

**Virginia Board for People with
Disabilities**

Program Performance Report

For Federal Fiscal Year 2011

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Section 1: Identification

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Designated State Agency		
<u>Did your DSA change?</u>	Yes No ✓	
<u>If yes, Name?</u>		
<u>Is the new DSA a service provider?</u>	Yes No N/A ✓	

Section 2: Comprehensive Review

Comprehensive Review and Analysis Update

Major system problems negatively impacting indiv. w/DD remain unchanged: service fragmentation; limited person-centered svcs; inadequate funding for publicly administered or operated programs & svcs; limited scope, reliability, & accessibility of transportation; lack of affordable, accessible housing; and inadequate employment opportunities. System change progress was mixed. While VA. created a DD agency as of 7/1/09 (DMHMRSAS became Behavioral Health & Developmental Services, DBHDS), its role was limited to planning & coordination since no new funding was approved. In Feb. 2011, state focus on future ID/DD services was heightened in response to U.S. Dept. of Justice (DOJ) notification of findings re: poor services at state Training Centers (TCs) and inadequate community infrastructure in violation of Olmstead and the ADA. VA. & DOJ entered into Settlement Agreement negotiations, which continue. Legislature then created \$30 million Trust Fund for DBHDS to build community services, & passed law prohibiting TC discharge if resident or guardian opposes transition. DBHDS in Fall 2011 began an initiative of transitioning 60 individuals (total) w/out discharge barriers from CVTC & SVTC (the largest & oldest TCs) by 7/1/12. DBHDS hired several new C.O. staff to facilitate transition planning at all TCs. Governor's Restructuring Commission met throughout the year, w/ 1 result being administrative merger of DRS & the Dept. for Aging. Final Commission recommendations were made in Nov. 2011: making DRS/VDA merger permanent, additional agency consolidation & elimination or consolidation of advisory councils. Legislature must approve these. VA. is Real Choice System Transformation Grant (STG), in which Council was significantly involved, ended 9/30/11. Under STG, DBHDS & UCEDD provided statewide training on person-centered practices to staff at Community Svcs. Boards, TCs, & community providers. A STG workgroup regularly reviewed & gave input on state regulations to promote person-centered language & practices. Money Follows the Person (MFP) initiative continues thru FFY16. As of July 2011, MFP transitioned 174 indiv. w/ disabilities to communities. Unfortunately, the MFP Coordinator resigned at that time, and the position has been vacant. Large \$\$ influx is needed to build community infrastructure (esp. housing), expand svcs & create predictable waiting lists. DRS, using FMAP \$\$, briefly eliminated VR wait list in SFY10. Budget difficulties led to wait list growth in FFY11. Rural areas have high unemployment & > poverty than other areas of state; & they have > difficulty w/ access to needed health & other supports. Lack of adequate housing & transportation statewide are major barriers for community inclusion. In FFY11, 3 housing workgroups merged to improve effectiveness in system planning & coordination. In 2011 legislature created a limited mandate for health insurance coverage for Autism Spectrum Disorders: diagnosis & tx of youth w/ ASD ages 2-6. They capped personal care svcs. under Elderly & Disabled w/ Consumer Direction Waiver at 56 hours/week (total= 2,920 hrs./yr.); kept other Medicaid Waiver supports stable. Funding was approved for 150 new DD Waiver slots, 1st since 2007. DMAS released a legislative report w/cost estimates on eliminating Waiver wait lists by SFY20. Medicaid reimbursement remains low. Medicaid still covers dental svcs. for children, but not adults. Council participated in drafting renewal of MR Waiver (re-titled ID) which now includes person-ctred practices/language & consumer-directed services. Wait lists grew. Waiver Wait List data below are point-in-time: ID Waiver, as of 9/6/11; & both the DD Waiver and DRS Vocational Services, as of 9/30/11. For ID Waiver, of the total, 3,185 were on the Urgent wait list & 2,613 on the Nonurgent list.

Wait List	Previous Year	Current Year
ID/MR Medicaid Waiver	4955	5798
Developmental Disabilities Medicaid Waiver	793	1042
DRS Vocational Services Wait List	1785	3030



Section 3: Areas of Emphasis and Performance Targets

Child Care

Children & families benefit from a range of inclusive, flexible childcare options.

Outcomes in Child Care



Section 3: Areas of Emphasis and Performance Targets

Cross Cutting

The VaNavigator grant established 70 ctrs. & educated 383 public policymakers statewide, including members of the General Assembly, state, regional & local policymakers (in many poverty areas) on needs of indiv. w/ disabilities. This grant reached 194,553 general public informing about available svcs for indiv. w/dis. A press kit (press releases, cover letters, educational articles) & on-line training was released to policymakers at the local, regional & state level as well as the general public (additional outcomes under CS).

Council's 2011 Assessment is a comprehensive report on disability services administered, operated or licensed by VA. in major areas such as Medicaid, housing, transportation, educ., & others (see: www.vaboard.org). After review by the Governor & Secretary of HHR, it was sent to state legislators & agency heads and widely marketed.

Assessment was published as CD, in print, in voice version; and a single Key Findings & Recommendations, developed by Council, was made in those formats as stand-alone document for advocacy use. Assessment is used by Council & other disability orgs as central tool for advocacy for community services. Assessment was marketed widely.

E-news digests were frequent. Quarterly newsletter was rebranded; P&A & UCEED remain regular newsletter contributors. Advocacy groups & state agencies regularly request Council aid w/outreach & public info. Council posted info & video on other orgs' Facebook pages, which added readership. YouTube posting of Governor's talk at YLF led to article in CEC SmartBrief.

Aggressive marketing by grantee & Council for Sprayground grant (under RE) generated regional media coverage, including Washington Post. Council continued to distribute/promote its Benchmarks for Evaluating Public Policy in VA, a guide for developing policies, svcs to ensure infrastructure for integration & inclusion; & distributed/promoted info on EasyLiving homes (ELH) & accessible housing, leading to insert in state realtor magazine. Council maintains key role in DBHDS planning for change in community infrastructure as DOJ negotiations continue, esp. housing options & ASD/DD svcs.

Council staff was active in educating public policymakers on various policy issues by supporting: a legislative resolution to adopt Employment1st (which failed); needed ID/DD community svcs to the Commission on Youth; use of DBHDS Trust Fund for oversight & housing; & DD health needs to the Dept. of Health.

Outcomes In Cross Cutting

CR01 - Public policymakers educated about issues related to Council Initiatives	553
CR02 - Number of distinct products distributed to policymakers about issues related to Council Initiatives	50
CR03 - Members of the general public estimated to have been reached by Council public education, awareness and media initiatives	4,004,757

Section 3 Projects and/or Activities

Conference & Meeting Outreach

Implementer:	✓ in house by contract/grant	Goal Area	Cross Cutting
Grantee/Contractor Name (if appropriate):			
Beginning Date:	10/1/2010	Ending Date:	9/30/2011
Part B Funds:	\$5,289.00	Other Funds:	\$0.00
Intermediaries/Collaborators:	State Protection and Advocacy System University Center(s) of Excellence		

Other Collaborators

- a) Various state agencies- Dept. of Behavioral Health & Developmental Svs., Dept.of Educ., Dept.for Aging, Va. Housing & Community Development, VDHCD
- b) Virginia Association of Centers for Independent Living
- c) Richmond Chapter of American Marketing Association
- d) Virginia Commonwealth University - VCU RRTC & VCU-Health Systems
- e) The ARC of Virginia & affiliates
- f) Chleire Consulting
- g) Various advocacy organizations for ASD and other DD

Primary Activity Type

Outreach

Project Activity Description

Planning/promotional support & distributions/presentations of info on VBPD activities & policy positions at events for policymakers, service providers, indiv. w/ disabilities & their families

Section 3 Projects and/or Activities

Council Connections - Newsletter

Implementer: in house by contract/grant Goal Area Cross Cutting

Grantee/Contractor Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date: 10/1/2010 Ending Date: 9/30/2011

Part B Funds: \$5,289.00 Other Funds: \$0.00

Intermediaries/Collaborators: State Protection and Advocacy System
 University Center(s) of Excellence

Other Collaborators

a) Various state agencies- Dept. of Behavioral Health & Developmental Svs., State Board of Elections, Dept. of Educ., Dept. for Aging,

b) Governor's Housing Policy Workgroup

c)

d)

e)

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Primary Activity Type

Outreach

Project Activity Description

Quarterly Council newsletter for policymakers, individuals w/ disabilities & their families, providers, general public & other constituents.

Section 3 Projects and/or Activities

Creating a Community-Based Network of VaNavig

Implementer:	in house	Goal Area	Cross Cutting
	✓ by contract/grant		
Grantee/Contractor Name (if appropriate):	SrNavigator		
Beginning Date:	10/1/2009	Ending Date:	9/30/2011
Part B Funds:	\$79,360.00	Other Funds:	\$76,893.00
Intermediaries/Collaborators:	State Protection and Advocacy System University Center(s) of Excellence		

Other Collaborators

- a) Regional Centers for Independent Living
- b) Community Services Boards
- c) Local ARC Chapters
- d) Advocacy Organizations
- e) Local Government
- f) Department Rail and Public Transportation
- g) Department of Rehabilitative Services and Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

Primary Activity Type

Outreach

Project Activity Description

To expand/transition existing SrNavigator Centers and add VaNavigator Centers to provide resources for individuals with disabilities and their families.

Section 3 Projects and/or Activities**Media Relations**

Implementer: ✓ in house Goal Area Cross Cutting
by contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date: 10/1/2010 Ending Date: 9/30/2011

Part B Funds: \$5,289.00 Other Funds: \$0.00

Intermediaries/Collaborators: State Protection and Advocacy System
University Center(s) of Excellence

Other Collaborators

a) Office of the Governor of VA. & Office of Secretary of Health & Human Resources

b) Associated Press

c) Richmond Times-Dispatch & local/regional newspapers

d) Celebrating Special Children (online daily newsletter)

e) Various radio & TV stations around state

f) Washington Post

g) Virginia Business magazine

Primary Activity Type

Outreach

Project Activity Description

News/feature story placement & support in VA. print/broadcast markets, providing background info & educating reporters & editors on disability issues & Council policy positions.

Section 3 Projects and/or Activities

Public Policy & Liaison Activities

Implementer:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in house by contract/grant	Goal Area	Cross Cutting
Grantee/Contractor Name (if appropriate):			
Beginning Date:	10/1/2010	Ending Date:	9/30/2011
Part B Funds:	\$0.00	Other Funds:	\$0.00
Intermediaries/Collaborators:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Protection and Advocacy System <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> University Center(s) of Excellence		

Other Collaborators

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

Primary Activity Type

Informing Policymakers

Project Activity Description

Educated elected officials & state agency heads about Council advocacy & policy positions thru testimony, regulatory review, & participation on statewide advisory and other work groups.

Section 3 Projects and/or Activities

Report- 2011 Assessment of Disability Svcs. Sy

Implementer: in house by contract/grant Goal Area Cross Cutting

Grantee/Contractor Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date: 10/1/2010 Ending Date: 9/30/2011

Part B Funds: \$33,009.00 Other Funds: \$0.00

Intermediaries/Collaborators: State Protection and Advocacy System
 University Center(s) of Excellence

Other Collaborators

- a) All state disability agencies - DRS, VDA, VDDHH, VDBVI, DRS, DBHDS
- b) Other State agencies - Departments of: Medical Assistance Services, Housing & Community Development Agency, Health, Aging, Transportation, etc.
- c) Office of the Governor of VA. and Secretary of Health & Human Resources
- d) Virginia Voice
- e)
- f)
- g)

Primary Activity Type

Informing Policymakers

Project Activity Description

Council produced extensive report on disability svcs funded/operated/licensed by state. Describes svcs, eligibility, availability, trends, monitoring, & recommendations for system change.

Section 3 Projects and/or Activities

Virginia Special Education Network (VSEN)

Implementer:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in house by contract/grant	Goal Area	Cross Cutting
Grantee/Contractor Name (if appropriate):			
Beginning Date:	10/1/2010	Ending Date:	9/30/2011
Part B Funds:	\$0.00	Other Funds:	\$0.00
Intermediaries/Collaborators:	<input type="checkbox"/> State Protection and Advocacy System <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> University Center(s) of Excellence		

Other Collaborators

- a) State Special Education Advisory Council (SSEAC) & local SEACs
- b) Virginia state agencies - Department of Education (VDOE) & DSA-Internet Services
- c) Coalition for Students with Disabilities
- d) Parent-Education Assistive Technology Council (PEATC)
- e)
- f)
- g)

Primary Activity Type

Outreach

Project Activity Description

Statewide communications network reaching parents, transition-age students, teachers, administrators & others w/ info on spec. educ. & related disability resources, activities & issues.

Section 3 Projects and/or Activities

Website & Electronic Outreach

Implementer:	✓ in house by contract/grant	Goal Area	Cross Cutting
Grantee/Contractor Name (if appropriate):			
Beginning Date:	10/1/2010	Ending Date:	9/30/2011
Part B Funds:	\$5,289.00	Other Funds:	\$0.00
Intermediaries/Collaborators:	✓ State Protection and Advocacy System ✓ University Center(s) of Excellence		

Other Collaborators

- a) Office of the Governor of VA. & Office of Secretary of Health & Human Resources
- b) Virginia state agencies - DSA-Internet Services; Virginia IT Assistance (VITA); Virginia Departments of Education (VDOE), Health-HPPD, Human Resource Management
- c) Virginia Connect Network
- d) Virginia Voice
- e) ARC of Virginia
- f) Disabled Action Committee
- g)

Primary Activity Type

Outreach

Project Activity Description

VABOARD.org website & NEWS@VBPD e-digests containing info & announcements re: VBPD & collaborators' activities, policy positions, as well as disability events & links to other info & services.

Section 3: Areas of Emphasis and Performance Targets

Formal and Informal Community Supports

Individuals have access to other services available or offered in a community, including formal and informal community supports that affect their quality of life.

Post-grant activities by the Outreach to Families of Children at Risk led to 33 youth (CS01) receiving Medicaid Waivers & related supports that they o/wise would not have had. The Medicaid Waiver Training & Information grant (MWTI) resulted in 39 individuals (CS01) receiving consumer-directed personal care & respite Waiver svcs. . MWTI conducted 29 community workshops statewide & 28 webinars on accessing Medicaid services, resulting in a total of 761 individuals (CS05) trained (53 indiv. w/ disabilities; 309 family members; & 399 others, primarily providers). The Integrated Dental Service Initiative (under Health AoE) provided follow-up education to 39 individuals & families (CS01) on community resources for dental maintenance/treatment & disease prevention. VaNavigator grant (under CC AoE) expanded locations & services of 42 Centers (CS03), & trained 1,010 individuals (CS05) in accessing community supports. Training reached 32 poverty areas. The grant expanded the current role of SrNavigator & established new ctrs w/ staff trained in person-centered planning & DD issues to serve individuals w/disabilities. Aging & Disability statewide conference provided low cost skill-building for 175 attendees: in-home support providers, family members & professionals serving indiv. w/ disabilities in communities. Topics focused on community integration supports, accessible housing & universal design. Council gave a presentation on its policy positions & initiatives at the annual VACSB Public Policy Conference, attended by 60 individuals, primarily CSB direct svcs staff. Council partnered w/ UCEED, CILs & DBHDS on VDA Options Counseling grant project which: developed/implemented training on OC standards to 90 AAA staff in 7 ADRC regions; established common definitions for aging & disability; developed OC protocols to address challenges of remaining in or returning to home community. Council advocacy led to 2 policy improvements. Council, in collaboration w/ other disability organizations, stopped a legislative proposal to significantly reduce # of respite hours under Medicaid Waivers & allocate hours every 6 months rather than for the year. Altho total hours were cut from 720 to 480/year, reduction was not as severe & annual basis was kept. Council public comments/advocacy led to content changes in DBHDS strategic plan in reference to ID/DD services: added person-centered language & self-determination, revised definitions, & emphasized community-based svcs.

Outcomes in Formal and Informal Community Supports

CS01 - Individuals benefit from formal/informal community supports as a result of Council efforts	111
CS02 - Dollars leveraged for formal/informal community supports	\$96,285.00
CS03 - Formal/informal community supports programs/policies created/improved	44
CS04 - People facilitated formal/informal community supports	0
CS05 - People trained in formal/informal community supports	2,096
CS08 - Buildings/public accommodations became accessible	0
CS09 - Other	0
CS09 - Other	0
CS09 - Other	0
CS09 - Other	0

Section 3 Projects and/or Activities

Aging and Disability- Annual Conference

Implementer: in house Goal Area Formal and Informal Community
by contract/grant Supports

Grantee/Contractor Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date: 10/1/2010 Ending Date: 9/30/2011

Part B Funds: \$0.00 Other Funds: \$0.00

Intermediaries/Collaborators: State Protection and Advocacy System
University Center(s) of Excellence

Other Collaborators

- a) Virginia Center on Aging at VCU
- b) Virginia Department of Health
- c) VCU Healthy Programs for People with Disabilities
- d) Virginia Department for the Aging
- e) Recreation and Parks of Central Virginia Community
- f) Senior Connections (Richmond metro area) and AAA's statewide
- g) CommunityServices Boards statewide

Primary Activity Type

Outreach

Project Activity Description

To build relationships between the aging & disability communities and to reach out & educate community based service providers.

Section 3 Projects and/or Activities

Improvement & Expansion of Consumer Directed

Implementer:	in house	Goal Area	Formal and Informal Community
	✓ by contract/grant		Supports
Grantee/Contractor Name (if appropriate):	VA. Assoc of Ctrs for Independent Living		
Beginning Date:	10/1/2010	Ending Date:	9/30/2012
Part B Funds:	\$16,920.00	Other Funds:	\$9,372.00
Intermediaries/Collaborators:	State Protection and Advocacy System University Center(s) of Excellence		

Other Collaborators

- a) State HHR agencies - Dept. of Medical Assistance Svs., Dept. of Rehab Svs., Dept. of Education, Dept. of Behavioral Health & Developmental Svs.
- b) Virginia State Council on Higher Education
- c) Virginia Association of Personal Care Assistants
- d) Local high schools statewide
- e) Community colleges statewide
- f) Universities and colleges statewide
- g)

Primary Activity Type

Training

Project Activity Description

To increase the number of professionals who provide consumer-directed support to people with developmental and other disabilities

Section 3 Projects and/or Activities

Medicaid Waiver Training & Information

Implementer:	in house	Goal Area	Formal and Informal Community
	✓ by contract/grant		Supports
Grantee/Contractor Name (if appropriate):	Endeppence Center, Inc.		
Beginning Date:	10/1/2009	Ending Date:	3/31/2011
Part B Funds:	\$35,547.00	Other Funds:	\$11,799.00
Intermediaries/Collaborators:	State Protection and Advocacy System University Center(s) of Excellence		

Other Collaborators

- a) State agencies - Dept. of Medical Assistance Svcs., Dept. of Rehab Svcs., Dept. of Behavioral Health & Developmental Svcs.
- b) Disability services provider agencies statewide
- c) Disability advocacy organizations statewide
- d) Individuals with disabilities statewide
- e)
- f)
- g)

Primary Activity Type

Training

Project Activity Description

To increase access to person-centered Medicaid HCBS Waiver services thru development & distribution of info via workshops, internet & other means, including collaboration between disability advocates.

