



2010 Legislative Priorities

SUPPORT “A LIFE LIKE YOURS”

- **RESTORE funding for the 1,000 ID Waivers and 134 IFDDS Waivers that the introduced budget proposes be eliminated/postponed.** With waiting lists exceeding over 5,900, this proposed cut of \$106 million in services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities will erase years of efforts made to mitigate crisis in the ID/DD service system.
- **RESTORE funding to eliminate the proposed freeze on enrollment for ID, IFDDS, EDCD, and DS and AZ Waivers from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.** The \$34 million cut associated with the freeze will result in unprecedented crisis and unwanted institutionalization.
- **RESTORE funding to eliminate the 5% proposed cut to HCBS Waiver services** (only skilled nursing in the Tech Waiver was protected). This \$77 million cut in reimbursement rates is likely to result in sub-standard community services and decreased provider capacity.
- **RESTORE funding to eliminate the reduction in respite hours for families from 720 hours a year to 240 hours per year,** a \$54.2 million cut to one of the most cost-effective services families of people with ID/DD often need the most.
- **RESTORE funding for needed medical services/supplies.** This proposed \$10.6 million cut to Medicaid impacts HCBS Waiver recipients by eliminating/reducing access to podiatry services, optometry services, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and incontinence supplies.
- **RESTORE support for Virginians with intellectual and developmental disabilities who do not meet ICF/MR eligibility criteria and are therefore unable to access ID/IFDDS Waiver supports.** Many services for people who are waiver ineligible have been eliminated as a result of previous cuts to CSB state general funds.

In order to save the community safety net for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, Virginia must commit to a community safety net!

- **OPPOSE plans to *rebuild* a NEW, \$23 million, 75-bed institution in Chesapeake.** Support the Virginia Alliance for Community's proposal to redirect these funds and all other capital outlays for institutions/Training Centers, to instead create community-based housing where equivalent, more cost-effective services can be provided. Utilize cost savings to restore cuts to community services and assure successful transitions for current residents.
- **SUPPORT a comprehensive and effective plan for ALL people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live in integrated, community-based settings.** Commit to policies and funding that maintain a community-based safety net. Utilize cost savings to restore cuts to community services and assure successful transitions for current residents of the Training Centers. Support and expand upon plans to help 123 people move from institutions to the community. Cost savings from initiative this alone are estimated to be more than \$102,000 per person per year (a total of \$12.6 million in general funds).