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*Supporting Virginians' efforts
to secure independence and employment*



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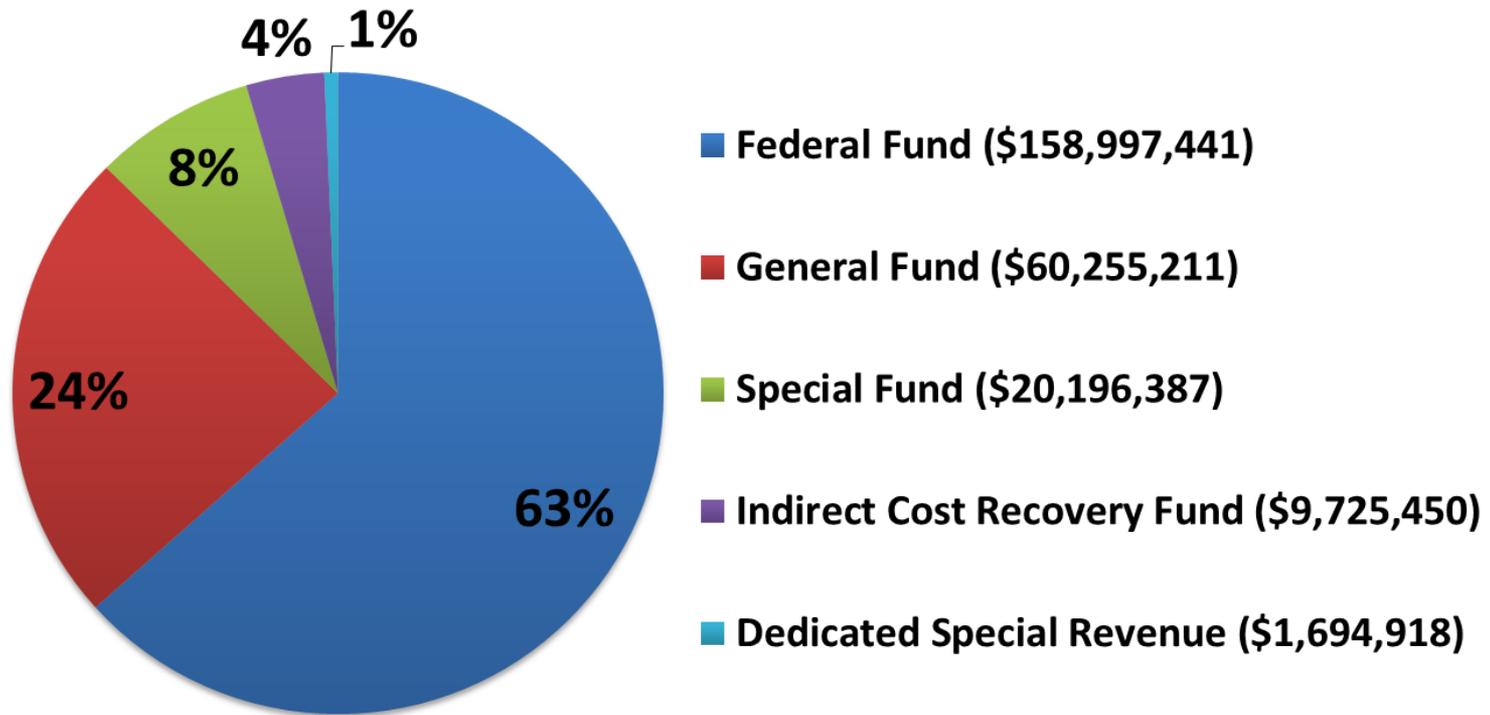
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DARS Mission Statement

The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, 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.

