

# Presentation to Senate Finance Subcommittee on Health and Human Resources

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# 3 Issues

- Southeastern Virginia Training Center (SEVTC)
- Central Virginia Training Center (CVTC)
- Medicaid Mental Retardation (MR) Waiver

# SEVTC Closure

- The Arc strongly endorses proposal to close SEVTC
- This policy direction has our full support
- Only issue is the closure timeframe
- Timeframe should be driven by a person-centered plan for each resident
- Understand the Administration's planning process will be presented later this week
- The Arc has been asked to participate on the Commissioner's SEVTC Advisory Committee

# Central Virginia Training Center (CVTC)

- April 2008 bond package included \$43 to “rebuild” CVTC
- Surprised advocacy community as major public policy issues never discussed
- The Arc along with other groups began discussions with Administration and legislators to reform CVTC by adopting a new approach
  - Keep all bond money in the Central Virginia area
  - Don’t rebuild the institution; instead purchase or build community housing
  - State operation and management of community homes
  - Protect state direct care staff
  - Retain medical, dental and other therapeutic supports on site
  - Keep state safety net responsibility
  - Increase state oversight of community housing
  - Implement over 4 year period

# CVTC (con't.)

- Governor's proposed budget shifts \$18.5M of the \$43M. to community housing
- The Arc supports this funding for community housing
- The Virginia Alliance for Community (The Arc of Virginia, Virginia Board for People with Disabilities, Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy and the Partnership for People with Disabilities) is still seeking all the money for community housing
- The Alliance now has over 100 family, community, advocacy or provider organizations supporting the CVTC reform to all community housing

# MR Waiver Wait List

- Need continues to grow and wait list increases
  - Urgent care-2,254
  - Non-urgent-2,249
  - Total wait list-4,503
- Proposed budget eliminates the 200 new slots that were to have come on line April 1
- The Arc urges you to restore this funding for FY09. Loss of 200 slots would mean no help to families until mid-2010 at the earliest.
- The Arc also seeks 200 new MR Waiver slots and 140 new IFDDS Waiver slots in FY10 to address crisis/emergency situations.
- The Arc seeks to eliminate the proposed amendment that caps services for Waiver recipients whose individual Medicaid expenses exceed the average cost of institutionalization.

# Facility reforms and wait list are interconnected

- The Arc's issue is what Virginia's service system will look like in the future
- Families want community supports and services
- Persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities living at home with parents 60 years or older-17,000
- The key facility numbers:
  - Training center current budget--\$243.8M
  - Current census-1,289
  - Average annual cost-\$189,300
  - Average cost of a waiver slots--\$70,000
  - Average cost of waiver for person living in congregate, community setting--\$95,000

# What it means

- Potential long-term savings shift to community care
  - Current waiver cost--\$95,000
  - If 25% differential added for residents with complex needs, \$118,750
  - Savings per person ( $\$189,300$  less  $\$118,750$ )= $\$70,550$
  - Savings with 1,000 training center residents--\$70M
  - Savings would finance 1,000 waiver slots

# Conclusion

- Time for Virginia to reform its institutions and shift to community care. Over 100 organizations support this policy direction.
- Keeping and rebuilding state institutions will limit dollars for future waivers
- Public policy of community care is the way to go:
  - Everyone can be served in the community if supports are available
  - It makes sound fiscal sense for state taxpayers
  - Don't defend a bad business model that costs a lot more
  - Time to begin is now
    - Close SEVTC
    - Reform CVTC to community care