



SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH BRAIN INJURY IN VIRGINIA

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State Administered Services

The following services and programs are administered directly by the Department of Rehabilitative Services:

Brain Injury & Spinal Cord Injury Services Unit (BI/SCIS) within the **Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS)** manages programs and services for people with brain injury and assists the “lead state agency” agency in monitoring and planning services to enhance the quality of life and vocational goals of persons with acquired brain injury. The BI/SCIS Unit provides information to DRS staff and external customers about brain injury and other acquired neurological impairment, as well as assistance obtaining DRS services. *Contact Patricia Goodall at 800/552-5019, TTY 800/464-9950 or e-mail Patti.Goodall@drs.virginia.gov or on-line <http://www.vadrs.org/cbs/biscis.htm>.*

- **Brain Injury Direct Services Fund** provides short-term specialized services, assistive technology, and other equipment / goods to help individuals live more independently and move forward in their recovery. The BIDS Fund, which is limited, is available only if no other funding source is available and it is recommended that you contact DRS prior to applying for funds. The BID Fund does *not* pay for inpatient medical rehabilitation or any other residential services. Individuals must be at least one year post-injury and must meet disability and financial criteria. *Contact Patricia Goodall at 804/662-7615, 800/552-5019, TTY 800/464-9950 or e-mail Patti.Goodall@drs.virginia.gov or on-line <http://www.vadrs.org/cbs/biscis.htm>.*
- **Commonwealth Neurotrauma Initiative (CNI) Trust Fund** was established legislatively in 1997 for the purpose of “improving the treatment and care of Virginians with traumatic spinal cord or brain injuries.” The Trust Fund Advisory Board disburses funds only to Virginia based research organizations, institutions, and researchers through a competitive grant process administered by DRS. Grant funds of \$5,000 to \$150,000 per year for up to three years are awarded in rotating cycles for Option A: Research and Option B: Community Based Services. Although programs are short-term, services may be available - <http://www.vacni.org/downloads/NoticeOfGrantAwards200607.doc> *Contact Kristie Chamberlain 804/662-7154, e-mail Kristie.Chamberlain@drs.virginia.gov or on-line www.vacni.org.*
- **Federal Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Act** grant funding was awarded to the Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services for 2006-2009. The grant application, entitled “**Strengthening our Statewide Infrastructure for Brain Injury Services (SOS: BIS)**,” was submitted jointly with the Brain Injury Association of Virginia (BIAV). DRS contracts with BIAV to carry out grant activities that (1) maintain and strengthen Virginia’s infrastructure for the delivery of brain injury services; and (2) increase the capacity of communities to advocate for the development of services and supports for people with brain injury and their families. The grant allows Virginia to continue its progress in the areas of data collection/analysis, education/outreach, and advocacy/resource development. The overall goal of these efforts is to enhance access to existing services and to support the development and expansion of services in unserved and underserved areas of the state. *Contact Patricia Goodall at 800/552-5019, TTY 800/464-9950 or e-mail Patti.Goodall@drs.virginia.gov or on-line <http://www.vadrs.org/cbis.htm>*

- **Virginia Central Registry for Brain Injury and Spinal Cord Injury** is a database maintained by DRS as required by the Code of Virginia which requires hospitals to report all persons treated for a traumatic brain injury or spinal cord injury. Outreach is provided through a contract with the Brain Injury Association of Virginia which provides information to all individuals reported to the Central Registry about available resources and services, including vocational rehabilitation available through DRS. Contact Patricia Goodall at 800/552-5019, TTY 800/464-9950 or e-mail Patti.Goodall@drs.virginia.gov or on-line <http://www.vadrs.org/cbs/biscis.htm>.

Community Rehabilitation Case Management Services Program (CRCMS) provides case management services to individuals with central nervous system and other severe functional disabilities (including brain injury). Case managers assist individuals in identifying needs and coordinating resources to increase independent living and community integration. Contact Carolyn Turner at 800/552-5019, TTY 800/464-9950, e-mail Carolyn.Turner@drs.virginia.gov or on-line <http://www.vadrs.org/cbs/lcrms.htm>.

