

Virginia's Plan to Increase Independent Living Options -  
Action Plan

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## **Executive Summary**

On March 3, 2013 the Commonwealth of Virginia developed Virginia's Plan to Increase Independent Living Options (hereinafter referred to as the "Plan") to increase the availability of independent living options for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Plan met the requirements of Section III.D.3 of the Settlement Agreement with the United States Department of Justice.

The Plan was developed by the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) in consultation with an Interagency Housing Committee composed of representatives from the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources (OHHR), the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA), the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS), the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS), and the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities (VBPD), as well as stakeholder organizations.

The target population under this plan is individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability who meet any of the following additional criteria: (1) Currently reside at any of the Commonwealth's training centers, (2) Meet the criteria for the Intellectual Disability (ID) waiver or Developmental Disability (DD) waiver wait lists (includes people on the ID or DD waiver currently), or (3) Currently reside in a nursing home or Intermediate Care Facility.

For the purposes of the Plan, living options are considered independent if they have the following characteristics:

- Individual does not reside with a parent, grandparent, or legal guardian;
- Individual lives in housing types that anyone without a disability can live in, based on income;
- Individual has social, religious, educational and personal opportunities to fully participate in community life;
- Housing is affordable (i.e., individual pays no more than 30-40% of his/her adjusted gross income);
- Housing is accessible (barrier free);
- Housing is leased/owned by the individual; and
- Housing is not contingent upon participation in services (and vice versa).

The updated baseline estimate for the number of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Commonwealth of Virginia who might choose independent living is 1,866.<sup>1</sup> This

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<sup>1</sup> The national average for the number of adults with I/DD living in their own home is approximately 10% of individuals with I/DD identified by state I/DD agencies. (Larson, S.A., Hallas-Muchow, L., Aiken, F., Hewitt, A., Pettingell, S., Anderson, L.L., Moseley, C., Sowers, M., Fay, M.L., Smith, D., & Kardell, Y. (2014). In-Home and Residential Long-Term Supports and Services for Persons with Intellectual or

baseline estimate is derived from analysis of current service utilization data, available informal survey data, anecdotal evidence of choice, and national data/trends.

The original plan included a significant amount of information about independent housing options and rationale for how goals were established. The Action Plan with its 5 goals and strategies was included as Appendix C of the original document. Since its publication in 2013, DBHDS has provided quarterly updates related to implementation progress. Going forward, this document shall serve as Virginia's Plan to Increase Independent Living Options, for people with an intellectual or developmental disability who meet the target population criteria, as set forth in the above-referenced Settlement Agreement.

The action plan below includes a set of goals, strategies and action items with specific start and end dates, agencies assuming lead responsibility for each action item, outcome measures, and the interagency in-kind and other resources dedicated to complete or accomplish each task/action item. Each goal is intended to cover a three-year period, while strategies and action items reflect the planned activities for fiscal and/or calendar year. The status of each action item and any actual outcomes will be reported on a quarterly basis.

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Developmental Disabilities: Status and trends through 2012. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota, Research and Training Center on Community Living, Institute on Community Integration). The RISP report also reports that there are 1.8 people with I/DD per home, so therefore Virginia estimates that there will be at a minimum 1.8 persons with I/DD residing in the 847 housing options created.

## **Action Plan - Goals, Strategies, and Action Items**

## Virginia's Plan to Increase Independent Living Options, FY 2015-16

### Goals, Strategies, and Action Items

## Primary Goal - Increased Affordability

**Goal #1: Provide an additional 340 rental assistance options to the target population (includes housing inventory and rental assistance resources - 88 options in FY 16; 126 options in FY 17 and 126 options in FY 18).**

**Long-Term Outcome: Increase the target population's ability to afford independent community housing.**

**Indicators:**

- *The number of properties that have project-based rental assistance or that accept tenant-based rental assistance.*
- *The number of rental assistance resources offered to the target population.*

