



disAbility Law Center of Virginia (dLCV) 2022 Legislative Agenda

The disAbility Law Center of Virginia's mission is to advance independence, choice and self-determination; protect legal, human and civil rights; and eliminate abuse, neglect and discrimination of people with disabilities through zealous and uncompromising legal advocacy and representation.

In furtherance of dLCV's mission, during the 2022 session of the Virginia General Assembly, dLCV will be actively seeking legislation to:

- 1. Ensure Medicaid funding for TBI Case Management services**
- 2. Require consumer membership on the Behavioral Health Commission**
- 3. Mandate autopsies for suspicious death of a person in waiver services**

dLCV will address any legislation that in any manner limits the rights of people with disabilities. As part of our mission, and in response to proposed legislation and budget provisions, we intend to educate policymakers about:

- The need for increased accountability of Children's Service Act (CSA) funds and the value of making additional funds under the CSA available in both public and private settings
- The impact of any action that will address discharge and vocational needs of children and youth in institutions, and any action that would affect rights and safety in juvenile justice facilities
- The need to protect consumer rights in mandatory outpatient treatment proceedings
- The benefits of telehealth for people with disabilities
- The impact of any legislation concerning educational rights of students with disabilities
- The value of Supported Decision Making
- The need for greater protection of individual rights in guardianship proceedings
- The need for a robust, consumer-driven system of community-based supports and services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and serious mental illness
- The importance of mental health peer support and peer mentorship.