



# Budget Priorities 2017-2018

## **Improve Access to Screening, Assessment and Referral to Outpatient Treatment**

The VACSB and its members understand that in order to meet the needs of the individuals we serve, we must offer flexible appointments and promote efficiency across all clinical services. The Same Day Access model is nationally recognized and utilizes concurrent documentation, caseload management and brief interventions to ensure that individuals seeking services are assessed and connected in a timely manner.

## **Increase the reimbursement rate for Medicaid Early Intervention Targeted Case Management to its data-determined adequacy**

This increase is necessary because the current monthly rate does not cover the expenses of providing this critical service, which ensures eligible children and families receive service coordination that is appropriate to the needs of infants, toddlers and their families.

## **Reduce the I/DD Waiver Waiting List**

Currently, over 10,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families are on a waiting list for community-based services. Virginia's I/DD Waivers have been redesigned to provide increased access to community supports. Using the Family and Individual Supports Waiver, Virginia can serve 50% of the individuals on the I/DD Waiver waiting list for a quarter of the cost of existing I/DD waiver programs. Receiving a Waiver slot will enable an individual who needs developmental services and supports to live a life that is fully integrated in the community.