



## ***Commonwealth of Virginia***

*Office of the Governor*

### **Secretary Hazel to House Appropriations**

February 16, 2011

#### **Summary of Key Findings**

- 1. The Commonwealth fails to provide services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs in violation of the ADA.**
- 2. The Commonwealth has failed to develop a sufficient quantity of community-based alternatives for individuals currently in CVTC and other training centers, particularly individuals with complex needs.**
- 3. CVTC and other training centers have a flawed discharge process that fails to meaningfully identify individuals' needs and the services necessary to meet them and address barriers to discharge.**
  - Specifically cites the lack of knowledge of community services, lack of available community services and a failure to coordinate with community providers as a factor delaying transition to the community.
- 4. Individuals currently living in the community are at risk for unnecessary institutionalization because the Commonwealth has failed to provide sufficient community-based services.**
  - Report cites an inadequate number of waiver slots and the inflexibility of the waiver for those with complex needs.
  - Cites current proposal of 275 waiver slots as "commendable" but "far from adequate."
  - Suggests that as Virginia discharges individuals from the training centers, it must redirect expenditures from institutional care to address community services.
  - Cites the primary cause of emergency admissions is the lack of crisis services for individuals with acute medical or behavioral issues.
  - Cites the need for respite services to divert unnecessary admissions.