

Strengthen and Expand Services

Critical Workforce Retention and Infrastructure Needs



The Need to Deliver Essential Services An Attainable Goal With Your Help

As we diligently and successfully implement the 2024 DARS Workforce Retention and Strengthening and Expansion Funding, we've only just begun. We recognize that our growth brings with it critical ongoing needs. In many communities, the newly funded expansions are often the only source of rehabilitative services for those seeking to improve their recovery and quality of life. **The first steps have been taken, now we must accommodate this growth.**

We urge our legislators to continue investing in these essential services to meet the growing demand across Virginia and to ensure that those affected by brain injury receive the care they deserve.

Successful Steps in the Right Direction 2024 Brain Injury Service Providers Teamwork

- ✓ 2,926 individuals served in Virginia
- ✓ 248 people trained on brain injury
- ✓ 546 caregivers supported
- ✓ 25 scholarships to Camp Bruce McCoy
- ✓ 1597 individuals referred for service
- ✓ Brain injury services are available in every region within Virginia

The Challenges Ahead Why Your Help is Needed

More than
15,000
brain injuries
are reported
in Virginia
per year.

At any
given time,
125 or more
people can be
waiting for brain
injury services.

Wait time for
services can range
from several
months to
over a year.

Isolated
Many do
not have
transportation
to get care.

Accessibility

Although services are available in every region, many still live too far to make the trip.

Solutions to Meet Challenges Key Priorities for 2025 Funding



Additional case management



Additional community supports



Fulfill critical workforce needs



Darren's Needs Are a Difficult Reality for Many

Darren, who is non-verbal and uses a wheelchair, faces significant challenges in expressing his needs. His Medicaid benefits were discontinued in April 2024, leaving him without critical support and he needs to sell some of his property. He requires assistance to file the necessary conservatorship paperwork to sell and address his financial needs. Restoring his Medicaid coverage is also a priority. Darren's situation reflects the struggles of many who rely on case managers for support, but the demand for this essential service far exceeds the current supply. There simply aren't enough case managers to meet the overwhelming need.

Serving the Commonwealth's Needs

Our recent service expansion marks a crucial step toward bridging the gap for those lacking access to brain injury care in their region. While our services now extend across the commonwealth, our efforts are far from complete. The need for brain injury care remains extensive, and there is still much to be done to fully meet these demands.

What is a Brain Injury?

A brain injury is any injury to the brain that is acquired through traumatic or non-traumatic insults. Non-traumatic insults from conditions such as stroke and tumors include, but are not limited to, anoxia, hypoxia, aneurysm, toxic exposure, encephalopathy, and surgical interventions.



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Critical Work Remaining

Your Help is Needed to Provide Care to All

Acquired brain injuries affect the lives of people of all ages. Anyone can experience a brain injury, but data indicates that some groups are at greater risk of dying from or experiencing long-term health problems after the injury.

Groups More Likely to be Affected

- Racial and ethnic minorities
- Service members and veterans
- People who experience homelessness
- People who are in correctional and detention facilities
- Survivors of intimate partner violence
- People living in rural areas

Depression and Anxiety

Mood Disorders

About 10% have co-occurring mental health issues that still need our attention.

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder








Psychotic Symptoms

Complications from Brain Related Injury Serious and Often Ongoing

Each year, out of the more than **15,000** Virginians who are treated and released from hospitals following a TBI, an estimated 10% had co-occurring mental health issues.

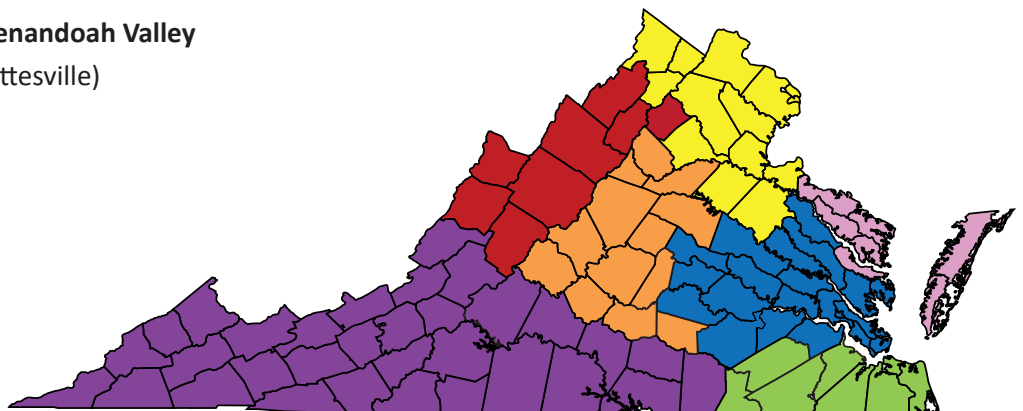
It is estimated that an incredibly large number of brain injuries are not reported or known at the time they occur. Often, these injuries have co-occurring issues later on. Our network of state-funded brain injury service providers are continuously there to meet the needs of this expanding service population.

State Funded Brain Injury Organizations and Their Service Areas

-  Brain Injury Services
-  Brain Injury Connections of the Shenandoah Valley
-  The BridgeLine (also serving Charlottesville)
-  Community Brain Injury Services
-  Brain Injury Solutions
-  Eggleston
-  No Limits Eastern Shore

SupportWorks Housing
Serves Richmond

Brain Injury Association of Virginia
Statewide, based in Richmond



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