

## Executive Summary

# Brain Injury in Virginia: State Action Plan 2009-2013

The *2009-2013 Brain Injury Action Plan* was created to shape the development of a comprehensive service system for Virginians with brain injuries. It involves collaboration among persons with brain injury, family caregivers, state agencies, and community partners serving persons with brain injury throughout the Commonwealth. In an effort to continue the work of the 2000 Brain Injury Action Plan, as well as address current and remaining gaps in services and resources, the *2009-2013 Brain Injury Action Plan* has three major goals:

- 1. Expand Access to Brain Injury Supports and Services** – seeking increased funding for brain injury programs that provide accessible, affordable, and appropriate services for all Virginians with brain injury; focusing on expanding residential and community-based treatment options; and enhancing supports and services that facilitate opportunities for increased participation in community activities.
- 2. Create Systems Change** – forming collaborations with state agencies and service providers to develop specialized services to veterans, juvenile offenders, and others with brain injury; identifying individuals who may have mental health or substance abuse issues in addition to brain injury; and providing leadership in the development of public policy that improves statewide access to services.
- 3. Establish Community Impact** – continuing efforts to increase awareness of the incidence and consequences of brain injury among service providers and the public about the needs of Virginians with brain injury; reaching out to persons with brain injury and family members in unserved or underserved areas; and seeking relationships with cultural and ethnic minority communities to increase awareness of and access to services.

To view the 2009-2013 Brain Injury in Virginia State Action Plan please visit:  
[www.vadrs.org/VBIAP.htm](http://www.vadrs.org/VBIAP.htm)

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