



## **Legislative Agenda 2009**

### ***Do No Harm***

1. **Retain the ability of the community-based system to meet the existing urgent and growing needs of Virginians with disabilities.**
  - Preserve the integrity of core employment programs
  - Preserve case management and core services to Virginians with brain injury.
  - Preserve employment supports for Virginians with psychiatric disorders.
  - Preserve Waiver infrastructure including slots, provider rates and units of service.
2. **Restore Funding to Employment Development and Placement Services for Virginians with Disabilities that Want to Work.**
  - Secure funding and implement all administrative efficiencies to open a minimum of one category under Order of Selection.
3. **Restore \$1.25 M to Employment Services for Working Virginians with Disabilities (LTISS/EES)**
  - Secure funding for approximately 692 Virginians with disabilities who lost their employment supports due to October budget cuts (FY 09 budget).
4. **Expand Community-Based Services Dollars for Virginians with Disabilities**
  - Secure 1,000 new MR Waiver slots with start-up funding in 2010 (25% of waiting list).
  - Secure an annual cost of living adjustment to ensure the availability and choice of providers to meet the needs of Virginians with disabilities.
  - Secure additional 150 DD Waiver slots for individuals on the waiting list. (25% of waiting list)
  - Secure funding for individuals not receiving services through the MR Waiver.
  - Expand infrastructure and services for Virginians with brain injury including veterans.
  - Promote the development of a cost-based rate methodology for Medicaid services.
5. **Promote the expansion of choice for consumers in the delivery of services by private community-based programs.**
6. **Promote language or influence action to diminish over-regulation of the private provider community, streamline administrative process and forms, and reduce unnecessary paperwork that does not provide value to service delivery.**