### **Strategy 1.1: Increase access to VHDA administered housing choice vouchers (tenant-based rental assistance)**

**FY 2015-16 Targets:**

- Add 65 add vouchers to the VHDA Housing Voucher pool that is dedicated to the target population.
- Process DBHDS referrals for PHAs not approved for the HUD admission preference

Action	Lead Agency(s)	Others Involved	Projected Start Date	Projected Completion Date	Projected FY 2015-16 Outcomes	Resources \$\$\$	Actual Outcomes
1.1.1. As federal funding levels and lease-up rates allow, set aside VHDA-administered Housing Choice Vouchers in a special pool dedicated for use by the target population.	VHDA	DBHDS	7/2015	6/2016	65 additional tenant-based rental assistance vouchers dedicated to the target population are made available.	Federal Housing Choice Voucher funds	

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1.1.2. VHDA will assist local PHAs with serving the target population by processing DBHDS referrals on behalf of local PHAs pending HUD approval of locally established admission preferences.	VHDA	DBHDS and local PHAs	7/2015	6/2016	Additional locally leased units are made available to the target population pending HUD approval of local PHA admission preferences.	Federal Housing Choice Voucher funds	

**Strategy 1.2: Increase access to local PHA administered housing choice vouchers (tenant-based rental assistance)**

**FY 2015-16 Targets:**

- Identify PHAs willing to submit requests to HUD for admission preference approval.
- At least eight PHAs have adopted or are working to adopt the admission preference for the target population.
- Make 23 additional vouchers available to the target population.

Action	Lead Agency(s)	Others Involved	Projected Start Date	Projected Completion Date	FY 2015-16 Outcomes	Resources \$\$\$	Actual Outcomes
1.2.1. Encourage local PHAs to affirmatively serve the target population in their rent subsidy programs. In particular, encourage and identify PHAs that are in the process of establishing admission preferences in their Housing Choice Voucher and public housing programs. Provide technical assistance to PHAs in structuring a set aside program or preference and applying to	VHDA	DHCD, DBHDS	7/2015	6/2016	Improve local understanding of critical need for PHAs to assist in addressing the rent subsidy needs of the target population and PHA willingness to submit requests to HUD for special admissions preference approval for DOJ target population. Identify PHAs willing to submit requests to HUD for admission preference approval.	Federal Housing Choice Voucher funds	

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<p>HUD for approval. Specific actions would also include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct at least two forums with PHAs to provide overview of Settlement Agreement and preference strategies.</li> <li>• Identify incentives to encourage PHAs to participate (e.g., admin funding, capital funds, bridge funds, etc.)</li> </ul>					<p>PHAs set aside 23 Housing Choice Vouchers for the DOJ target population.</p> <p>8 PHAs obtain approval to implement an admissions preference</p>		
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**Strategy 1.3: Increase the availability of units with project-based rental assistance**

**FY 2015-16 Targets:** 125 units have been allocated in 2016 LIHTCs pursuant to Qualified Allocation Plan incentives, 40% (50 units) of which will provide preferential leasing to the target population upon receipt of HUD approval.

Action	Lead Agency(s)	Others Involved	Projected Start Date	Projected Completion Date	FY 2015-16 Outcomes	Resources \$\$\$	Actual Outcomes
<p>1.3.1. Provide LIHTC competitive program incentives to encourage developers to construct and rehabilitate units that meet accessibility and Universal Design standards, have project-based rent subsidies, and are made available on a preferential basis to the target population.</p>	<p>VHDA</p>		<p>7/2015</p>	<p>12/2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualified Allocation Plan provides incentives for developers to dedicate project based rental subsidy units to DOJ target population.</li> <li>• 125 units have been allocated in 2016 LIHTCs pursuant to Qualified Allocation Plan incentives, 40% (50 units) of which will</li> </ul>	<p>Annual state allocation of LIHTCs</p>	