Section 3 Projects and/or Activities

Options Counseling Advisory Council & Workgrp

Implementer: in house Goal Area Formal and Informal Community
by contract/grant Supports

Grantee/Contractor Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date: 10/1/2010 Ending Date: 9/30/2011

Part B Funds: \$0.00 Other Funds: \$0.00

Intermediaries/Collaborators: State Protection and Advocacy System
 University Center(s) of Excellence

Other Collaborators

- a) Virginia Department for Aging (VDA) & local/regional affiliates (Area Agencies on Aging, AAAs)
- b) Virginia Association of Centers for Independent Living & local/regional centers (CILs)
- c) Virginia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services (DBHDS)
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

Primary Activity Type

Training

Project Activity Description

Planned/developed Options Counseling standards for VA.\s ADRCs- services, definitions, protocols, & training; & developed/implemented OC training to AAAs & CILs staff in 7 ADRC regions.

Section 3 Projects and/or Activities

Outreach to Families of Children Post-Grant

Implementer:	✓ in house by contract/grant	Goal Area	Formal and Informal Community Supports
Grantee/Contractor Name (if appropriate):	Virginia Association of Centers for Independence		
Beginning Date:	10/1/2010	Ending Date:	9/30/2011
Part B Funds:	\$0.00	Other Funds:	\$0.00
Intermediaries/Collaborators:	State Protection and Advocacy System University Center(s) of Excellence		

Other Collaborators

- a) Centers for Independent Living statewide
- b) Virginia Nursing Home Association
- c) Nursing homes (non- and for-profit) statewide
- d) Family members statewide of children at risk or in nursing homes
- e)
- f)
- g)

Primary Activity Type

Outreach

Project Activity Description

Ensure that parents/guardians of youth w/ disabilities who are at risk of institutionalization or who are now living in institutions are fully informed about community services & supports available.

Section 3 Projects and/or Activities

Public Policy & Activities

Implementer:	✓ in house by contract/grant	Goal Area	Formal and Informal Community Supports
Grantee/Contractor Name (if appropriate):			
Beginning Date:	10/1/2010	Ending Date:	9/30/2011
Part B Funds:	\$0.00	Other Funds:	\$0.00
Intermediaries/Collaborators:	✓ State Protection and Advocacy System ✓ University Center(s) of Excellence		

Other Collaborators

- a) State Depts: of Medical Assistance Svcs (DMAS), of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services (DBHDS); for Aging; of Health
- b) Virginia Association of Centers for Independent Living
- c) The ARC of Virginia & local/regional chapters
- d) Virginia Community Integration Team
- e) Virginia Disability Commission
- f) Virginia Association of Community Services Boards
- g) Various statewide disability advocacy organizations

Primary Activity Type

Technical Assistance

Project Activity Description

Council Director & staff participate in workgroups, advisory groups, & coalitions to impact state public policy, legislation & regulations for system change to community-based, integrative services.

Section 3: Areas of Emphasis and Performance Targets

Education and Early Intervention

Students reach their educational potential and Infants and young children reach their developmental potential.

Unexpected ED02 outcomes were achieved thru the Medicaid Waiver Training & Information (MWTI) grant project (under Community Supports). Project trained local/regional "Medicaid mentors" provided technical assistance, support, & education to parents on services available & how to access under Medicaid. As result, parents applied for & obtained a Medicaid Waiver and needed supports for their children.

Outcomes in Education and Early Intervention

ED01 - Students have the education and support they need to reach their educational goals through Council efforts	0
ED02 - Infants and young children have the services/supports needed to reach developmental goals through Council efforts	5
ED03 - Students transitioned from school to community and jobs	0
ED04 - Children transitioned from early intervention and pre-school to inclusive schools/classrooms	0
ED05 - People on waiting list(s) received services	0
ED06 - Dollars leveraged for education	\$0.00
ED07 - Education programs/policies created/improved	0
ED08 - Post-secondary institutions improved inclusive education	0
ED09 - Schools improved IEP practices	0
ED10 - People facilitated inclusive education	0
ED11 - People trained in inclusive education	0
ED13 - Parents or guardians trained regarding their child's education rights	0
ED14 - Other	0
ED14 - Other	0
ED14 - Other	0
ED14 - Other	0

Section 3: Areas of Emphasis and Performance Targets

Employment

People get and keep employment consistent with their interests, abilities and needs.

Creating Opportunities for Persons w/Most Significant Disabilities thru Customized EM grant placed 7 individuals in integrated employment (EM01) in Chesterfield County at 7 local & nat'l businesses. There were 14 CES staff trained (EM07) in customized employment in Year 2 of the grant. The staff trained in Year 1 (15) & Year 2 continued to use the customized employment model for all of their consumers. In addition to the program participants, 17 non-participants w/disabilities were placed in employment in FFY11. The training has changed the philosophy of the staff & the way they market to businesses, using a more business-like, bottom-line approach to find a good match between potential employee & employer. (We've already received post-grant data from Chesterfield & 2 more placements occurred in October 2011.)

Through the Using 21st Technology & Skills to Promote Employment Success grant, Ipads, Ipods & cell phones were utilized with social media & mentors to provide 8 students supports needed for successful employment experiences in careers of their choosing. The tool created, Expanding Career Options thru Universal Design Learning (or ECO UDL), blended career education & universal design for learning. Though proposed outcomes for employment were targeted to result in 3, only 1 person was placed within Fairfax County Recreation & Parks Department. However, 8 students interned with 8 employers that provided vocational supports (1 student quit the program). Additionally, two business (Booz Hamilton & Datatel) provided mentors to 4 of the participants. This project demonstrated that by using a UDL framework for the career assessment process coupled by the use of technology, learning barriers could be overcome and independence in employment increased. The grant also had unanticipated outcomes in training 227 people at a state conference for transition practitioners & an out-of-state conference, with plans to train more at a national transition Conference.

The Medicaid Waiver Training & Information grant placed 2 individuals in employment (EM01), both using DD waiver services to switch from day support to supported employment.

Outcomes in Employment

EM01 - Adults have jobs of their choice through Council efforts	10
EM02 - Dollars leveraged for employment	\$71,514.00
EM03 - Employers provided vocational supports to students on the job	8
EM04 - Businesses/employers employed adults	8
EM05 - Employment programs/policies created/improved	1
EM06 - People facilitated employment	0
EM07 - People trained in employment	241
EM10 - Other	0
EM10 - Other	0
EM10 - Other	0
EM10 - Other	0

Section 3 Projects and/or Activities

Creating Employment Opportunities

Implementer:	in house ✓ by contract/grant	Goal Area	Employment
Grantee/Contractor Name (if appropriate):	Chesterfield Employment Services		
Beginning Date:	10/1/2009	Ending Date:	9/30/2011
Part B Funds:	\$27,744.00	Other Funds:	\$35,138.00
Intermediaries/Collaborators:	State Protection and Advocacy System University Center(s) of Excellence		

Other Collaborators

- a) Virginia Commonwealth University - Research Rehabilitation Training Center
- b) Chesterfield County Public Schools
- c) Chesterfield County MHSS Service
- d) VA Dept. of Rehabilitative Services
- e) Walmart, Papa John's Pizza, Kid's World Daycare, Shoosmith Landfill, 4 Paws Pet Resort, 1st Tee Golf, Merit Medical
- f)
- g)

Primary Activity Type

Demonstration of New Approaches to Services and Supports

Project Activity Description

To train CES staff and implement a Customized Employment model and expand employment for persons with significant disabilities.

Section 3 Projects and/or Activities

Using 21st Technology to Promote Employment

Implementer:	in house ✓ by contract/grant	Goal Area	Employment
Grantee/Contractor Name (if appropriate):	PHILLIPS Program		
Beginning Date:	10/1/2009	Ending Date:	9/30/2011
Part B Funds:	\$35,427.00	Other Funds:	\$19,598.00
Intermediaries/Collaborators:	State Protection and Advocacy System University Center(s) of Excellence		

Other Collaborators

- a) Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services
- b) Community Services Boards
- c) Green Spring Gardens Park, Jewish Community Ctr, Heartland Hospice, Tyson\'s Pimmit Library, Fairfax Archives, Alexandria Chamber of Comm, Providence Recreation Ctr, UPS
- d) Booz Allen Hamilton
- e) Datatel, Inc.
- f)
- g)

Primary Activity Type

Demonstration of New Approaches to Services and Supports

Project Activity Description

To use technology to provide students w/dis supports needed for successful employment experiences in careers of their choosing.

Section 3: Areas of Emphasis and Performance Targets

Health

People are healthy and benefit from the full range of needed health services.

The goal of the Integrated Dental Services: Building Capability, Capacity & Commitment grant was to increase community capacity for dental services to individuals w/ DD. The final stage of the grant took place from 10/2010 thru 3/2011 of Yr 5 of the State Plan. The primary focus during the final two quarters was continuation of the follow-up treatment of patients by private practice dentists: 39 individuals were served (HE01=39); & these individuals benefitted from formal/informal community supports (CS01=39). The individuals were served by 16 dentists in the community who agreed to provide follow-up care (HE04=16). In addition, the details of the externship program between NVTC and Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry were finalized and the program was implemented with one dental student externship (HE04=1). During dental treatment at dental offices both the individual being treated and the family member/care provider that attended were provided with education and information on both dental care and self-advocacy (HE05=78). The Integrated Dental Services grant ended in 3/31/11. At this time the Council stayed in contact with grantee to track post grant outcomes. Grantee staff acquired a grant from KOVAR to purchase dental equipment to assemble dental outreach toolkits (HE02=\$10,305). Also secured was a donation from Lanigan, Ryan, Malcolm & Doyle Accounting Firm to fund most of the cost of sustaining the dental externship program between VCU & NVTC to train senior dental students to treat patients with special needs (HE02=\$5,000). A donation was received from the David H. Lawson Foundation to provide additional funding for the dental externship program (HE02=\$400). NVTC & Arc of NoVa collaborated with Virginia Dept of Health professionals to coordinate a workshop & outreach to train dentists & to provide dental care. Grantee staff supported VDH by providing information & resources gleaned from the Council funded dental services grant. VDH was able to coordinate with the Alexandria Health Dept to implement & fund the workshop (HE02=\$7,000 & HE03=1). During the workshop 17 dentists, 1 hygienist & 8 assistants were trained in providing dental services to individuals with disabilities (HE05:26). During the outreach 26 children with disabilities received dental services (HE01=26). Through the Medicaid Waiver Training grant, under Community Supports AoE, 5 (HE01=5) individuals received needed medical equipment.

