

Virginia Disability Services for Youth & Families

Review the list below to learn more about Virginia's disability services. This list will assist you in becoming more familiar with the services and supports available for individuals with disabilities seeking employment, postsecondary education and training, and independence in a community of choice.

ABLEnow

Toll Free: 1-800-669-2253
able-now.com

ABLEnow accounts help individuals with disabilities save money to pay for qualified expenses without being taxed on them.

Assistive Technology Loan Fund Authority (ATLFA)

Phone: 804-662-9000
atlfa.org

ATLFA offers alternative funding resources for Virginians with disabilities to acquire assistive technology that can enhance independence and improve quality of life.

Centers for Independent Living (CIL)

Toll Free: 1-800-552-5019
vadars.org/cbs/cils.htm

CILs provide the following core services to individuals: advocacy; peer counseling; independent living skills; information and referral; transition services for youth and people living in institutions, and services that prevent institutionalization.

Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)

Phone: 804-662-7000
vadars.org

DARS, in collaboration with community partners, provides and advocates for resources and services to improve the employment, quality of life, security, and independence of older Virginians, Virginians with disabilities, and their families.

Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI)

Phone: 804-371-3151 Toll Free: 1-800-622-2155
vdbvi.org

DBVI is committed to providing quality services to assist Virginia's citizens who are blind, deafblind, or vision impaired in achieving their maximum level of employment, education, and personal independence.

Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services (DBHDS)

Phone: 804-786-3921
dbhds.virginia.gov

DBHDS supports individuals by promoting recovery, self-determination, and wellness in all aspects of life.

Community Services Board (CSB)

dbhds.virginia.gov/community-services-boards-csbs

CSBs provide treatment for mental health issues, substance use and addiction, and services for individuals with ID/DD.

Housing Choice Voucher

dbhds.virginia.gov/developmental-services/housing/housing-choice-voucher

DBHDS maintains a referral list of housing choice vouchers for adults with developmental disabilities who would like to live on their own in rental housing with appropriate supports.

Individual and Family Support Program (IFSP)

dbhds.virginia.gov/developmental-services/ifsp

IFSP assists individuals with developmental disabilities (DD) and their families with accessing person-centered and family-centered resources, supports, and services.

REACH Crisis Services

dbhds.virginia.gov/developmental-services/Crisis-services

The REACH program is the statewide crisis system of care that meets the crisis support needs of individuals who have a developmental disability and are at risk for homelessness, incarceration, hospitalization, and/or danger to self or others.

Waiver Services

mylifemycommunityvirginia.org

Medicaid Waivers pay for a variety of supports and services for children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families who need long-term support systems to live successfully in the community.

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Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH)

Phone: 804-662-9502 V/TTY

Toll Free: 1-800-552-7917 V/TTY

vddhh.org

DDHH works to reduce the communication barriers between persons who are deaf or hard of hearing and those who are hearing, including family members, service providers, and the general public.

Department of Education (DOE)- Specialist Secondary Transition

Phone: 804-225-2700

doe.virginia.gov/special_ed/transition_svcs

DOE Transition Services webpage provides support, information, and resources designed to improve the postschool outcomes of students with disabilities.

Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)

Phone: 804-786-7933

dmas.virginia.gov

The mission of DMAS is to provide a system of high quality and cost-effective health care services to qualifying Virginians and their families.

Disability Navigator

Phone: 804-525-7728 Toll Free: 1-866-393-0957

disabilitynavigator.org

Disability Navigator provides information about health, aging, disability and post-military resources, including private transportation services in Virginia.

Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center (PEATC)

Phone: 703-923-0010 Toll Free: 1-800-869-6782

peatc.org

PEATC builds working collaborations with families, schools, and communities to improve opportunities for children with and without disabilities.

Project LIFE

Toll Free: 1-855-367-8637

vaprojectlife.org

Project LIFE helps Virginia youth, ages 14 to 21, succeed when they age-out of foster care.

Social Security Administration

Toll Free: 1-800-772-1213

ssa.gov/benefits/disability

Social Security provides financial benefits to qualified individuals who are unable to work due to a medical condition.

State Council for Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV)

Phone: 804-225-2627

schev.edu/index/students-and-parents/resources/accessibility-disabilities

SCHEV's webpage includes information on students' rights in college and links to the accessibility and disability resource centers in colleges across Virginia.

Virginia Disability Resources and Advocacy Organizations

olmsteadrights.org/self-helptools/advocacy-resources/item.6679-Virginia_Disability_Resources_and_Advocacy_Organizations

This organization provides links to government agencies and disability rights organizations in Virginia.

Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center (WWRC)

Toll Free: 1-800-345-9972

wwrc.net

WWRC is a comprehensive vocational rehabilitation training center for individuals with disabilities to realize personal independence through employment.

Work Incentives Planning and Incentives (WIPA)

Phone: 571-339-1305

vaaccses.org/wipa

The vaACCSES - WIPA project provides all SSA disability beneficiaries (including transition-to-work aged youth) with access to benefits planning and assistance services to meet their employment goals.