

ONE DARS

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VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT FOR AGING
AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

Vocational Rehabilitation

With the goal of sustainable employment, DARS provides vocational rehabilitation (VR) services to individuals with disabilities – from high school students to adults.

Through 30 field offices across Virginia, our VR staff offer personalized career planning, skills assessment, job readiness and placement, advocacy and support, job accommodations and assistive technology.



Community-Based Living

The Division for Community Living partners with more than 150 community organizations and provides oversight and funding for programs and services to help individuals with disabilities.

These organizations serve over 16,000 people annually through disability programs including Centers for Independent Living, Brain Injury, Public Guardian, Auxiliary Grant, Personal Assistance and Long-Term Case Management.



Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center

WWRC's residential campus in Fishersville provides workforce-driven training programs and life skills supports for individuals with disabilities beyond high school.

Students can earn workplace credentials or certifications for high-demand careers in manufacturing technology, logistics, business, building trades, culinary skills and auto mechanics.



Disability Determination Services

Virginia DDS processes federal disability benefits claims under the Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income Disability Programs, as well as state Medicaid Disability claims.

DDS' five district offices process roughly 90,000 in-state claims for benefits and about 15,000 claims for residents of other states each year.

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Aging Services

Aging Services strives to improve the lives of older Virginians so they can live independently longer and fully participate in their communities.

The division oversees Virginia's 25 Area Agencies on Aging, which provide a variety of local programs and services for older adults and their caregivers, such as congregate or home-delivered meals, falls prevention, insurance counseling and driving skills.



No Wrong Door Virginia

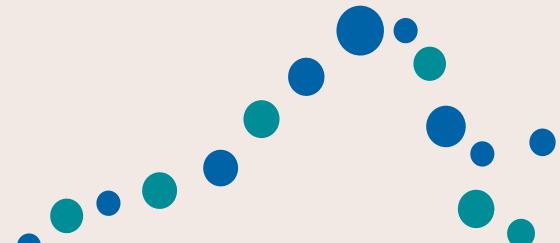
No Wrong Door Virginia streamlines access to long-term services and supports (LTSS) and connects individuals directly to providers and communities across Virginia.

Access thousands of local resources and tools through EasyAccess.virginia.gov, a partnership with 2-1-1 Virginia and VirginiaNavigator.

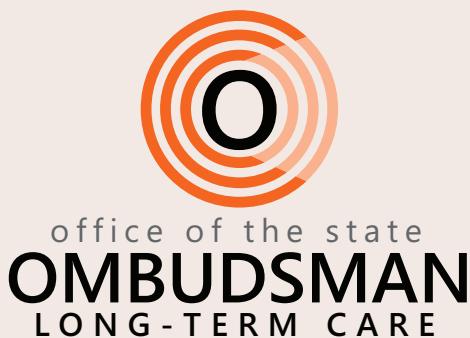
Adult Protective Services

Adult Protective Services' mission is to ensure the safety and security of vulnerable older adults and individuals with disabilities.

Reports of adult abuse, neglect, self-neglect or exploitation are investigated by local departments of social services. APS monitors local services and develops policy and training at the state level.



Adult Protective Services



State Long-Term Care Ombudsman

The Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman advocates for people using long-term care services in a nursing home, assisted living facility or home- or community-based setting.

Ombudsmen are often the voice for those who cannot speak for themselves...to listen, inform, assist, investigate and advocate. Learn more at ElderRights.virginia.gov.