Outcomes in Health

HE01 - People have needed health services through Council efforts	70
HE02 - Dollars leveraged for health services	\$39,302.00
HE03 - Health care programs/policies created/improved	1
HE04 - People improved health services	17
HE05 - People trained in health services	104
HE08 - Other	0
HE08 - Other	0
HE08 - Other	0
HE08 - Other	0

Section 3 Projects and/or Activities

Integrated Dental Service Initiative

Implementer:	in house	Goal Area	Health
	✓ by contract/grant		
Grantee/Contractor Name (if appropriate):	Northern VA Training Center		
Beginning Date:	10/1/2009	Ending Date:	3/31/2011
Part B Funds:	\$22,898.00	Other Funds:	\$12,279.00
Intermediaries/Collaborators:	State Protection and Advocacy System University Center(s) of Excellence		

Other Collaborators

- a) ARC of NoVa
- b) VCU Health Systems School of Dentistry
- c) private practice dentists
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

Primary Activity Type

Training

Project Activity Description

To build regional capacity, capability and commitment for the provision of dental health services to people with developmental disabilities.

Section 3 Projects and/or Activities

Integrated Dental Service Post-Grant

Implementer:	✓ in house by contract/grant	Goal Area	Health
Grantee/Contractor Name (if appropriate):	Northern Virginia Training Center		
Beginning Date:	4/1/2011	Ending Date:	3/31/2013
Part B Funds:	\$0.00	Other Funds:	\$0.00
Intermediaries/Collaborators:	State Protection and Advocacy System University Center(s) of Excellence		

Other Collaborators

- a) ARC of No. VA
- b) VA Dept. of Health
- c) Alexandria Health Dept.
- d) VCU Health Systems School of Dentistry
- e)
- f)
- g)

Primary Activity Type

Training

Project Activity Description

To build regional capacity, capability and commitment for the provision of dental health services to people with developmental disabilities (post-grant follow along).

Section 3: Areas of Emphasis and Performance Targets

Housing

Adults choose where and with whom they live.

The Governor's EO No.10 (2010) called for the development of a Housing Policy Framework of the Commonwealth of VA. The purpose of the housing policy framework was to establish broad goals & policy direction & to coordinate a comprehensive & effective housing policy w/other public policy areas & initiatives across multiple secretariats within the executive branch. On Nov.18, 2010 an Interim Report to the Governor was released. Due to strong Council advocacy, the disability community, including the Council, was included on the workgroup. Council representation resulted in the needs of individuals w/disabilities and Olmstead compliance being included in the Housing Policy Framework resulting in HO05:1 outcome.

Council's Increasing the Use of the Transportation & Housing Alliance (THA) Toolkit grant had positive impacts on housing planning for Virginians w/ disabilities. (HO08) 97 people were trained on using the Toolkit including participants at the Statewide Neighborhood Conference, Governor's Housing Conference & VA Transition Forum. The Toolkit continues to receive many accolades from state & local planners & policymakers & was identified as a best practice in VA's Housing Policy Framework report to the Governor. Housing workgroup meeting participants were provided info on Council housing initiatives (HO08:5).

VA EasyLiving Home (ELH) program was recognized as a best practice in both the Housing Policy Framework and VA's Blueprint for Livable Communities. VA's ELH program, implemented through the work of the Council, was granted sole rights to the ELH certification mark by U.S. Patent & Trade Office ending uncertainty about the program's sustainability. Subsequent to receiving the rights to the certification mark AARP contributed \$5,000 to ELH (HO03). One ELH home was built in 2011 thru the "Home for Our Troops" program (HO06:1). Thru the work of a coalition of ELH partners the 2011 General Assembly increased the Livable Home Tax Credit from \$2k to \$5k and expanded eligible tax credit recipients to include builders resulting in HO05:1 outcome.

Through the Council's Medicaid Waiver Training grant one individual moved from a group home to their own home (HO01:1) & three individuals transitioned from an institution to their own home(HO02:3). Through the Outreach to Families of Children at Risk or Currently Living in an Institution post-grant two children transitioned from an institutional setting to a home in the community (HO02:2)

Outcomes In Housing

HO01 - Individuals have homes of their choice through Council efforts	1
HO02 - People moved from congregate settings to homes in the community	5
HO03 - Dollars leveraged for housing	\$9,006.00
HO04 - Banks made mortgage funds available to enable people to own their own homes	0
HO05 - Housing programs/policies created/improved	2
HO06 - Units of affordable, accessible housing made available	1
HO07 - People facilitated home ownership/rental	0
HO08 - People trained in housing	102
HO11 - Other	0
HO11 - Other	0
HO11 - Other	0
HO11 - Other	0

Section 3 Projects and/or Activities

EasyLiving Home, Virginia

Implementer:	in house ✓ by contract/grant	Goal Area	Housing
Grantee/Contractor Name (if appropriate):	Virginia Accessible Housing Solutions, Inc		
Beginning Date:	10/1/2007	Ending Date:	9/30/2011
Part B Funds:	\$6,730.00	Other Funds:	\$5,000.00
Intermediaries/Collaborators:	State Protection and Advocacy System University Center(s) of Excellence		

Other Collaborators

- a) Virginia Housing Development Authority
- b) Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development
- c) Home Builders Association of Virginia
- d) AARP
- e) Stephen Thomas Homes
- f) Centers for Independent Living
- g) Habitat for Humanity

Primary Activity Type

Coalition Development & Citizen Participation

Project Activity Description

To promote the building of new construction with visitability and universal design features.

Section 3 Projects and/or Activities

Housing Policy Work

Implementer:	✓ in house by contract/grant	Goal Area	Housing
Grantee/Contractor Name (if appropriate):			
Beginning Date:	10/1/2006	Ending Date:	9/30/2011
Part B Funds:	\$0.00	Other Funds:	\$0.00
Intermediaries/Collaborators:	State Protection and Advocacy System University Center(s) of Excellence		

Other Collaborators

- a) Virginia Housing And Development Authority
- b) Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development
- c) Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
- d) Disability Commission Housing Workgroup
- e) Department of Rehabilitative Services
- f) Home Builder Association of Virginia
- g)

Primary Activity Type

Programs Barrier Elimination, Systems Design & Redesign

Project Activity Description

Monitor and provide input on legislation, regs and policy affecting housing for people with disabilities.

Section 3 Projects and/or Activities

Increasing the Use of the THA Toolkit

Implementer:	in house ✓ by contract/grant	Goal Area	Housing
Grantee/Contractor Name (if appropriate):	Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission		
Beginning Date:	10/1/2010	Ending Date:	3/31/2012
Part B Funds:	\$19,100.00	Other Funds:	\$4,657.00
Intermediaries/Collaborators:	State Protection and Advocacy System University Center(s) of Excellence		

Other Collaborators

- a) Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions
- b) Planning District Commissions
- c) Regional Commissions
- d) Virginia Housing Development Authority
- e) Department of Rail and Public Transportation
- f) Virginia Department of Transportation
- g) Department of Rehabilitative Services

Primary Activity Type

Programs Barrier Elimination, Systems Design & Redesign

Project Activity Description

To measurably increase the use of the THA Toolkit across the Commonwealth.

Section 3: Areas of Emphasis and Performance Targets

Quality Assurance

People have the information, skills, opportunities and supports to live free of abuse, neglect, financial and sexual exploitation, violations of their human and legal rights, and the inappropriate use of restraints or seclusion. Quality Assurance systems contribute to and protect self-determination, independence, productivity, and integration and inclusion in all facets of community life.

The Self-Advocates Leading Together grant supported the establishment of a non-profit organization led by and for individuals with developmental and other disabilities (QA03). The self-advocates named their organization Virginia Advocates United Leading Together (VAULT), which is a statewide organization comprised of individuals representing a variety of disabilities. VAULT's 501c-3 status is pending IRS approval. Planned activities include working on public policy issues and engaging in coalition building to influence public policies that improve community life for individuals with developmental and other disabilities.

Council achieved QA07 outcomes with the graduation of 9 SAs & 18 parents from the PIP program. After a planning year in 2010, the Council resumed its Youth Leadership Forum in July 2011, graduating 23 student delegates (QA08). The YLF's collaboration with the VA Dept of Education is strong resulting in a QA02 outcome of \$16,100 leveraged. The YLF program enhancements implemented received many positive reviews and resulted in a more youth focused and youth relevant YLF.

YLF & PIP alumni survey indicated that 56 self-advocates, family members & others were active throughout the year (QA06); and that 23 adults & 48 children benefited from advocacy activities (QA01). Additionally, 25 alumni reported being active in a number of specific activities, such as: promoting Disability History and Awareness Month in October 2010; volunteering as staff at the 2011 YLF; family members appointed to Boards; and 2 PIP grads submitting their stories to NACDD for presentation to Congress (QA06).

Under the Medicaid Waiver Training grant, 18 mentors were trained by DMAS & VACIL staff on Quality Assurance methods (QA05).

In October 2010 the Board provided written comment to DHDS on their proposed Protocol for Resolving Issues Regarding Choice in Virginia's Intellectual Disability and Day Support Home and Community-Based waivers. Comments on 7 specific issues were provided. Four of the Board's recommended changes were implemented (QA03). Areas addressed through the revisions related to: (1) individual service plan outcomes; (2) clarifications relating to the term "deficiencies" in health and safety, (3) distribution of the protocol to individual, guardians and authorized representatives; and wording related to change in providers and/or services.

