



## **Brain Injury Association of Virginia and Virginia Alliance of Brain Injury Service Providers**

### **Strengthen Safety Net Community Based Service System**

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#### **WHAT**

\$2.0 million to strengthen and expand the existing state contracted safety net brain injury services system to provide increased statewide coverage and strengthen existing programs.

#### **PATRONS AND ITEMS NUMBERS**

Delegate David Reid, 314, #4h

Senator Emily Jordan, 314 #2s

#### **WHY**

Programs have waiting lists for services and struggle to meet existing demands from this challenging population that requires specialized support. Now that statewide services are possible, this strengthening would allow services to expand within the geographic service areas where it remains difficult to serve due to population, territory size, and other logistical challenges.

- In some rural localities, one case manager can serve up to 5 counties and be the only service personnel in that area.
- High density urban areas are also underserved. For instance, in Hampton Roads, the 2nd most populated area of the state, only 2 full time case managers serve this area.
- Newly expanded localities need additional marketing presence to allow communities to know of new services available to them.
- Additional clinic professional staff, including licensed counselors, rehab therapists, and employment staff are needed to provide the appropriate milieu of services commonly available in our disability services.

#### **HOW**

Hiring additional case managers, clinical professional staff, logistical provisions, and other support to meet the growing demands for brain injury services across the state.