

How to Advocate for Strengthening the Injury Services Safety Net Care System



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Strengthening Virginia's Safety Net for Residents Living With Brain Injury

Virginians living with brain injury deserve consistent, accessible, and high-quality services no matter where they live. This **\$1.3 million** funding request would strengthen and expand the existing state-contracted safety net for brain injury services, increasing statewide coverage and

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message body

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[Insert your comments here: Tell why it's important. Include some of your story or the story of your loved one.]

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This new funding would support additional case managers, clinical professionals, housing options, and program capacity to meet the growing demand for specialized brain injury services across Virginia. Many programs currently maintain waiting lists and struggle to meet the needs of residents who require intensive, long-term, and highly specialized supports.

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3 Type your personal story as it relates to the issue.

- **Rural Virginians are especially impacted.** In some localities, *one* case manager must cover as many as **five counties**, often serving as the only brain injury professional in an area spanning **hundreds to several thousand square miles**.
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Subject

Please Strengthen the Brain Injury Care System

Message Body

It is important to me that the brain injury care network is strengthened because after surviving a stroke, I needed cognitive therapy and case management, but staff shortages and long waiting lists made access difficult. Delayed services slowed my recovery and limited my ability to regain independence. Strengthening the network and workforce would help survivors like me get the timely support we need.

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You have communicated with the following:

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- Lt. Governor Winsome Sears (*email*)
- Senator Lamont Bagby (*email*)
- Delegate Betsy Carr (*email*)

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