Quality Assurance – Self Advocacy

A. Is there a self-advocacy organization (s) in the state led by individuals with developmental disabilities, that receives direct funding from a private or public source?

No

B. Does the Council fund a self-advocacy organization lead by an individual with a developmental disability?

No

If yes, amount of funding Council contributes:

\$0.00

C. Dollars leveraged for self-advocacy organization(s) in the state led by individuals with developmental disabilities:

\$0.00

Outcomes in Quality Assurance

QA01 - People benefiting from quality assurance efforts of the Council	71
QA02 - Dollars leveraged for quality assurance	\$20,681.00
QA03 - Quality assurance programs/policies created/improved	2
QA04 - People facilitated quality assurance	0
QA05 - People trained in quality assurance	18
QA06 - People active in systems advocacy about quality assurance	
Individuals with DD	36
Family Members	46
Others	0
QA07 - People trained in systems advocacy about quality assurance	
Individuals with DD	9
Family Members	18
Others	0
QA08 - People trained in leadership, self-advocacy, and self-determination	23
QA09 - People attained membership on public and private bodies and other leadership coalitions	4
QA10 - Number of entities participating in partnerships or coalitions as a result of Council efforts	0
QA11 - Other	0
QA11 - Other	0
QA11 - Other	0
QA11 - Other	0

Section 3 Projects and/or Activities

Partners In Policymaking

Implementer: in house Goal Area Quality Assurance
by contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date: 10/1/2010 Ending Date: 9/30/2011

Part B Funds: \$137,450.00 Other Funds: \$0.00

Intermediaries/Collaborators: State Protection and Advocacy System
 University Center(s) of Excellence

Other Collaborators

- a) Disability advocacy groups/organizations statewide
- b) National Network of UCEDDs
- c) Virginia state agencies
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

Primary Activity Type

Training

Project Activity Description

To provide advocacy and leadership training for adult self-advocates and parents of children with disabilities so that they have the knowledge, skill and ability to influence systems change.

Section 3 Projects and/or Activities

PIP and YLF Alumni Activities

Implementer:	in house	Goal Area	Quality Assurance
	by contract/grant		

Grantee/Contractor Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:	10/1/2006	Ending Date:	9/30/2011
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Part B Funds:	\$0.00	Other Funds:	\$0.00
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Intermediaries/Collaborators: State Protection and Advocacy System
University Center(s) of Excellence

Other Collaborators

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

Primary Activity Type

Coalition Development & Citizen Participation

Project Activity Description

To monitor post-training activities for PIP and YLF alumni.

Section 3 Projects and/or Activities

Self Advocates Leading Together

Implementer:	in house ✓ by contract/grant	Goal Area	Quality Assurance
Grantee/Contractor Name (if appropriate):	VCU Partnership for People With Disabilities		
Beginning Date:	10/1/2009	Ending Date:	3/31/2011
Part B Funds:	\$50,863.00	Other Funds:	\$13,774.00
Intermediaries/Collaborators:	State Protection and Advocacy System ✓ University Center(s) of Excellence		

Other Collaborators

- a) ARC of Virginia
- b) People for People
- c) Office of Developmental Services, Dept. of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services
- d) Advocacy Organizations statewide
- e) Self Advocates
- f) Virginia Association of Centers for Independent Living
- g)

Primary Activity Type

Coalition Development & Citizen Participation

Project Activity Description

To support establishment of a nonprofit org of networked self-advocates w/ DD to speak for themselves for service system improvements and policy change at the state local, regional levels..

Section 3 Projects and/or Activities

Youth Leadership Forum

Implementer: in house Goal Area Quality Assurance
by contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date: 10/1/2010 Ending Date: 9/30/2011
Part B Funds: \$99,425.00 Other Funds: \$16,100.00

Intermediaries/Collaborators: State Protection and Advocacy System
University Center(s) of Excellence

Other Collaborators

- a) VA Dept. of Education
- b) Centers for Independent Living (CILs)
- c) 20 volunteer staff
- d) AT Fair vendors
- e)
- f)
- g)

Primary Activity Type

Training

Project Activity Description

To provide leadership training and skill development for rising high school juniors and seniors with disabilities.

Section 3: Areas of Emphasis and Performance Targets

Recreation

People benefit from inclusive recreational, leisure and social activities consistent with their interests and abilities.

Only one activity was conducted in FFY11 for recreation, Our Special Harbor Sprayground, a grant project which resulted in creation of a fully accessible, zero-depth water sprayground located in Lee District Recreational Park in Fairfax County. Council funds enabled purchase of 4 major features: Skipjack Boat, Crab Boat, Water Table & Water Maze. Grantee & its partner, the Fairfax Co. Park Authority (FCPA) completed construction on-time and did extensive marketing of the new park throughout the Northern VA area. The grantee did outreach to disability advocacy groups & service organizations as part of its marketing.

Sprayground is part of a recreation complex that also includes an accessible Treehouse. FCPA assumed Sprayground ownership in June 2011. Sprayground was open from Memorial Day through Labor Day, 2011. No entrance/user fees were charged, except for a small fee for large groups. FCPA contributed staff to operate the park. FCPA additionally conducted a random sample survey of attendees both to get feedback on the Sprayground and obtain demographic data by which to estimate the number of individuals with a disability who attended the park.

Both the number of persons with a disability participating & the dollars leveraged exceeded the targets. Total actual attendance during the summer was 66,753 individuals, of whom approximately 60% were youth under age 22. Based on attendee surveys, an estimated 8,803 were individuals with disabilities; the disabilities most often reported were Autism, Intellectual Disability & Mobility Impairments. An unexpected number of adults with a disability attended, which in part may have been due to the large military presence in No. Va. Attendee surveys indicated a great deal of satisfaction with the park, of whom 100% reported they agree or strongly agree with their intent to return. Regarding satisfaction with the accessibility of the park's features & amenities, over 98% replied "satisfied" or "strongly satisfied". Over 99% of respondents found the park to have attractions that met their child's interests & preferences.

Due to Sprayground's success, FCPA has committed \$400,000 and has broken ground on a complimentary accessible playground that will enhance the experience for families at Our Special Harbor. The playground, Chessie's Big Backyard, is set to be opened July 2012.

Outcomes in Recreation

RE01 - People active in recreational activities through Council efforts	8,803
RE02 - Dollars leveraged for recreation	\$267,844.00
RE03 - Recreation programs/policies created/improved	1
RE04 - People facilitated recreation	0
RE05 - People trained in recreation	0
RE08 - Other	0
RE08 - Other	0
RE08 - Other	0
RE08 - Other	0

Section 3 Projects and/or Activities

Our Special Harbor Sprayground

Implementer:	in house	Goal Area	Recreation
	✓ by contract/grant		
Grantee/Contractor Name (if appropriate):	Joey Pizzano Memorial Fund, Inc.		
Beginning Date:	10/1/2010	Ending Date:	9/30/2011
Part B Funds:	\$250,000.00	Other Funds:	\$211,352.00
Intermediaries/Collaborators:	State Protection and Advocacy System University Center(s) of Excellence		

Other Collaborators

- a) Fairfax County (VA) Park Authority
- b) Fairfax County (VA) Department of Community Recreation Services
- c) Disability advocacy organizations in Northern Virginia
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

Primary Activity Type

Programs Barrier Elimination, Systems Design & Redesign

Project Activity Description

Build & open a fully accessible water park to promote inclusion among children of all abilities, esp. those w/ DD, by using best practices to provide a safe, zero water depth play environment.

Section 3: Areas of Emphasis and Performance Targets

Transportation

People have transportation services for work, school, medical, and personal needs.

The Transportation & Housing Alliance (THA) post-grant outcomes for transportation continue to be impressive. (TR 01) 83 people w/disabilities got transportation services as a result of the Toolkit's use. The Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission (RRRC) hired a mobility manager as a direct result of the Toolkit's use in the development of their Coordinated Human Services Mobility Plan. The mobility mgr was hired to do community outreach, education & work at a newly developed call center. The mobility mgr served 83 individuals w/disabilities, connecting them with transportation & new transit routes. 3 additional post grant outcomes were reported in the area of TR03; 1)The Toolkit was utilized for the Community Development Block Grant application for the town of Mineral identifying the need for crosswalks throughout the downtown corridor. New curb cuts were identified as a need in association with the new crosswalks. Several curb cuts & crosswalks meeting ADA standards have been completed; 2) Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia had success with several projects that were directly influenced or created by the THA work. Route maps for a wellness shuttle were developed for the City of Norfolk. Senior Services was awarded funding for the service. This service positively impacts transportation options for seniors & people with disabilities; 3) In the City of Franklin, the Department of Rail & Public Transportation expanded the existing shuttle service to Suffolk. This new schedule introduces evening & weekend services. The Increasing the Use of the Transportation & Housing Alliance (THA) Toolkit grant, which began in October 2010, reported that (TR05) 37 people were trained on the Toolkit's function & adaptability. Council regularly receives positive feedback about the Toolkit's value & its increased use, but recognizes that capturing outcomes statewide will be difficult. The THA Toolkit, as mentioned in the housing section, was included as a best practice in the Governor's Housing Policy Framework as a means to achieve the report recommendation: "Address the integral linkage of housing, employment & transportation through establishment & alignment of I& use priorities & incentives." It is anticipated that the use of the Toolkit will continue to be replicated across the Commonwealth. Under VaNavigator grant, 28 transportation providers developed programs to include resources for people with disabilities.

