

**Virginia Department of
Rehabilitative Services**

Community Based Services

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Community Based Services

- **Community Based Services consists of programs that are primarily state funded and serve Virginians with the most significant disabilities. Most of these programs were established and funded at the recommendation of the Disability Commission. Some of the Brain Injury Services programs were not initially established by the Disability Commission, but have consistently received strong support for their continuation and expansion.**

PROGRAMS:

- **Brain Injury Services Coordination (BISC)**
- **Community Rehabilitation Case Management Services (CRCMS)**
- **Independent Living (IL)**
- **Personal Assistance Services (PAS)**

Brain Injury Services Coordination (BISC):

- DRS administers state general funding for brain injury services.
- For State FY 2009, the total amount of funding managed by DRS is \$4,064,963 [includes \$3,821,000 for state-funded contracts; \$166,325 for Brain Injury Discretionary Services (BIDS) Fund; and \$77,638 for Brain Injury Services for People with Brain Injury (VR PAS)]

Community Rehabilitation Case Management Services (CRCMS):

- The DRS Community Rehabilitation Case Management Program receives \$507,643 in state funding.
- There are currently seven Rehabilitation Specialists who provide case management and one program manager providing case management services across the Commonwealth. They are located in DRS Offices in Abingdon, Lynchburg, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Richmond, Williamsburg and Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center.
- The DRS Community Rehabilitation Case Management Program provides comprehensive coordination services via case management to 677 eligible individuals with significant physical and sensory disabilities and their families.

Community Rehabilitation Case Management Services (CRCMS):

- These individuals reside in the community and in nursing facilities across the Commonwealth.
- Coordination activities are person-centered and focus on the unique needs of the individual and family.

Independent Living (IL):

- The Centers for Independent Living (CILs) receive approximately \$5 Million in State General Funds, \$1.6 million in Federal funds, and \$2.2 million in ARRA funds. DRS provides program audits, technical assistance, oversight and compliance to the Centers.
- There are 16 Centers for Independent Living and 4 Satellite CILs.
- CILs provide services and advocacy to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence, and productivity of individuals with disabilities . CILs work with individuals and the local communities to maximize the integration and full inclusion of individuals with disabilities into the mainstream of American society

Personal Assistance Services (PAS):

- The DRS Personal Assistance Services (PAS) program serves individuals who have the most severe disabilities and who require assistance from another person to perform non-medical activities of daily living.
- These consumer-directed services might include transferring, bathing, eating, dressing, or other physical activities that the individual could perform if they did not have a physical disability.
- DRS manages three PAS programs: State-funded PAS, PAS for Individuals with Brain Injury, and VR PAS, funded through Title I of the Rehabilitation Act, for individuals who are currently receiving or who may be eligible for vocational rehabilitation services provided through an Employment Plan.

In the first six months of Fiscal Year 2009 PAS:

- Served 127 consumers with state PAS funds;
- Served 5 consumers with state Brain Injury funds
- Served 37 consumers with federal Vocational Rehabilitation funds
- Provided funding for 141,802 hours of personal assistance
- Enabled 11 consumers to attend colleges and universities
- Enabled 59 persons with disabilities to work
- The average annual expenditure per consumer is \$16,985.76
- The pay rate for personal care assistants increased in July of 2009 to \$8.86/hr.state, and \$11.47/hr. (Northern Va)
- The current waiting list is 85 persons; however DRS and the Directors of the Centers for Independent Living believe there are many more who need the service, but do not apply because of the freeze on admissions.

PAS Funding

- The PAS Program has been virtually level funded for a numbers of years. Because of the need to match Medicaid increases in pay to Personal Assistants and rising overhead, fewer eligible individuals are receiving PAS services.
- To serve the 85 on the waiting list \$1,416,000.00 in funding is needed.