

# The Virginia Brain Injury Council is looking for new members!

Applications are now being accepted for:

- individuals living with brain injury
- family members of people living with brain injury

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## Who We Are

The Virginia Brain Injury Council is made up of individuals living with brain injury, their family members, professionals and advocates from across the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) provides staff support to the Council.

At least 50% of the Council members are people living with a brain injury.

At-Large Council members are appointed by the DARS Commissioner.

## Some of What We Do

### Identify Priorities



The Council identifies priorities related to brain injury and shares those with the DARS Commissioner annually.

### Recommend Where New Funds Go



The General Assembly requires DARS to consider the recommendations of the Council when allocating new funds for brain injury

### Advise on Federal TBI Grant



The Council serves as an advisory board to Virginia's federal Traumatic Brain Injury State Partnership Program grant.

## Council Member Responsibilities

### Attend quarterly meetings

- Meetings occur in January, April, July, and October
- Each meeting lasts for 3 hours
- At least 2 meetings per year are held in person in Henrico, Virginia

### Be prepared to participate

- Meeting materials are sent out 10 days before each meeting
- Council members should review meeting materials prior to meetings

### Participate in committees

- Each Council member is encouraged to participate in a committee
- Committees meet virtually in between quarterly Council meetings

### Council Committees include

- Priorities
- Nominating
- Orientation Planning
- Funds
- Dissemination
- Others, as needed

To apply or inquire about membership, contact Donna Cantrell



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