



## **2011 Budget Priorities**

### **1. Support Governor McDonnell's proposed improvements to community-based services:**

- **275 new Intellectual Disability Waivers** to aid individuals on the waiting list and in state institutions.
- **\$5 million to create community-based crisis stabilization** for individuals with co-occurring intellectual disability and mental health support needs.
- **Increased capacity for quality assurance and oversight** at the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

### **2. Provide help to individuals and families on the ID and IFDDS Waiver waiting lists:**

- **Support funding for 900 additional Intellectual Disability Waivers.** A total of 1,100 new ID Waivers are required annually to meet the Commonwealth's stated goal of eliminating the ID/IFDDS Waiver waiting lists by the 2018-2020 biennium (§ 32.1-323.2).
- **Support funding for 275 new Individual and Family Developmental Disability Support (IFDDS) Waivers** to aid individuals/families on the IFDDS Waiver waiting list. This 25% reduction of the IFDDS Waiver waiting list is directly proportional to the ID Waiver waiting list reduction proposed for the 2010-2012 budget.
- **Support \$5 million to provide services for 1,000 people with ID/DD** who do not qualify for Waiver due to ICF/MR level of functioning criteria.

### **3. Protect people with intellectual and related developmental disabilities from harmful cuts:**

- **Eliminate the 5% cut to Medicaid Waiver reimbursement rates** in FY12.
- **Eliminate the 66% cut in Medicaid Waiver respite services** in FY12 (restoring the annual limit to 720 hours per person).
- **Eliminate cuts in Assistive Technology and Environmental Modifications** in ID/IFDDS Waiver services (restoring the annual limit to \$5,000 per person).
- **Eliminate cuts in long term employment support services (LTESS)** affecting 1,350 people with disabilities.

### **4. Assure civil rights and achieve system sustainability:**

- **Establish a comprehensive and effective plan** to transition to an inclusive, community-based system of support for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Reinvest cost savings to assure successful transitions from institutions, maintain existing community services and provide help to people on waiting lists.

### **5. Ensure that long-term supports for people with ID/DD are carved out of managed care:**

- **Strike Item 297, MMMM, #1h.** ID Waiver long-term services do not fit within the managed care paradigm.