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					<p>provide preferential leasing to the target population upon receipt of HUD approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developers seek access to any available project-based subsidies to serve the target population.</li> <li>• Owners recapitalizing units with existing project-based subsidies increase the number of accessible units and provide preferential leasing to the target population.</li> </ul>		
1.3.2. Make LIHTCs available in a special pool to developers providing accessible units with project-based rent subsidies in integrated settings with preferential leasing to the target population.	VHDA		10/2015	6/2016	Increase ability of highly mission-driven developers to serve the needs of the target population	6 percent of state annual allocation of LIHTCs	
1.3.3. Encourage local PHAs to provide project-based housing choice vouchers for target population in high cost areas.	DBHDS	DHCD, VHDA	7/2015	6/2016	1 PHA issues RFP for Project-Based Voucher opportunity for DOJ target population.	Agency Staff	

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**Strategy 1.4: Expand aggregate tenant-based rental assistance resources**

**FY 2015-16 Targets: General Assembly will appropriate funds for rental assistance for the target population**

Action	Lead Agency(s)	Others Involved	Projected Start Date	Projected Completion Date	FY 2015-16 Outcomes	Resources \$\$\$	Actual Outcomes
1.4.1 Submit a budget request to Governor for state rental assistance funding for the target population	DBHDS		July 2015	December 2015	Governor submits state budget that includes funding for 218 rental assistance slots for FY 17 and 436 for FY 18.	State General Fund dollars	

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# Supporting Goal—Expanded Housing Options and Informed Choice of Living Options

**Goal #2:** *Expand quality, accessible, independent community living options for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in a manner that provides an array of housing choices in a variety of integrated neighborhood settings.*

**Long-Term Outcome:** *Increased ability of members of the target population to obtain quality, accessible, integrated community housing.*

**Indicators:**

- *Broad expansion of the inventory of quality, accessible, affordable housing in diverse locations*
- *Expanded inventory of quality, accessible housing in diverse locations that is available on a preferential basis to recipients of tenant-based rental assistance*
- *Expanded share of housing with project-based rental assistance that meets accessibility and Universal Design standards and that is available on a preferential basis to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities*

**Strategy 2.1:** *Provide incentives for developers to increase the share of newly constructed and rehabilitated rental units that meet accessibility and Universal Design standards, have project-based rent subsidies and are made available on a preferential basis to the target population.*

**FY 2015-16 Targets:**

- **5 developers agree to provide preferential marketing to the target population**
- **Explore the feasibility of a pilot program that funds internal rent subsidies and encourages cross-subsidization of units**

Action	Lead Agency(s)	Others Involved	Projected Start Date	Projected Completion Date	FY 2015-16 Outcomes	Resources \$\$\$	Actual Outcomes
2.1.1. Provide LIHTC competitive program incentives to	VHDA		7/2015	12/2015	10 percent of developers agree to providing preferential leasing of the	Annual state allocation of	

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encourage developers to construct and rehabilitate units that meet accessibility and Universal Design standards, and are made available on a preferential basis to the target population.					accessible units in their properties to the target population	LIHTCs	
<b>Action</b>	<b>Lead Agency(s)</b>	<b>Others Involved</b>	<b>Projected Start Date</b>	<b>Projected Completion Date</b>	<b>FY 2015-16 Outcomes</b>	<b>Resources \$\$\$</b>	<b>Actual Outcomes</b>
2.1.2. Provide an LIHTC increase in eligible basis for developments that provide a minimum percentage of housing units for people in target population.	VHDA		7/2015	12/2015	Developers use basis boost to internally subsidize rents, thereby reducing need for project-based rent subsidies	Annual state allocation of LIHTCs	
2.1.3. Provide state-administered capital subsidies to encourage and enable developers to reduce rents below normal program standards.	DHCD	VHDA, DBHDS	7/2015	6/2016	Increased developer use of available subsidy funding to serve the target population	VHDA REACH subsidies, state Housing Trust Fund, DBHDS Trust Fund	
2.1.4. Refine LIHTC incentives and state-administered capital subsidies as appropriate to enhance their effectiveness in lowering rents and to ensure the availability of lower rent units in integrated settings.	VHDA		7/2015	6/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review current effectiveness of incentives as part of CY2016 QAP update</li> <li>Review of HOME and Trust Fund guidelines prior to FY 2016 funding round</li> </ul>	VHDA REACH subsidies, HOME funds and state Housing Trust Fund	
2.1.5. Explore potential funding opportunities made available via the Weinberg Foundation.	DHCD	DBHDS, VHDA	7/2015	6/2016	Submission of funding application dependent on funds availability	Private Foundation Funding	