Centers for Independent Living (CILs) provide services statewide that promote the independence, productivity, and leadership of people with disabilities. CILs are operated by people with disabilities who assist others to take charge of their own lives. CILs work with individuals and communities to remove barriers to independence. Services include information / referral, peer counseling, independent living skills training, and individual / systems advocacy. There are 16 CILs and two satellite CILS located throughout Virginia. Contact Theresa Preda at 800/552-5019, TTY 800/464-9950; e-mail Theresa.Preda@drs.virginia.gov or on-line <http://www.vadrs.org/cbs/cils.htm>.

Personal Assistance Services for People with Brain Injury (PAS/BI) is administered by DRS to provide personal assistance to people with significant functional limitations due to a physical disability who are ineligible for attendant services through other sources. The consumer, or a consumer-designated representative, manages all aspects of employing a personal assistant. Services may include assistance in getting in/out of bed, dressing, bathing, meal preparation, and housework. Priority is given to individuals at risk of institutional placement. Contact Pat Norton at 800/552-5019, TTY 800/464-9950, e-mail Patricia.Norton@drs.virginia.gov or on-line <http://www.vadrs.org/cbs/pas.htm>.

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program is the federal/state funded program within the **Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS)** that offers employment-related assistance to persons with disabilities, including people with brain injuries. Individuals who meet disability and financial eligibility criteria work with a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor to jointly develop an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) to identify an employment goal and services or training to achieve that goal. Services include, but are not limited to, evaluation of skills and abilities; help determining an employment goal; counseling and guidance; vocational training; and job seeking and job placement services. Contact DRS at 800/552-5019, TTY 800/464-9950, or on-line www.vadrs.org.

Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center (WWRC) is the state-funded rehabilitation facility within the **Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS)** that offers an array of residential / outpatient services ranging from a comprehensive rehabilitation therapy program to vocational training to short-term assessment. In addition to receiving regular WWRC services, eligible individuals with acquired brain injury may receive supplemental specialized services through **WWRC's Brain Injury Services Program** such as counseling / guidance; neuropsychological assessment and therapy; vocational evaluation / training; cognitive rehabilitation services; independent living / community re-entry skills; and physical, occupational, and speech / language therapies. Specialized case management services may

also be available to individuals with brain injury who attend WWRC programs. *Contact Gerald Showalter at 540/332-7044 or 800/345-9972/ TTY 800/811-7893 or e-mail Gerald.Showalter@wwrc.virginia.gov or on-line <http://www.wwrc.net/menuroot/VR-brain-injury-services.htm>.*

State Contracted Services

The following organizations receive state general funds though contracts managed by the Department of Rehabilitative Services:

Brain Injury Association of Virginia (BIAV) provides **statewide** information and support to people with brain injury, family members, and professionals. BIAV services include a toll-free help-line, an information clearinghouse and resource library, a statewide network of support groups, systems advocacy, educational events, and an adult camp for survivors. BIAV also has Regional Resource Coordinators in **four areas of the state** who provide information/referral and resource development. *Contact Anne McDonnell, Executive Director, Brain Injury Association of Virginia, 3212 Cutshaw Avenue, Suite 315, Richmond, VA 23230, 804/355-5748, 800/334-8443, e-mail info@biav.net, or on-line www.biav.net.*

Brain Injury Services, Inc. (BIS INC) provides information and referral, case management, supported living, volunteer placement, and a clubhouse program for people with brain injuries in **Northern Virginia**. BIS also operates Westwood Clubhouse in **Fredericksburg**. Clubhouse members are actively involved in the daily operation of the clubhouse through a “work-ordered day” which leads to improved work skills and behaviors that support community and vocational reentry. *Contact Karen Brown, Executive Director, Brain Injury Services, Inc., 8136 Old Keene Mill Road, Suite B102, Springfield, VA 22152, 703/451-8881, e-mail kbrown@braininjurysvcs.org, or on-line <http://www.braininjurysvcs.org/>.*