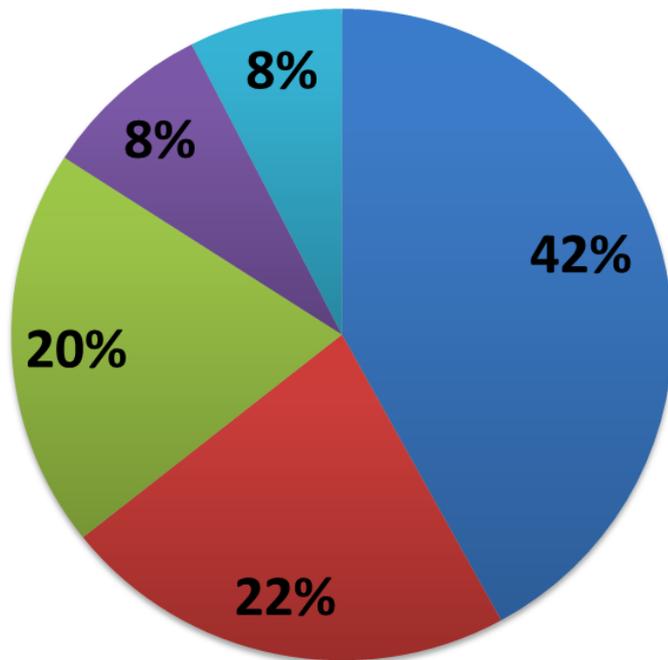


DARS and WWRC 2016 Operating Plan by Program



Grand Total \$250,869,407

DARS Major Program Activities



■ Rehabilitation Assistance Services
(\$105,384,463)

■ Aging Services (\$55,976,439)

■ Continuing Income Assistance Services
(\$49,717,089)

■ Administrative and Support Services
(\$20,940,427)

■ Community Rehabilitation Programs
(\$18,850,989)

Grand Total \$250,869,407



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DARS General Fund Overview

• Rehabilitation Assistance Services	\$31m
VR Match	
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• Individual Care Services	\$13m
CILs	
Brain Injury	
Personal Assistance Services	
Long Term Case Management	
• Nutritional Services	\$6m
Congregate and Home Delivered	
• Continuing Income Assistance Services	\$1.4m
DDS Medicaid only claims	
• Administrative and Support Services	\$2m
• WWRC	\$5m
• TOTAL	\$60m





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In mid-December, Governor McAuliffe proposed the following budget items for DARS:

- Public Guardian Services to those transitioning from training centers to the community – \$500k Year One/\$975k Year Two
- Public Guardian Services to Vulnerable Adults – \$425k/\$1.01m (one FTE)
- Replacement of Case Management System being used by APS workers – \$50k/\$440k
- Contracted services to provide in home care to low income seniors who have experienced holocaust trauma – \$100k/\$100
- Administrative support for Chronic Disease Self-Management – \$100k/\$100k w one FTE
- Monitoring for the Auxiliary Grant – \$87k/\$87k (one FTE)
- DDS effort to manage Medicaid Only claims \$80k/\$80K





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Vocational Rehabilitation Services

- Employment services that help eligible people with disabilities get ready for, find, or keep a job.
- Unique employment services model which pairs the VR consumer with a qualified VR counselor to develop an individualized plan leading to employment in a competitive and integrated setting.
- 32 field offices across the Commonwealth.
- A residential training and medical rehabilitation center known as Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center.





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Partnerships

- The Agency partners with a network of Employment Services Organizations (ESOs). During SFY 2015, DARS spent approximately \$22,493,000 for services for VR consumers. Over \$14 million (64 percent) was spent through ESOs.
- For students with disabilities moving from high school to further education, work or independence, DARS collaborates with local school systems in providing Transition Services.
- DARS is a core player in Virginia's Workforce System and works with the One Stop Centers to provide workforce services to persons with disabilities.





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Waiting List – Order of Selection for Services

- DARS operates under an Order of Selection due to insufficient funds to serve all eligible individuals. The agency was able to bring approximately 3,000 individuals with most significant disabilities off the waiting list to receive services last year. Currently, 2,500 individuals are on the waiting list.
- DARS has four priority categories under Order of Selection:
 - Priority Category I: An individual is Most Significantly Disabled (MSD), i.e., has a significant disability that results in serious functional limitations in 3 or more functional capacities.
 - Priority Category II: Serious functional limitations in 2 functional capacities
 - Priority Category III: Serious functional limitation in 1 functional capacity
 - Priority Category IV: All other individuals determined eligible
- Functional Limitations include Mobility, Self-Direction, Self-Care, Interpersonal Skills, Communication, Work Tolerance, Work Skills.





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Individuals Served and Outcomes

- 28,953 consumers served
- 50% were transition age (ages 14-24)
- 48% of consumers served had cognitive impairments as their primary disability
- 32% had psychosocial impairments
- For the second consecutive year, DARS surpassed its goal of assisting 4,000 consumers gain successful employment
- **4,032** consumers became successfully employed





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- For those VR applicants in 2000 who received services, 80% had earnings gains that exceeded the cost of their VR.
- For every \$1,000 spent by DARS, the average (median) consumer earned \$7,100 more over 10 years than they would have earned without VR services.
- And the top 10% earned \$45,100 (or more) over the same period.





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