Outcomes in Transportation

TR01 - People have transportation services through Council efforts	83
TR02 - Dollars leveraged for transportation programs	\$4,006.00
TR03 - Transportation programs/policies created/improved	31
TR04 - People facilitated transportation	0
TR05 - People trained in transportation	37
TR08 - Other	0
TR08 - Other	0
TR08 - Other	0
TR08 - Other	0

Section 3 Projects and/or Activities

Transportation & Housing Alliance I & II Post

Implementer:	✓ in house by contract/grant	Goal Area	Transportation
Grantee/Contractor Name (if appropriate):	Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission		
Beginning Date:	7/1/2009	Ending Date:	6/30/2011
Part B Funds:	\$0.00	Other Funds:	\$0.00
Intermediaries/Collaborators:	State Protection and Advocacy System University Center(s) of Excellence		

Other Collaborators

- a) Accomack-Northampton PDC
- b) Northern VA RC PDC 8
- c) Mount Rogers PDC
- d) Radco PDC 16
- e) VA Assoc. of Planning District Commissions
- f) Dept. of Rail & Public Transportation
- g) Endependence Center

Primary Activity Type

Coalition Development & Citizen Participation

Project Activity Description

To continue the alliance that provides transportation & housing information, resources, and technical assistance (post-grant follow along).

Section 3 Projects and/or Activities

Transportation Advisory Workgroup

Implementer: in house Goal Area Transportation
by contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date: 10/1/2006 Ending Date: 9/30/2011

Part B Funds: \$0.00 Other Funds: \$0.00

Intermediaries/Coilaborators: State Protection and Advocacy System
University Center(s) of Excellence

Other Collaborators

- a) Department of Rail and Public Transportation
- b) Department of Medical Assistance Services
- c) Department of Social Services
- d) Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
- e) Department of Rehabilitative Services
- f)
- g)

Primary Activity Type

Interagency Coordination & Collaboration

Project Activity Description

To improve the availability, quality and coordination of transportation services.

Consumer Satisfaction

Individual Survey Responses:

Total: 314
 Respect (%): Yes 93.00% | No 7.00%
 Choice (%): Yes 81.00% | No 19.00%
 Community (%): Yes 79.00% | No 21.00%
 Satisfaction (%): 50.00% 4 - Strongly Agree | 42.00% 3 - Agree | 5.00% 2 - Disagree | 3.00% 1 - Strongly Disagree
 Better Life (%): 43.00% 4 - Strongly Agree | 45.00% 3 - Agree | 9.00% 2 - Disagree | 3.00% 1 - Strongly Disagree
 Rights (%): Yes 88.00% | No 12.00%
 Safe (%): Yes 82.00% | No 18.00%

Individual Comments:

Council used a combination of methods to collect responses (widely publicized interactive online survey, targeted email response forms & printed instruments) by the most accessible means. Respondents included participants in all sponsored programs & grant activities: 33% lwD, 40% family, 18% advocates, 30% providers, 17% employees of govt. agencies or appointed members of citizen advisory/ regulatory board or committee, etc. Activities: 28% info services, 32% training, 9% joint advocacy, 5% Council input, 18% Assessment use & 52% grants. Most respondents participated in multiple activities.

Verbatim comments were often lengthy, detailed & specific. Favorable remarks about specific Council activities highlighted Info & Referral activities for consumers & providers, directly & thru grant projects, esp. expansion of VANavigator Centers. Frequently mentioned was emphasis on Medicaid waivers, rights, empowerment & "education not being done by any other...organization in our area." PIP & YLF "are two of the most meaningful activities offered in Virginia," "YLF delegate "emerged with...another level of understanding," & Partner now able to "make my daughter's life more like it should be!" Comments on other projects: "You only have to look at the joy on their faces to know what a success [Sprayground] is;" "expanded career option provided an intangible level of self-worth, independence & self-sufficiency;" "makes it possible for any individual with a desire to work to be able to, or own their own business to increase their quality of life;" "able to work effectively together to increase access to dental services for PwD/DD."

Negative feedback focused on persistent deficiencies of the state's service system, ongoing lack of accessibility, lack of information specifically for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deafblind, limits to Council's resources overall & specifically for lwD, not DD (but praise for what it is able to do) & need for more awareness of Council & its efforts. Unlike previous years, only one comment disagreeing with Council's policy positions regarding deinstitutionalization.

Stakeholder Survey Responses

Total: 163
 Choices and Control (%): 32.00% Strongly Agree | 42.00% Agree 20.00% Agree Somewhat | 2.00% Disagree Somewhat | 2.00% Disagree | 2.00% Strongly Disagree
 Participation (%): 32.00% Strongly Agree | 41.00% Agree 314 Agree Somewhat | 2.00% Disagree Somewhat | 1.00% Disagree | 3.00% Strongly Disagree
 Satisfaction (%): 39.00% Strongly Agree | 41.00% Agree 15.00% Agree Somewhat | 2.00% Disagree Somewhat | 1.00% Disagree | 3.00% Strongly Disagree

Stakeholder Comments:

In addition to annual CS&SF surveys, Council collected input through public comment on its new FFYSP, extensive involvement in interagency workgroups & liaison activities, participation in public hearings, & review of public comments collected by partner agencies. Analysis of feedback shows that the more knowledgeable of and engaged in Council activities constituents were (such as Assessment users), the higher they rated Council impact & satisfaction with its activities. Impact & satisfaction survey ratings were extremely high, 93-94% positive (>2010), especially considering the survey's broad, inclusive dissemination & controversy surrounding some Council advocacy. Many expressed regrets that Council impact was limited for certain types of disabilities, esp. non-DD, did not include direct services they needed, were not more widely known, or lacked resources to impact all regions of the state. Impact: "coalition building & awareness reduces isolation, provides hope & helps to sustain positive change, no matter how slow"; "policy development has led to systemic impact affecting all Virginians"; "provides critical services, empowering families & self-advocates to live more meaningful lives in the community"; is "an active board that supports lwD in all aspects of life." Satisfaction: "quick to respond to questions about resources and link me to people across the state"; "organization & leadership reflect the positive values of independence & self-determination for all Virginians"; "sets goals high & values & utilizes PwD - leads by example"; "invests a lot of time, energy & finances to improve lives of lwD & their families - much appreciated by families." Comments also recognized limits on what Council alone can achieve: "doing a great job, but more could be done, if [there was] more participation on a local level"; "attempting to help lwD but the disability community is fragmented & needs to come together in a joint effort in order to be effective."

Council Progress in Achieving Goals

Goal 1: Positively influence and impact public policy through coordinated initiatives that promote meaningful inclusion in all aspects of community life.

Emphasis Area:Cross Cutting

Goal: Partially Met

Council's 2011 Assessment report, a tool for educating elected officials & policymakers as well as the general public, was completed, published & widely marketed in FFY. Council estimates for outcomes, however, were over-estimated. Council staff remain active in the state's MFP initiative via Advisory Council, which has been slowed due to key staff vacancy. Outcomes for public policy were impacted because of two factors: Council over-estimated progress in policy for FFY, which in turn may have been affected by the continuing DBHDS-DOJ Settlement Agreement negotiations; and liaison activity with HPPD was discontinued as a result of organization changes there. Council Director met w/ VDH officials to discuss issues & programs of mutual interest; regularly provided info from national reports on successful community initiatives and comment on key state disability issues. Promoted & provided info on Employment 1st for proposed legislative resolution to adopt policy in Va; educated legislative Commission on Youth staff, proposing/advocating for changes in planning report related to psych needs of persons w/ ID/DD. Final report is due in July 2012.

Goal 2: Engage in advocacy and outreach to educate communities with the outcome of eliminating barriers that result in discrimination against people with disabilities.

Emphasis Area:Cross Cutting

Goal: Met

Overall total outcomes exceeded targets. FFY11 Assessment publication, increased e-outreach & improved tracking led to significant growth in outcomes for media relations, conferences/meetings. Intensified media relations efforts for the Sprayground project and > use of electronic web-based social media (YouTube, Facebook pg. of other orgs) were major factors. Conference outreach increased: Council promoted EasyLiving Homes (ELH), universal design, & its policy development/ advocacy guide, Benchmarks. Council received > invitations from disability orgs to speak on policy issues. Council newsletter was rebranded, & sent quarterly. E-digests & VSEN e-newsletter continued.

VaNavigator grant project had goal of creating or expanding sites at which both seniors & indiv. w/ disabilities can find resources, supports. VaN exceeded targeted # of policymakers educated (157) on disability issues, reaching 383. While the project had a target of 2 products to be distributed, Council counted the developed press kit as 1 product though it included several items (press releases, cover letters, & educ.articles). Project planned to reach 323,050 individuals, but actually reached 194,553 (below target but still substantial). A barrier was the timing of the media campaign to partners & gen. public, which was not completed by the end of grant period. Grantee plans to continue the campaign to reach the original target in the post-grant period and will report progress quarterly to Council during FFY12.

Goal 1: Promote strategies that support moving people with disabilities from institutions to communities of their choice.

Emphasis Area:Formal and Informal Community Supports

Goal: Met

Outcomes under CS01 (indiv. benefitting), CS02 (\$\$ leveraged) & CS05 (people trained) exceeded FFY11 targets largely due to the Medicaid Waiver Training & Information (MWTI) grant project, which also had unplanned outcomes under ED, EM, HO, HE & QA. MWTI trained 761 individuals, > 2x target; & aided 39 individuals in obtaining Medicaid or Waiver services. Two projects (Integrated Dental Svcs. & post-grant activities of Outreach to Families of Children at Risk) also exceeded CS01 targets.

Council additionally sponsored training at the Aging & Disability state conference in person-centered supports, liveable communities, & universal design/housing accessibility: 175 trained (target= 186). Conference was a model of low cost skill-building for in-home support providers, family members & professionals who serve individuals with disabilities in communities.

Goal 3: Positively influence and impact public policy through coordinated initiatives that promote meaningful inclusion in all aspects of community life.

Emphasis Area:Formal and Informal Community Supports

Goal: Met

CS03 FFY target (2 policies improved) was met: reduction in Medicaid services was stopped; & DBHDS biennial strategic plan was improved. Council remains conservative in estimating policy outcomes because of the lengthy germination period that policy change often requires.

Goal 2: Promote cross-cutting local, regional and statewide collaboration to build welcoming and accessible communities.

