacy Days** on the following dates:

January 23 January 25 January 30 February 1
February 6 February 8 February 13 February 15