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2.1.6. Provide ongoing training to developers on accessibility and Universal Design standards.	VHDA		7/2015	6/2016	Enhanced understanding of and compliance with HUD Section 504 requirements/ADAAG, building code standards and Universal Design standards		
2.1.7 Explore the feasibility of a pilot program that uses state capital subsidies, including DBHDS capital funds requested pursuant to Action 2.3.2, to fund internal rent subsidies.	VHDA	DHCD, DBHDS	1/2016	6/2016	Feasibility of Pilot Program explored	VHDA REACH subsidies, HOME fund, and state Housing Trust Fund, and DBHDS Trust Fund.	

***Strategy 2.2: Provide incentives for rental property owners to make affordable and accessible units available to the target population on a preferential basis.***

**FY 2015-16 Targets:**

- **Five owners agree to provide preferential leasing to the target population.**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Lead Agency(s)</b>	<b>Others Involved</b>	<b>Projected Start Date</b>	<b>Projected Completion Date</b>	<b>FY 2015-16 Outcomes</b>	<b>Resources \$\$\$</b>	<b>Actual Outcomes</b>
2.2.1. Provide targeted outreach to owners of existing LIHTC properties with units appropriate to the needs of the target population, and encourage them to provide preferential leasing to the target population pursuant to HUD's Fair Housing waiver.	VHDA		7/2015	6/2016	Five owners agree to provide preferential leasing to the target population.		
2.2.2. Seek to identify feasible incentives to encourage owners to agree to preferential leasing.	VHDA		7/2015	6/2016	Feasible incentives are identified to expand number of owners who will participate in preferential leasing.	A set-aside of VHDA REACH subsidy funds is available to fund	

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						incentives if appropriate and feasible ones are identified.	
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**Strategy 2.3: Provide capital subsidies to developers to reduce rents in units providing preferential access to the targeted population.**

**FY 2015-16 Targets:**

- **At least 1 local government provides funding to integrated developments serving the target population**

Action	Lead Agency(s)	Others Involved	Projected Start Date	Projected Completion Date	FY 2015-16 Outcomes	Resources \$\$\$	Actual Outcomes
2.3.1 Use the leadership roundtable (Action 3.2.2.) to strongly encourage localities to utilize VHDA and DHCD local leverage funding incentives for development of units with preferential access to target population – bring rents to 50% of AMI	DHCD		12/2015	6/2016	1 local government provides funding to integrated developments with units that provide a preference for the target population	Local HOME/CDBG Entitlement funds in combination with VHDA/DHCD funds through existing leverage incentives	

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**Strategy 2.4: Train existing and new waiver providers to support individuals who live in integrated, independent housing.**

**FY 2015-16 Targets:**

- **At least two training sessions held with existing waiver providers.**

Action	Lead Agency	Other Agencies/Orgs Involved	Projected Start Date	Projected Completion Date	FY 2015-16 Outcomes	Resources \$\$\$	Actual Outcomes
2.4.1 Provide training to existing and new service providers about waiver services that can be provided in integrated, independent housing. Educate these providers about models of supportive housing in which the new Waivers can be used.	DBHDS	DMAS	1/2016	12/2016	At least two training sessions held with existing waiver providers.	DBHDS Staff	

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## **Supporting Goal—Build understanding and awareness about the need to create independent housing options for the target population and the availability of those housing options.**

**Goal #3: *Build understanding and awareness of the need to create independent housing options for the target population and the availability of those housing options.***

**Long-Term Outcome:**

- *Increase awareness and understanding of independent housing options available to the target population*
- *Increase awareness and understanding of the need for independent housing options for the target population*

