

# Brain Injury Association of Virginia

## Virginia Alliance of Brain Injury Service Providers

### 2022 Legislative Needs Statement

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#### **WHAT:**

*\$570,000 to expand specialized community based brain injury case management services into unserved areas*

#### **PATRONS AND ITEM NUMBERS:**

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#### **WHY:**

- According to estimates from the Brain Injury Association of Virginia, more than 302,000 Virginians are disabled as a result of brain injury. This funding would facilitate the hiring of 4 adult case managers and 2 pediatric case managers to serve Virginians with moderate to severe brain injury, who are disabled as a result of the injury and who reside in unserved regions of the state.
- Adult brain injury case management services are currently available in 82% of cities and counties (115/139); pediatric brain injury case managers are available in 42% cities and counties (59/139).
- A program providing pediatric case management services in the Shenandoah Valley has ended due to a loss of grant funding. The program was grounded in best practices, effective and in demand, and has been a big loss to the 40 families who depended on that service to ensure their children received the appropriate supports and services in school and in the community.
- This appropriation would fund services to 100 children and families in the Shenandoah Valley and in South Hampton Roads that need an important source of support.
- This appropriation would also fund adult case managers in Rappahannock County and the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck regions of the state.

#### **HOW:**

Through a DARS Appropriation and existing contract processes, community based adult and pediatric brain injury case management services would be established in areas of Virginia as outlined in the brief.