Brain Injury Services of Southwest Virginia (BISSWVA) provides information and referral, case management, life skills services, and volunteer placement for individuals with brain injury residing in the **LENOWISCO, Cumberland Plateau, Mount Rogers, New River Valley,** and **Roanoke Valley-Alleghany** areas of the state. *Contact Helen Butler, Executive Director, Brain Injury Services of Southwest Virginia, Inc., 302 Second Street, Third Floor, Roanoke, VA 24011, -1-866-720-1008 or e-mail helen@bisswva.org or on-line <http://www.bisswva.org/>.*

Commonwealth Support Systems, Inc (CSS) operates the *S.E.E.K.* day program in **Virginia Beach** and the *No Limits* day program on the **Eastern Shore**. Day programs provide individuals with brain injury the opportunity to participate in structured activities in a supportive environment. Activities may include vocational tasks, community outings, computer training, and social/recreational activities. *Contact Joann Mancuso, Director of Consumer Services, 349 Southport Circle, # 107, Virginia Beach, VA 23452, 757/493-8000, or e-mail jmancuso@supportsystems.org or on-line www.supportsystems.org.*

Community Futures Foundation, Inc. (CFF) operates two clubhouses, The Mill House in **Richmond** and the Denbigh House in **Newport News**. Clubhouse members are actively involved in the operation of the clubhouse through a “work-ordered day” which leads to improved work skills and behaviors that support community and vocational reentry. CFF offers Employee Development Services (EDS) for individuals to provide a structured assessment of work-related skills and abilities. Community Futures Foundation also provides information and referral, case management, life skills services, and volunteer placement for members of The Mill House, Denbigh House, and for individuals with brain injury who reside in the **Greater Richmond** metropolitan area. Contact Community Futures Foundation, 5711 Staples Mill Road, Richmond, VA 23228, 804/261-7050 or e-mail jason@careersupport.net or on-line <http://www.millhouseva.org>.

Crossroads to Brain Injury Recovery (CBIR) provides information and referral, case management, life skills services, and volunteer placement for individuals with brain injury in the Greater Shenandoah Valley area to include counties of **Rockbridge, Augusta, Bath, Highland,** and **Rockingham**; and the cities of **Harrisonburg, Lexington, Waynesboro,** and **Staunton**. Contact Michelle Witt, Director, 601 University Boulevard, Blue Ridge Hall, MSC 9008, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA 22807, 540/ 383-5943 or e-mail michelle@c2bir.org or on-line at www.c2bir.org.

MWS Brain Injury Services (MWS BIS) provides information and referral, case management, life skills services, and volunteer placement for individuals with brain injury residing in the **Henry, Patrick,** and **Pittsylvania** counties, as well as the cities of **Martinsville, Danville,** and the town of **Stuart**. Contact Carlton Redd, MARC Workshop, MWS Brain Injury Services Coordinator, 315 Hospital Drive, Suite 304, P. O. Box 3385, Martinsville, VA 24115, 276/ 632-1018, Ext. 308, e-mail mws@kimbanet.com.

Virginia NeuroCare (VANC) operates High Street Clubhouse in **Charlottesville**. Clubhouse members are actively involved in the daily operation of the clubhouse through a “work-ordered day” which leads to improved work skills and behaviors that support community and vocational reentry. Contact Leigh Wion, Program Director, High Street Clubhouse, 406 E. Main Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902 at 434/220-4596, e-mail lwion@vanc.org, or on-line www.vanc.org/programs/clubhouse.htm.

Virginia Supportive Housing (VSH) provides case management services to residents of two facilities for people with brain injury that it manages in the **Richmond** metropolitan area. Contact Alice Tousignant, Director, at Virginia Supportive Housing, P. O. Box 12123, Richmond, VA 23241, 804/ 788-6825, e-mail atousignant@virginiasupportivehousing.org, or on-line at <http://www.virginiasupportivehousing.org>.