

# Brain Injury Association of Virginia and Virginia Alliance of Brain Injury Service Providers STRENGTHEN SAFETY NET SERVICES

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## **WHAT**

*\$2.5 Million to strengthen the existing state contracted brain injury safety net services system and expand it to provide statewide coverage.*

## **PATRONS AND ITEM NUMBERS**

Senator Emily Jordan, 314 #3s

Delegate Rodney Willet, 314 #4h

## **WHY**

The growing demand for brain injury services across the state means additional case managers, clinical professional staff, and other staff support are needed. There is no service area of the Commonwealth that has sufficient staffing to serve adults and children with brain injury. Programs currently have waiting lists and struggle to meet the existing needs of this challenging population that requires specialized support. Thirteen counties of the state are unserved by Case Management and Club House/Day Program services.

## **HOW**

Through an Appropriation to DARS and the existing processes, contracts for community-based brain injury service providers would be increased to hire new staff to levels at which the programs could the demands to ensure adequate program staffing. A portion (10%) of this funding would be dedicated to establishing state funded regional brain injury service provider contracts in the remaining unserved regions of Virginia.

