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**Connie L. Cochran** is the Assistant Commissioner for Developmental Services, at the Virginia Dept. of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. Prior to December, 2013, Connie was the President/CEO for Easter Seals UCP of North Carolina & Virginia for over 18 years. At Easter Seals he directed a very large organization serving children and adults across North Carolina and Virginia. Services and programs include Family Support Projects, Early Childhood Outreach Services, Child Development Centers, Copymatic Social Enterprise Businesses, Supported Living, Supported Employment/ Training, Residential Supports, Summer Recreational Program, Information and Referral, Therapy Services, Child Placement/Adoption, Crisis Services and Special Assistance. Services were focused toward children and adults with multiple disabilities, including DD and MH. Between 1985 and 1995, Connie was the Executive Director of The Arc of Stanly County and Arc Services in Albemarle, NC which served five counties by providing services for adult and children with intellectual and developmental services. Connie got his start in Albemarle, VA where he worked for six years at The Arc of Charlottesville-Albemarle and prior to that for Albemarle County Public Schools. He received his Masters in Educational Administration at Virginia Commonwealth University and BS in Special Education from the University of Virginia.



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