**Indicators:**

- *One percent increase each year in the number of adults in the target population who are referred to DBHDS for rental assistance*
- *Five percent increase each year in the number of PHAs/housing organizations providing resources to help the target population secure and maintain independent living.*

### **Strategy 3.1: Coordinate state and local outreach and education efforts**

*Develop and Implement a Communications, Advocacy, Outreach, and Education plan*

**FY 2015-16 Targets:**

- *Increase awareness and understanding of independent housing options available to the target population*
- *Increase awareness and understanding of the need for independent housing options for the target population*

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Action	Lead Agency(s)	Others Involved	Projected Start Date	Projected Completion Date	FY 2015-16 Outcomes	Resources \$\$\$	Actual Outcomes
3.1.1. Develop a multi-phased communications plan tailored to key audiences that delineates what independent living is and the resources available to access it. Target audience to include, but not be limited to, the following: CSBs, case managers/support coordinators, service providers, individuals in the target population and their families, housing developers, Public Housing Agencies, local entitlement communities, private landlords, regional entities, and others.	VHDA	DBHDS, DHCD, DARS, DMAS	1/2016	6/2016	Communications plan completed	DBHDS, DHCD, VHDA, DMAS, DARS Staff Resources	
3.1.2 Implement a multi-phased communications plan tailored to key audiences that delineates what independent living is and the resources available to access it. Target audience to include, but not be limited to, the following: CSBs, case managers/support coordinators, service providers, individuals in the target population and their families, housing developers,	DBHDS	VHDA, DHCD, DARS, DMAS	7/2016	12/2016	Phase 1 of Communications Plan Implemented (e.g., targeted outreach to PHAs, developers, owners, Support Coordinators, individuals and families.		

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Public Housing Agencies, local entitlement communities, private landlords, regional entities, and others.							
<p><b>Strategy 3.2: Build local outreach and education capacity</b></p> <p><b><u>FY 2015-16 Targets:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Increased awareness and understanding of independent housing options available to the target population</i></li> <li>• <i>Increased awareness and understanding of the need for independent housing options for the target population</i></li> </ul>							
Action	Lead Agency(s)	Others Involved	Projected Start Date	Projected Completion Date	FY 2015-16 Outcomes	Resources \$\$\$	Actual Outcomes
3.2.1 Provide annual training sessions for I/DD support coordinators to educate them about independent living options and to share information about housing resources currently available.	DBHDS	DMAS	2/2016	6/2016	At least one in-person training is conducted in each of the Commonwealth's five health planning regions.	Agency staff Resources	
3.2.2 Conduct at least one leadership roundtable discussion in 2016 lead by the ITT team that will engage agencies at the top level and promote discussion and exchange of ideas about housing issues related to the target population.	DBHDS	VHDA, DHCD, local PHA's etc.	2/2016	6/2016	More community housing leaders aware of the need for affordable housing options for the target population and the availability of these options. Community leaders understand VHDA/DHCD funding incentives for local leverage (see Action 2.3.1)	Agency staff Resources	

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## Supporting Goal—Effective Access

***Goal #4: Build sustainable local capacity to provide coordinated, timely and informed access to the resources and services needed to support independent living in integrated settings***

***Long-Term Outcome: Increase the number of communities with a coordinated, streamlined system that enables the target population to efficiently and effectively access integrated housing and person-centered services.***

**Indicators:**

- *Increase in service providers (including all CSBs) that participate in a coordinated system for matching individuals with services in each of the 4 HSS Regions*
- *Increase in housing providers (including all PHAs) that make units available using a coordinated system for individuals in the target population*

**Strategy 4.1: Develop coordinated regional planning and delivery infrastructure**

***Support the creation of sustainable regional partnerships to develop plans and implement systems for the coordinated delivery of integrated housing and consumer driven services based on model practices and needed system transformation.***

**FY 2015-16 Targets:**

- *Four regional HSS Teams develop local planning groups and establish local goals and priorities for addressing coordinated access to integrated housing and consumer driven services.*
- *Provide \$80,000 in capacity building grants to regional HSS partnerships*