Emphasis Area:Formal and Informal Community Supports

Goal:

No targets were planned for Year 5. Dollars leveraged were achieved; additional outcomes for the Improvement & Expansion of Consumer Directed Services are expected in 2012.

Goal 1: Positively influence and impact public policy through coordinated initiatives that promote meaningful inclusion in all aspects of community life.

Council planned one policy outcome for Year 5, but did not achieve it. Council continued to comment on state education regs and participate on education workgroups.

Goal 2: Collaborate to ensure an innovative disability services system through partnerships with community orgs, businesses and public agencies to leverage widespread support for full inclusion.

Emphasis Area:Education and Early Intervention

Goal:

There were no outcomes planned for Year 5. An unexpected outcome resulted from the Medicaid Waiver Training & Information grant project: thru efforts of grant trained "Medicaid mentors", parents of 5 children w/ disabilities received technical assistance, support & education on accessing & obtaining Medicaid services. One child & family was able to obtain case management services; & 4 others both were enrolled in and began receiving services under the Elderly and Disabled Consumer-Directed Services (EDCD) Waiver.

Goal 1: Positively influence and impact public policy through coordinated initiatives that promote meaningful inclusion in all aspects of community life.

Emphasis Area:Employment

Goal:

There were no outcomes planned under this Goal in 2011.

Goal 2: Promote innovative approaches to integrated employment of people with developmental and other disabilities.

Emphasis Area:Employment

Goal: Met

Overall, outcomes for this goal were met in 2011. Under the Customized Employment grant there were 7 placements, 1 placement under the Using 21st Century Technology and 2 placements under the Medicaid Waiver Training & Info grant. Planned match was slightly exceeded this year. There were no outcomes planned under EM03, however, 8 businesses provided vocational supports to students with disabilities in community learning placements under the Using 21st Century grant. This grant also trained 227 individuals in the program created, ECO UDL. The CES grant also trained 14 staff in customized employment (12 were planned). Additionally, 7 businesses employed adults with disabilities (EM04) which included large national chains, as well as small local businesses under the CE grant.

Goal 1: Positively influence and impact public policy through coordinated initiatives that promote meaningful inclusion in all aspects of community life.

Emphasis Area:Health

Goal: Met

The Council met and exceeded its goal in the Health area of emphasis for year 5 of the state plan. The Integrated Dental Services Initiative grant achieved outcomes in quarter 5 and 6 of the grant and post-grant outcomes resulted in the development and implementation of a dental outreach for children with disabilities. This activity was collaborative with the Virginia Department of Health and leveraged additional and unexpected resources in the amount of \$12,400. As a direct result of the new dental outreach program dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants received training on providing dental services to individuals with disabilities and 26 children with disabilities received dental services.

Goal 1: Promote strategies that support moving people with disabilities from institutions to communities of their choice.

Emphasis Area:Housing

Goal: Partially Met

The Council was not successful with the development and funding of a state low income housing subsidy for individuals with disabilities however the Council continues to work diligently and consistently to promote a low-income housing subsidy for individuals with disabilities. The Council has been significantly involved in policy discussions at the state level to help educate representatives in housing agencies on the housing needs of individuals with disabilities and the importance of prioritizing individuals with disabilities in allocation of housing resources. The Council was a leader in promoting the development of necessary relationships and planning processes that culminated in a successful allocation of Housing Choice Vouchers. CILs have been successful in developing relationships locally and statewide with staff of public housing agencies (PHAs) and other housing officials, educating them on the housing needs and preferences of people with disabilities. The impressive response of PHAs in Virginia to HUD's Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for "Housing Choice" Vouchers for non-elderly people with disabilities (Category I) and additional (Category II) vouchers to enable non-elderly households with disabilities to transition from nursing homes and other health care institutions into the community was a direct result of the CILs advocacy and their collaboration with the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) and the MFP demonstration project. On October 1, 2010, HUD announced Category I voucher awards, and Virginia received 463 vouchers, the nation's third largest state total. Council efforts increased the local coordination and collaboration of Centers for Independent Living and Public Housing Authorities. The Council impacted the outcome in a positive way; however, the Council cannot record the success as a Council outcome. The Council does continue to press forward for the separation of housing from services and the allocation of state dollars to make housing in the community possible and affordable for individuals with disabilities.

Goal 2: Promote cross-cutting local, regional and statewide collaboration to build welcoming and accessible communities.

Emphasis Area:Housing

Goal: Partially Met

The THA post grant was the project anticipated to result in the development of 6 units of housing affordable and accessible to individuals with disabilities. The THA Toolkit was used to develop the required market analysis for the application for a low income housing tax credit project. The development was approved for tax credits however complications with zoning and land use resulted in a significant delay. The development is now on track and should be complete by November 2012. All 22 units will include Universal Design elements, be ADA compliant and will be Earthcraft Platinum certified. Through the Medicaid Waiver Training grant one individual moved from a group home to their own home (HO01:1). The EasyLiving Home program has facilitated the ongoing collaboration of the disability and building communities. Shared learning and regular communication has solidified relationships and opened up a dialog of mutual understanding, especially with the Home Builders Association of Virginia, moving forward strategies to increase the number of accessible homes and homes that incorporate Universal Design as a value added feature. The EasyLiving Home program and THA Toolkit (for local and regional planning) were recognized as a best practice in Virginia's Blueprint for Livable Communities and in Virginia's Housing Policy Framework.

Goal 3: Positively influence and impact public policy through coordinated initiatives that promote meaningful inclusion in all aspects of community life.

Emphasis Area:Housing

Goal: Met

The Council has taken a leadership role in aligning housing and services (in both public policy and resource allocation) promoting systems redesign for individuals with disabilities. The inclusion of the needs of individuals with disabilities and Olmstead compliance in Virginia's first comprehensive housing policy framework was a result of years of relationship development, cross-secretariat collaboration, and education activities. Virginia received an award from the National Council of State Housing Agencies for its Housing Policy Framework. The increase of the Livable Home Tax Credit from \$2,000 to \$5,000 for the construction of a new home with visitable and EasyLiving Home features, or for the modification of an existing home, was a Council facilitated policy change. This change will benefit both the home owner in need of home modifications in order to stay in their home and the individual building a home (who may not currently need accessible features) who learns of the tax credit and decides to incorporate such feature. Both situations increase the stock of visitable homes. An additional policy change to the tax credit opened up tax credit eligibility to the builder. This provides a significant builder incentive, especially for a builder building spec homes. The builder can also "share" the tax credit with the home purchaser.

Goal 2: Be a catalyst for self-determination, choice and policy influence through leadership and advocacy development.

Emphasis Area:Quality Assurance

Goal: Met

The Council held a successful Youth Leadership Forum and Partners In Policymaking programs in yr 5 of the state plan. Both programs met their respective targets for self-advocates & family members trained. Program evaluations have high scores and Council staff regularly seek feedback to ensure programs remain up to date & current. Council exceeded its target in self-advocates active in systems advocacy by 16 individuals. Council targeted 55 family members active in systems advocacy & had reports of 46 family members active. Due to the exceeded target of self-advocates active, Council considers the goal to be met. Council reports 4 people who attained membership on a Board/public body, this outcome was not planned. Council holds in high regard its two training programs & continues to hear from numerous participants the positive outcomes experienced by individuals and families that they directly relate to their experience/learning in YLF and/or PIP. The Self Advocates Leading Together grant created a non-profit organization run by and for self-advocates, known as Virginia Advocates United Leading Together or "VAULT." Council was not able to follow along w/Self-Advocacy Mobilization grant and did not get 10 planned QA06.

Goal 1: Collaborate to ensure an innovative disability services system through partnerships with community organizations, businesses & public agencies to leverage widespread support.

Emphasis Area:Quality Assurance

Goal:


There were no planned outcomes in Year 5 for this goal.

Goal 1: Collaborate to ensure an innovative disability services system through partnerships with community organizations, businesses & public agencies to leverage widespread support.

Emphasis Area:Recreation

Goal: Met

Sprayground project exceeded targets both for individuals w/ disabilities active in recreational activities & dollars leveraged. The grantee & its partner, Fairfax County Park Authority, did extensive marketing of the park before its opening day & during the summer. The grantee also did outreach to disability advocacy & service organizations throughout Northern VA. region. Sprayground received very favorable media attention in its first few weeks from local e-newsletters & TV stations. Survey feedback from attendees was very positive. Due to Spray-ground success, FCPA is working w/ grantee to add-on/build other accessible recreational features to the park for summer 2012.



Goal 1: Collaborate to ensure an innovative disability services system through partnerships with community organizations, businesses & public agencies to leverage widespread support.

Emphasis Area:Transportation

Goal: Met

The Council exceeded its target for this goal in year 5 of the State Plan. Using the THA Toolkit the Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission (RRRC) developed a human service transportation plan, hired a mobility manager and increased service options. RRRC advertised locally to ensure individuals and organizations were aware of the transportation options. A total of 83 individuals received transportation through the support of the mobility manager and increased transportation options. THA Toolkit training was featured as a break-out session at the Virginia Transition Forum; 12 individuals attended the session and received training. The Toolkit was also featured as a break-out session at the Statewide Neighborhood Conference for Planners and Advocates, 25 individuals attended the session.

Goal 2: Positively influence and impact public policy through coordinated initiatives that promote meaningful inclusion in all aspects of community life.

Emphasis Area:Transportation

Goal:

The Council did not have any outcome targets in this area for year 5 of the State Plan. The Council continues to actively participate in transportation initiatives and policy discussions including the Transportation Advisory Committee.

