

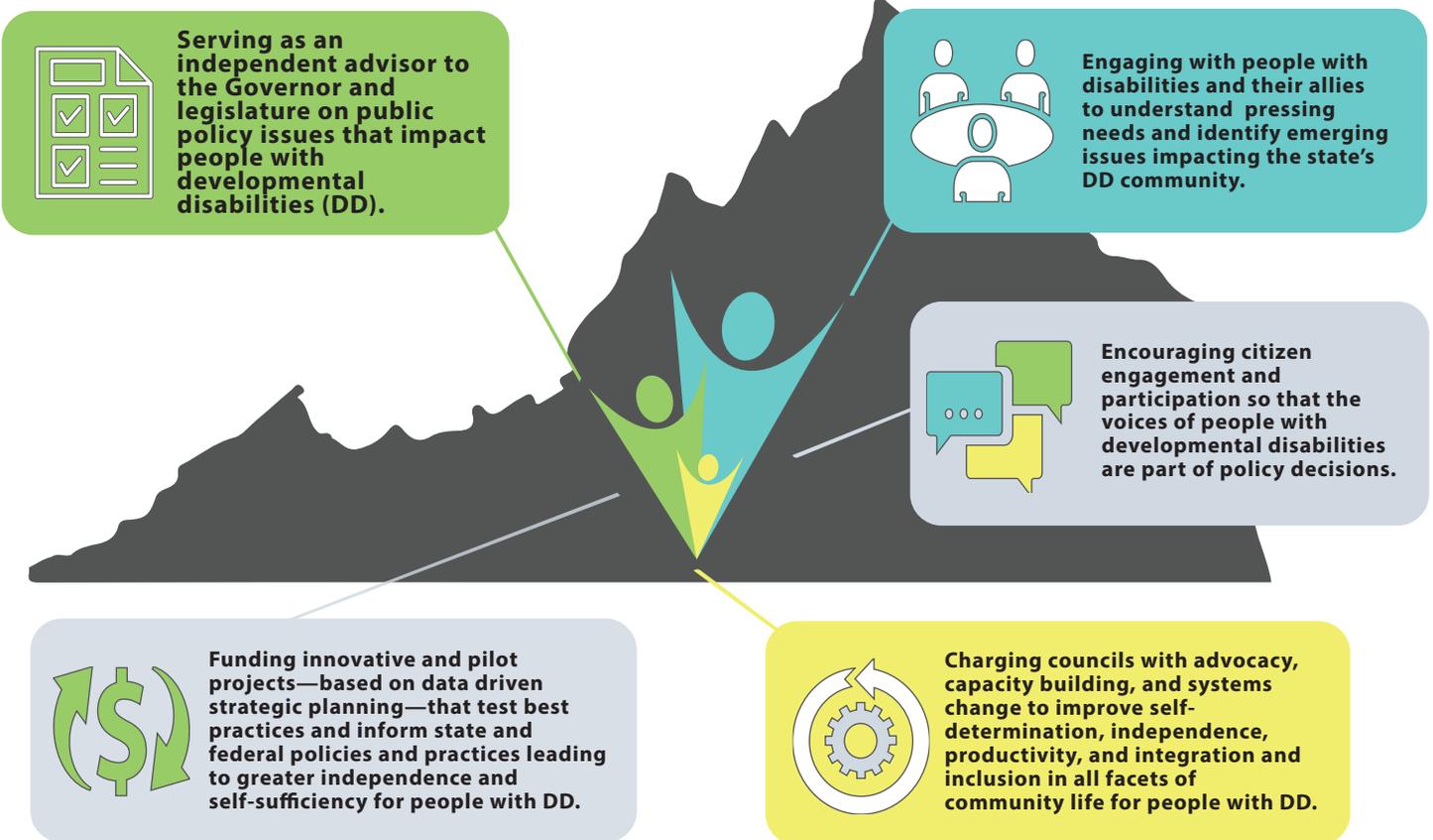


ALL ABOUT VBPD

OUR UNIQUE ROLE

Under mandate of federal and state law, VBPD works to promote and guide public policy changes and create opportunities for new approaches in our service delivery systems. VBPD is proud to have enriched the lives of Virginians with developmental and other disabilities by investing in over 200 best practices, model demonstration and research grant projects that have created change in the areas of education, employment, housing, early intervention, transportation, recreation, and community integration. We work with many public and private groups across the state and nationally to identify best practices, new approaches, and collaborative ventures that facilitate our mission and increase the independence, productivity, and integration of people with disabilities in our Commonwealth.

Federal law outlines a unique role for state Councils that includes:



MISSION & VISION

Our mission is to create a Commonwealth that advances opportunities for independence, personal decision-making and full participation in community life for individuals with developmental and other disabilities. Our vision is for Virginians with developmental and other disabilities to direct their own lives and choose how they live, learn, work, and play.



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The Board meets at least once a quarter, in Richmond, VA.

60% of Board members are persons with disabilities or family members of people with disabilities.



Their experiences and perspectives play a vital role in guiding ongoing efforts to:

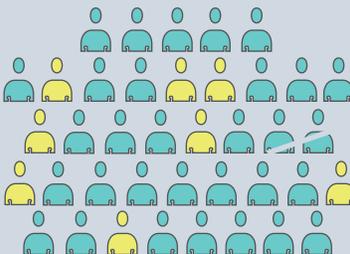
ENSURE RESPONSIVENESS

SUPPORTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES

INDIVIDUALIZED & FLEXIBLE SYSTEMS OF SERVICES



The Governor appoints 31 of the 39 Board members.



The remaining eight members are state agency designees.



The Board is organized into an executive committee and three standing committees: Investment & State Plan Oversight, Policy Research & Evaluation, and Advocacy, Outreach, & Training.



The Board advises:

THE GOVERNOR

FEDERAL & STATE LEGISLATORS

THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

on issues related to people with disabilities in Virginia.



The Board serves as the developmental disabilities council, as established under the federal "Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act" and the state "Virginians with Disabilities Act".

OUR PURPOSE

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The Board's purpose is to engage in:

ADVOCACY

CAPACITY BUILDING

SYSTEMS CHANGE



2

To continue enabling individuals with DD to:

BE INDEPENDENT

BE PRODUCTIVE

INTEGRATE INTO COMMUNITY LIFE



3

This is accomplished by many efforts including:

OUTREACH & TRAINING

SUPPORTING & EDUCATING COMMUNITIES

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

ELIMINATING BARRIERS

ENCOURAGING CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

INFORMING OUR POLICYMAKERS OF ISSUES



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These efforts contribute to systems change and the development of:

CONSUMER/FAMILY DIRECTED & CENTERED SERVICES

COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF SERVICES

INDIVIDUALIZED SUPPORTS & OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE