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Action	Lead Agency(s)	Others Involved	Projected Start Date	Projected Completion Date	FY 2015-16 Outcomes	Resources \$\$\$	Actual Outcomes
4.1.1. Support Regional Implementation Teams (RIT) in the post 100-Day Challenge to jump-start development of local goals and strategies for providing coordinated access to integrated housing and consumer driven services	DBHDS	Regional Implementation Teams, IIT, ILT, IHC	11/2015	6/2016	All four RITs are actively engaged in post 100-Day Challenge activities and successfully addressing their post 100-day goals	VHDA Capacity Building grant, DBHDS Regional staff	
4.1.2. Support RIT post 100-Day Challenge planning and implementation activities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of progress from the 100-Day Challenge, and establishing new goals that address the follow-up work resulting from the 100-Day Challenge</li> </ul>	DBHDS	Regional Implementation Teams, IIT, ILT, IHC	11/2015	6/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All four HSS regional teams establish a post 100-Day work plan and agree on an implementation strategy</li> <li>All four HSS regional teams establish local planning groups with regular meeting dates and a leadership structure</li> </ul>	VHDA Capacity Building Grant	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outreach to key stakeholders to participate in post 100-Day Challenge planning workgroups</li> </ul>							
4.1.3. Create state funded regional housing specialist positions to provide regional leadership in the provision of coordinated delivery of integrated housing and person centered services	DBHDS		5/2015	12/2015	Successfully fill three state-funded regional housing specialist positions	DBHDS administrative funds	
4.1.4. Integrate the DBHDS regional housing specialists into the RIT efforts with emphasis on coordinating housing location, successful connections to services, and regional outreach to non-engaged stakeholder groups	DBHDS		1/2016	6/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional housing coordinators serve in a leadership/supporting role for each of the Regional Implementation Teams</li> <li>Regional housing specialists develop an annual work plan that reflects the goals established in the regional post 100-Day work plan</li> </ul>	DBHDS staff, VHDA staff and VHDA Capacity Building Grant	

***Strategy 4.2: Provide a list of housing related strategies to the DBHDS Waiver Team that will enable adults in the target population to access and sustain independent housing.***

**FY 2015-16 Targets:**

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- **Submit list of suggested waiver changes to the DBHDS waiver redesign staff**
- **Complete and submit list of suggested licensure changes necessary to facilitate greater access to independent living to DBHDS Office of Licensing**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Lead Agency(s)</b>	<b>Others Involved</b>	<b>Projected Start Date</b>	<b>Projected Completion Date</b>	<b>FY 2015-16 Outcomes</b>	<b>Resources \$\$\$</b>	<b>Actual Outcomes</b>
4.2.1 Review Waiver Plan to identify potential Medicaid Waiver changes that will facilitate greater access to independent living and help individuals maintain their housing.	DBHDS	DMAS	1/2015	10/2015	List of potential waiver changes submitted to DBHDS waiver team.		
4.2.2 Submit list of suggested housing related waiver changes to DBHDS Waiver Team.	DBHDS	DMAS	1/2015	10/2015	Housing related waiver changes submitted to DBHDS Waiver Team	DBHDS staff	
4.2.3 Review licensure requirements to better align with new housing models.	DBHDS	DMAS	1/2016	6/ 2016	List of suggested licensure changes necessary to facilitate greater access to independent living completed and submitted to DBHDS Office of Licensing.	DBHDS Staff	

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**Strategy 4.3: Accelerate the target population’s access to integrated settings**

**FY 2015-16 Targets:**

- Adopt local process to identify and triage individuals seeking community-based housing
- Increased number of landlords leasing to the target population
- Establish housing search functions in each region

