

2024

FUNDING PRIORITIES

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Fund Priority 1

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BUILD SERVICE CAPACITY

A Systematic Plan to Build Provider Capacity for the services in which Virginia currently lacks capacity, to serve those on the Priority One Waitlist.

1 Retention of Waiver Slots

HB 577 (Runion) | **SB 610** (Suetterlein, Pekarsky)

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

2 Stimulate Capacity for the Lacking Inclusive Services

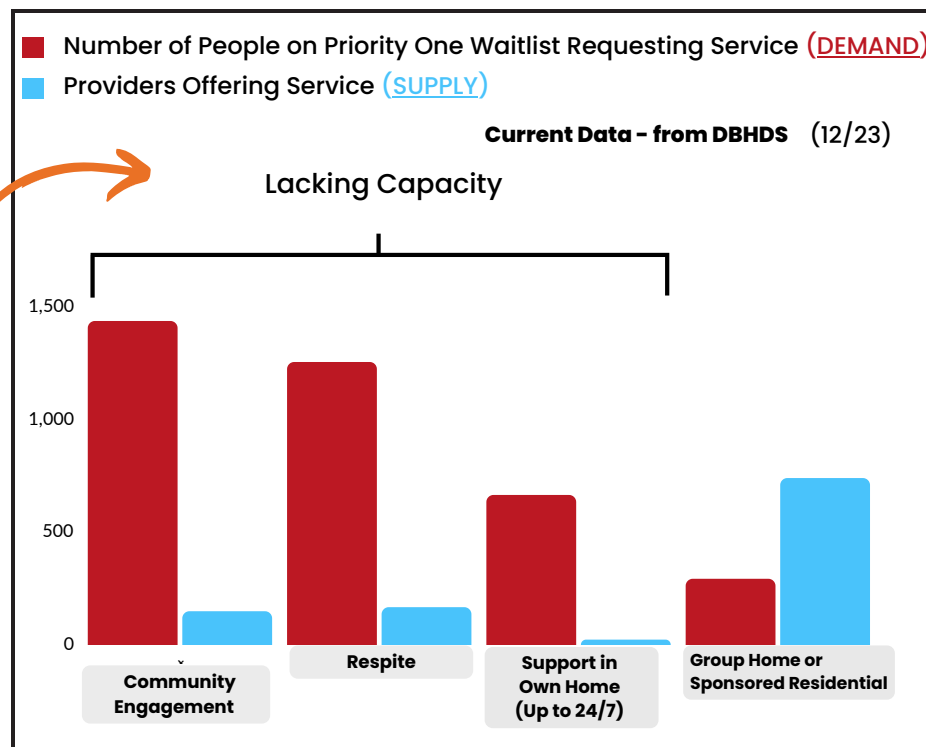
Fund initiatives that build the capacity of providers for the services people most want.

- Match the Supported Living Rate to the 4-person group home rate
288 #27h (Sickles) | **288 #35s, #42s** (Ebbin, Suetterlein)
- Business Start-Up & Expansion to Develop the Provider Base
297 #11h (Sickles) | **296 #2s** (Boysko)

3 Develop Core Services

292 #1h, #2h (Sickles, Lopez) | **292 #5s** (Boysko)

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



Rate Increases

The Arc of VA firmly supports the proposed 18% increase for all services - while also firmly stating that this investment cannot replace the critical need to fully fund Priority One.



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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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Legally Responsible Individuals (LRIs)

SB 488 (Aird); **SB 149** (Suetterlein) | **HB 909** (Shin) ; **HB 1282** (Wilt)

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



Medicaid Works Eligibility

288 #4h (Coyner) | **288 #25s** (Jordan)

Creates Medicaid Works Eligibility for DD Waiver Recipients, ensuring that people can work and earn income without risking losing their waiver.



Increase Peer Mentor Rates

288 #26h (Sickles) | **288 #27s** (Jordan)

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

Support Agenda – Legislation from our Partners



Income Disregard to Protect Waiver Service Eligibility

HB 908 (Shin) | **SB 676** (Ebbin)

Social Security Disability Insurance income is disregarded by the Department when calculating a person's financial eligibility for waivers.



Voter Protections

HB 441 (Bennett-Parker)

Ensures access to curbside voting for people with disabilities.



Protection for People When Calling First Responders

SB 357 (Boysko)

Protects people with development disabilities from prosecution for assault on an officer when that person is experiencing a crisis and calls for help.