Section 6: Reporting Year Expenditures

Type of Recipient	Sub Title B \$	Other \$	Total \$
State Councils on DD	\$1,119,268.00	\$198,048.00	\$1,317,316.00
Designated State Agency	\$39,191.00	\$0.00	\$39,191.00
Other State Agency	\$22,898.00	\$12,279.00	\$35,177.00
State P & A Agency	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
University Centers for Excellence	\$50,863.00	\$13,774.00	\$64,637.00
Non-Profit Organizations	\$423,984.00	\$329,013.00	\$752,997.00
Others	\$46,844.00	\$39,795.00	\$86,639.00
Total	\$1,703,048.00	\$592,909.00	\$2,295,957.00
Areas of Emphasis	Sub Title B \$	Other \$	Total \$
Employment	\$132,344.00	\$64,348.00	\$196,692.00
Education & Early Intervention	\$69,173.00	\$9,612.00	\$78,785.00
Housing	\$85,454.00	\$11,940.00	\$97,394.00
Health	\$92,071.00	\$21,891.00	\$113,962.00
Childcare	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Recreation	\$319,174.00	\$220,963.00	\$540,137.00
Transportation	\$78,722.00	\$11,940.00	\$90,662.00
Quality Assurance	\$356,912.00	\$39,485.00	\$396,397.00
Community Supports	\$123,642.00	\$30,782.00	\$154,424.00
General Management (Personnel, Budget/Finance/Reporting)	\$406,365.00	\$181,948.00	\$588,313.00
Functions of DSA	\$39,191.00	\$0.00	\$39,191.00
Total	\$1,703,048.00	\$592,909.00	\$2,295,957.00

Dissemination of Annual Report

An accessible document compiled from PPR entries was posted to the Council's website, for review or download with a prominent homepage listing of availability, which resulted in > 33,000 unique users. Immediate e-announcement of posting online was sent to all constituent contacts [> 3,800] including state and local elected & appointed policymakers; notice of availability was sent to the news media. Notice of availability also was placed in Council's quarterly newsletter. Subsequent coverage was achieved through key constituent list serves, newsletters and web postings. Data collection & reporting for required state Strategic Plan performance measures also were coordinated with PPR outcome measures. Measures, collection methodologies & outcomes were posted to state's widely publicized & utilized, user-friendly, accessible Virginia Performs website when agency strategic plan was updated in September 2011. Use of community resources for distribution, including on-going relationships with non-profits, continued in 2011.

All documents were available upon request in Braille, large-print & other accessible formats as needed. All postings and mailings noted availability of accessible formats.

Section 8: DD Network Collaboration

Issue Identifier

Description of Collaborative issue/barrier or expected outcome:

Until July 2009, no state entity had responsibility for policy development, service planning/delivery/funding for persons w/ DD but w/out a MR/ID diagnosis. Network engaged in discussions & advocacy on this thru various avenues. HHR Secretary created a special advisory stakeholder workgroup in summer 2008 to id a state agency home for autism &/or autism/DD. Early in process, Council & UCEED played a substantial role in decision-making that focused the effort on DD as a whole vs. just autism.

Life Areas

Self-Determination	Health	Transportation	Recreation
Employment	Education	Childcare	
Housing	Community Inclusion	Quality Assurance	

Council Roles and responsibilities in collaboration:

This was a key issue brought forth in the Council's 2006 & 2008 Biennial Assessment of the Disability Services System in Virginia. The Council participated in a legislative commission workgroup (focused on a home for autism), the Secretary of HHR workgroup, & various other interagency groups. Council has testified & provided public comment on this issue; & the Council & UCEDD were instrumental in successfully encouraging that the focus of the legislative study be expanded to DD (not just autism). In the Spring of 09, the Council & UCEDD advocated against the development an autism-specific waiver, consistent with Council recommendations against service system fragmentation & disability silos, and recommended in favor of an expanded DD Waiver & consolidation of the ID/DD waiver to include full menu of services that are need vs. diagnosis-based. Council can provide information to others interested in the process undertaken.

Problems encountered as a result of collaboration:

None.

Unexpected Benefits:

Nothing unexpected. The Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services (formerly DMHMRSAS) was selected as the state agency responsible for DD services, including autism. The Governor's budget will not be released until December 09, & thus it will not be known until that time whether the recommendation against an autism-specific waiver was taken. However, at present, this is more likely to be an economic vs. a policy decision.

Section 8: DD Network Collaboration

Issue Identifier

Description of Collaborative issue/barrier or expected outcome:

Legislature allocated \$23 million to rebuild Southeastern VA Training Ctr, & millions to renovate Central VA TC. VA Alliance for Community (DD Net-work & Arc of VA) continued efforts to redirect state funding to community housing & svcs. Barriers are TC residents' families & staff (job loss fears). In FFY, frequent education & advocacy w/ incoming Gov, transition team & Admin. was conducted via info & meetings. Council created/distributed Benchmarks brochure for legislators & policymakers.

Life Areas

Self-Determination	Health	Transportation	Recreation
Employment	Education	Childcare	
Housing	Community Inclusion	Quality Assurance	

Council Roles and responsibilities in collaboration:

Council helped develop/distribute fact sheets, talking points, & news releases. Council & DD Network efforts- multiple meetings & info sharing- were intensified for new Gov. & Admin., who began Jan. 09, & w/ legis-lators to promote expansion (or at least maintenance) of community svcs. over institutional svcs. despite recession. Council regularly advised & communicated w/ Secretary of HHR on disability issues. Council worked w/coalition partners to: identify policy support in state reports & regs; id comparative state trends in community vs. institution spending & utilization from state/national sources; & develop & marketing plan & messaging strategies. Council developed & distributed "Benchmarks" for legislators w/ partners. Council sponsored a meeting of state & national housing experts, coalition & stakeholders (including bankers) to discuss financial leveraging opportunities to expand housing options. Council can provide information on experiences & copies of documents produced.

Problems encountered as a result of collaboration:

DDCs have been helpful & forthcoming in response to queries for information. Additional technical assistance would be welcome in gathering important information & data useful to advocacy: identifying federal policy statements specifically in support of small ICFs-MR & other community settings; identifying case studies, preferably with outcome studies, of state operated community homes as a strategy in downsizing large TCs; identifying other states that are funding TC renovations or are rebuilding, to include contributing factors & purposes; & obtaining insight into initiatives & political impact/influence of VOR at the national level. VOR is supportive of TC parents opposition of downsizing TCs.)

Unexpected Benefits:

None at this time.

Section 8: DD Network Collaboration

Issue Identifier DOJ notification of findings that VA is out of compliance with ADA & Olmstead

Description of Collaborative issue/barrier or expected outcome:

Life Areas

Self-Determination	Health	Transportation	Recreation
Employment	Education	Childcare	
Housing	Community Inclusion	Quality Assurance	

Council Roles and responsibilities in collaboration:

Problems encountered as a result of collaboration:

Unexpected Benefits:

Section 8: DD Network Collaboration

Issue Identifier **Legislative or regulatory proposals that reduce protections to persons w/ DD**

Description of Collaborative issue/barrier or expected outcome:

Life Areas

Self-Determination	Health	Transportation	Recreation
Employment	Education	Childcare	
Housing	Community Inclusion	Quality Assurance	

Council Roles and responsibilities in collaboration:

Problems encountered as a result of collaboration:

Unexpected Benefits:

Section 8: DD Network Collaboration

Issue Identifier

Long Medicaid Waiver Wait Lists & Lack of services to those who are Waiver ineligible

Description of Collaborative issue/barrier or expected outcome:

Life Areas

Self-Determination	Health	Transportation	Recreation
Employment	Education	Childcare	
Housing	Community Inclusion	Quality Assurance	

Council Roles and responsibilities in collaboration:

Problems encountered as a result of collaboration:

Unexpected Benefits:

Section 8: DD Network Collaboration

Issue Identifier

Need for improved self-advocacy

Description of Collaborative issue/barrier or expected outcome:

Life Areas

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| Self-Determination | Health | Transportation | Recreation |
| Employment | Education | Childcare | |
| Housing | Community Inclusion | Quality Assurance | |

Council Roles and responsibilities in collaboration:

Problems encountered as a result of collaboration:

Unexpected Benefits:

Section 8: DD Network Collaboration

Issue Identifier

Need for improved, increased community-based services & information about services

Description of Collaborative issue/barrier or expected outcome:

Individuals with developmental and other disabilities do not have sufficient, readily available information regarding options available to them for community-based services that will enable them to stay in their homes, including as they age. Improved availability of information and improved formats of this information will enable individuals with DD and their families to more easily access necessary services & supports, reducing the risk of institutionalization or a move to a less restrictive environment.

Life Areas

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| Self-Determination | ✓ Health | ✓ Transportation | Recreation |
| Employment | Education | Childcare | |
| ✓ Housing | ✓ Community Inclusion | Quality Assurance | |

Council Roles and responsibilities in collaboration:

The Network partners participated in VDA's Virginia's Options Counseling (OC) grant which identified best OC practices, developed the OC protocol & standards for Virginia, developed a training curriculum & delivered training to approximately 90 options counselors from Area Agencies on Aging and Centers for Independent Living. The Network partners participated on a panel on legislative advocacy for the Government Affairs Committee of the VA chapter, National Down Syndrome Association, providing the Council, UCEDD, & P&A perspective and education on issues related to community supports & advocacy priorities in Virginia. Council continues to operate Partners in Policymaking which provides info. & advocacy skills training to self advocates/parents and disseminates ongoing information to alumni to further educate. The P&A & UCEDD present to these groups. Council has a quarterly newsletter to which network partners contribute. Council & UCEDD, through Council grant, established state self-advocacy organization, VAULT, which awaits IRS non-profit status letter. VAULT will provide advocacy, policy & related info, & training led by self advocates.

Problems encountered as a result of collaboration:

No specific problems with these activities. It has been more challenging to find ways to collaborate with the P&A than with the UCEDD, the latter having been a grant recipient of the Council and with which the Council serves on a number of committees. Collaboration with the P&A typically occurs during legislative session. It is anticipated that increased collaboration will occur when/if there is a settlement agreement with DOJ as this will guide many advocacy activities in Virginia for some time.

Unexpected Benefits:

None.