Action	Lead Agency(s)	Others Involved	Projected Start Date	Projected Completion Date	FY 2015-16 Outcomes	Resources \$\$\$	Actual Outcomes
4.3.1. Scope the components needed to seamlessly connect individuals in the target population to housing	DBHDS	VHDA, DHCD, DMAS, DARS	1/2016	6/2016	All three regions finalize and agree on a process to identify, assess, and catalog housing options for the target population	VHDA and DBHDS staff	
4.3.2. Develop an engagement strategy to increase the number of landlords interested in leasing to the target population	VHDA		1/2016	3/2016	Marketing priorities are established in each region and materials and support provided as needed	Regional Housing Specialists VHDA	
4.3.3. Identify housing location and search needs for each RIT region	Regional RITs,	DBHDS, DHCD, DMAS, DARS, VHDA	1/2016	4/2016	Each region has a summary of the personnel needs for housing location and search with an assessment of feasibility of staffing within existing structures	VHDA Capacity Building Grant	
4.3.4. Develop local partnerships to explore leveraging private sector resources that build	DBHDS via Regional Implementation Teams	DMAS and DARS	1/2016	12/2016	Each region has mapped out how families and individuals are using private resources in innovative ways to address housing and integration		

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upon natural supports encourage planning for community integration and long term services and supports					challenges. This includes using resources such as ABLE accounts and Microboards. These resources and strategies are collected for further study and possible future replication.		
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## Terms and Acronyms

### Terms

**Affordable Housing** - A general term applied to public- and private-sector efforts to help low- and moderate-income people purchase or lease housing. As defined by U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), affordable housing means any housing accommodation for which a tenant household pays 30% or less of its income.

**Home and Community Based Services Waivers** - waivers approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for providing long-term care services in home and community settings rather than institutional settings to eligible individuals with developmental disabilities.

**Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP)** - federal government's major program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. Since housing assistance is provided on behalf of the family or individual, participants are able to find their own housing, including single-family homes, townhouses and apartments.

**Interagency Housing Committee** – Committee formed by DBHDS and composed of representatives from the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Virginia Housing Development Authority, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services, the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, and the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities, as well as stakeholder organizations.

**Local Entitlement Communities/Jurisdictions** – cities, counties and/or a consortium of cities and counties that get a direct allocation of funding from the HUD every year to support economic development and community-related activities.

**Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)** - A congressionally-created tax credit (Internal Revenue Code Section 42) available to investors in low-income housing designed to encourage investment that helps finance construction and rehabilitation of housing for low-income renters.

**Money Follows the Person (MFP)** - In 2008, Virginia launched the Money Follows the Person (MFP) initiative to provide extra supports and services to Virginians who choose to transition from long-term institutions into the community.

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**Notice of Funding Availability** - federal announcement indicating the availability of funding for certain activities and the process by which eligible applicants can access said funds.

**Public Housing Agencies (PHAs)** – agencies designated by HUD to administer HUD’s rent subsidy programs. In most cases, these agencies are Public Housing Authorities, but other public and non-profit agencies may also be designated by HUD to serve as PHAs.

**Qualified Allocation Plan** - Plan developed by state housing finance agencies detailing how it will administer and fund projects under the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program.

**Section 811 Program** - HUD program that provides funding to develop and subsidize rental housing with the availability of supportive services for very low- and extremely low-income adults with disabilities

**Supplemental Security Income** - is a United States government program that provides stipends to low-income people who are either aged (65 or older), blind, or disabled.

**Universal Design Standards** - a set of design features that enhance the usability and marketability of such units.

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## Acronyms

**CIL**- Center for Independent Living

**CMS** – Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services

**CSB** - Community Services Board

**DARS** – Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services

**DBHDS** – Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

**DHCD** – Department of Housing and Community Development

**DMAS** – Department of Medical Assistance Services

**HCBS** - Home and Community Based Services

**HTF** – Virginia’s Housing Trust Fund (managed by DHCD)

**HUD** - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**ICF** – Intermediate Care Facility

**I/DD** – Intellectual Disability/Developmental Disability

**LIHTC** – Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program

**MFP** – Money Follows the Person

**SSI** - Supplemental Security Income

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**SSDI** - Social Security Disability Insurance

**VHDA** - Virginia Housing Development Authority

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