

WHY TRANSFORMATION IS NEEDED

- 2012:** Virginia sued by DOJ for lack of Community Services.
- 2016:** Initiated Waiver Redesign to Build New Community Services in response to DOJ.
- 2023:** New Community Residential Services go virtually UNUSED, with utilization at **LESS THAN 3%:**

▶▶ 165 people in Supported Living ▶▶ 68 people in Electronic Home Based Services ▶▶ 1 person in Shared Living

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PROBLEM:

A Lack of Provider Capacity

Providers lack the support and resources to build or expand their business models to meet the demand for Community Services. All providers struggle to attract and retain an adequate qualified workforce.



SOLUTION

Build Provider Capacity

One-Time Funding to Build Capacity

- **Match Supported Living Rate to Smallest Group Home Rate - \$1M**
304 #33h, #5s
- **Workforce Development & Recruitment Campaign** (Community RFP) - \$2M
- **Business Start-Up/Expansion Incubator** (Administered by a Community Collaboration) - \$2.85M
- **Drive Market Demand for Expanding Providers - Educate Individuals & Families on the underused Inclusive Services** (Community RFP) - \$330k
313 #8h | 311 #11s

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PROBLEM:

A Lack of Access to Supports

*Over 3,000 Virginians with disabilities are in **Priority 1** on the waiting list with an urgent need for services. The slots funded do not keep pace with the growth of priority 1.*



SOLUTION

Eliminate the Crisis

Preserve the Proposed Additional 500 Slots

Currently, the system only funds DD Waiver services once someone is in urgent need -- the most expensive way to provide services.

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PROBLEM:

A Lack of Basic Care

Currently individuals and families aren't provided even the very basic services that could potentially keep them from going into crisis and needing more comprehensive (and costly) waiver services down the line.



SOLUTION

Build Sustainability

Develop Framework for a Core Services Waiver

Offering of limited services designed to intervene in people's lives before crisis - delaying the need for more costly or comprehensive services and supports.

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Fund the DD System Transformation Plan

Patrons: Delegate Farris | Senator Hanger

- **Develop Provider Capacity:**

- 1) Match SL Rate **304 #23h** **304 #5s**
- 2) Workforce Development 3) Provider Incubator 4) Family Education **313 #8h** **311 #11s**
- Preserve All Waiver Slots in the Introduced Budget
- Develop Core Services **308 #5h** **308 #14s**

Increase Peer Mentoring Rate

Patrons: Delegate Brewer - *pending* | Senator McClellan - **304 #17s**

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

Combine Spending Caps for AT/EHBS

Patrons: Delegate Runion - **HB 1963** | Senator Suetterlein - **SB 945 (304 #32s)**

- Budget caps for Assistive Technology (AT) and Electronic Home-Based Services (EHBS) are too low per service to provide adequate access to modernized, specialized technology.
- Technologies such as AT/EHBS can reduce the state's cost of staffing utilized to support an individual, and can increase a person's individual autonomy by decreasing their reliance on other people for daily activities.

Create Eligibility for Medicaid Works for DD Waiver Recipients

Patrons: Delegate Coyner - **304 #15h** | Senator McClellan - **304 #29s** *Effort led by partners at VACIL*
Ensures people can work and earn income without risk of losing DD Waiver Services.

Expand Virtual Access to Local or Regional Public Meetings

Patrons: Delegate Bennet-Parker - **HB 2050** | Senator Marsden - **SB 1351**

Public meetings - including those public commissions, boards, and work groups where citizens are appointed - should include full virtual access and voting rights for equitable participation and representation of people with disabilities in our public policy discourse.

Individuals with Disabilities - Terminology

Patrons: Delegate Orrock - **HB 1450** | Senator Hashmi - **SB 798**

Language reflects how we value people, and Virginia Code should be updated to affirm Virginia's respect of and for people with disabilities.

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