



# **Governor's FY 2025-2026 Budget Proposal** for Virginia's Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Services System

**Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee**  
HHR Subcommittee  
January 25, 2024

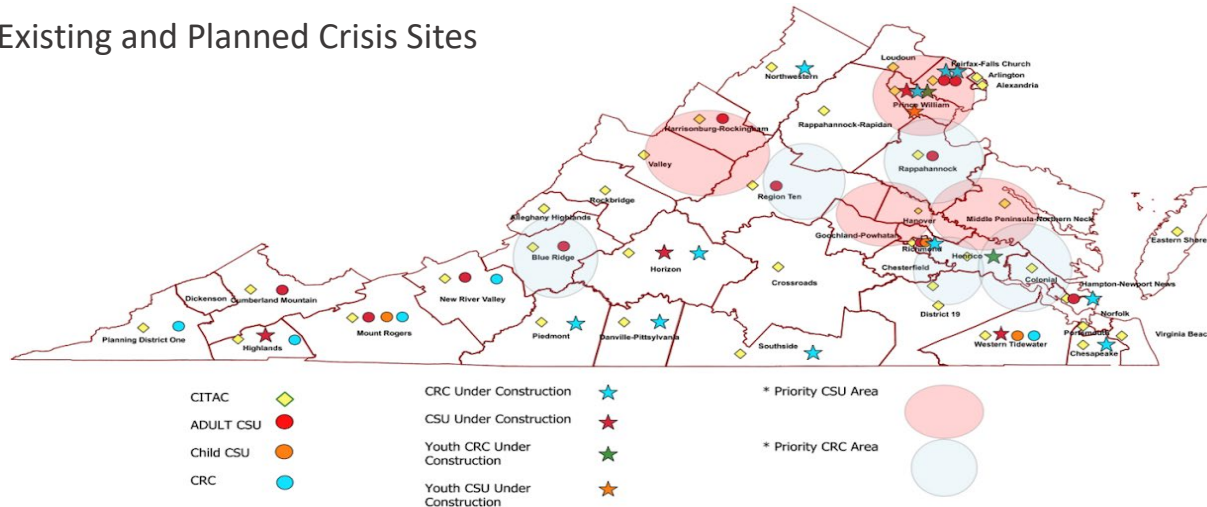
**Nelson Smith, Commissioner**

Department of Behavioral Health  
and Developmental Services




Title	FY 2025	FY 2026
Fund additional crisis services (one time)	\$32,967,146	\$2,603,514
Expand alternative transportation and custody program to individuals under involuntary commitment orders	\$4,733,920	\$4,733,920
Fund crisis co-responder programs	\$3,600,000	\$4,200,000
Increase crisis training for local first responders & hospital personnel	\$2,585,000	\$2,585,000
CPEP (Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program)	\$10,000,000	\$0
Mobile Crisis Teams	\$10,000,000	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$63,886,066</b>	<b>\$14,122,434</b>

Existing and Planned Crisis Sites



**24/7, FREE SUPPORT**



**HELP IS HERE FOR YOU.**

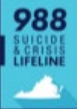
ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW EXPERIENCING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS? CALL 988 NOW.

**988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE**

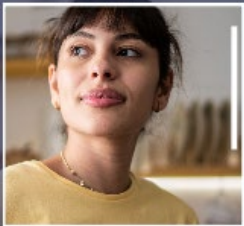
CALL, TEXT, OR CHAT

**988VA.ORG**

**DBHDS**  
Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services



**RIGHT HELP. RIGHT NOW.**



As of November 2023 there were 3,440 people on the DD Waiver Priority 1 Waitlist.

As Part of *Right Help, Right Now* Year 2, the Governor announced \$300M to eliminate the Priority 1 Waitlist

*Through these improvements, we are giving Virginians with disabilities the supports and services they need to live their best lives in their communities.”*  
- Governor Youngkin

Title	FY 2025	FY 2026
New positions in the developmental disabilities division	\$980,444	\$980,444
Peer-to-peer mentoring and employment programs	\$214,250	\$214,250
<b>DMAS Item – Add 3,400 waiver slots (GF)</b>	<b>\$50,045,297</b>	<b>\$100,208,162</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$51,239,991</b>	<b>\$101,402,856</b>





Title	FY 2025	FY 2026
Increase funding for Part C early intervention programs	\$2,596,431	\$2,596,431
Fund new credentialing database for youth mental health services	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Expand and sustain funding for adolescent substance use disorder services	\$1,080,000	\$610,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,676,431</b>	<b>\$4,206,431</b>



**1 in 5**  
children in Virginia  
have mental health  
conditions

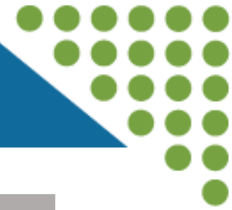
**1,053 PCPs**  
registered for VMAP

**225% increase**  
in registered providers  
from 2020 through 2022

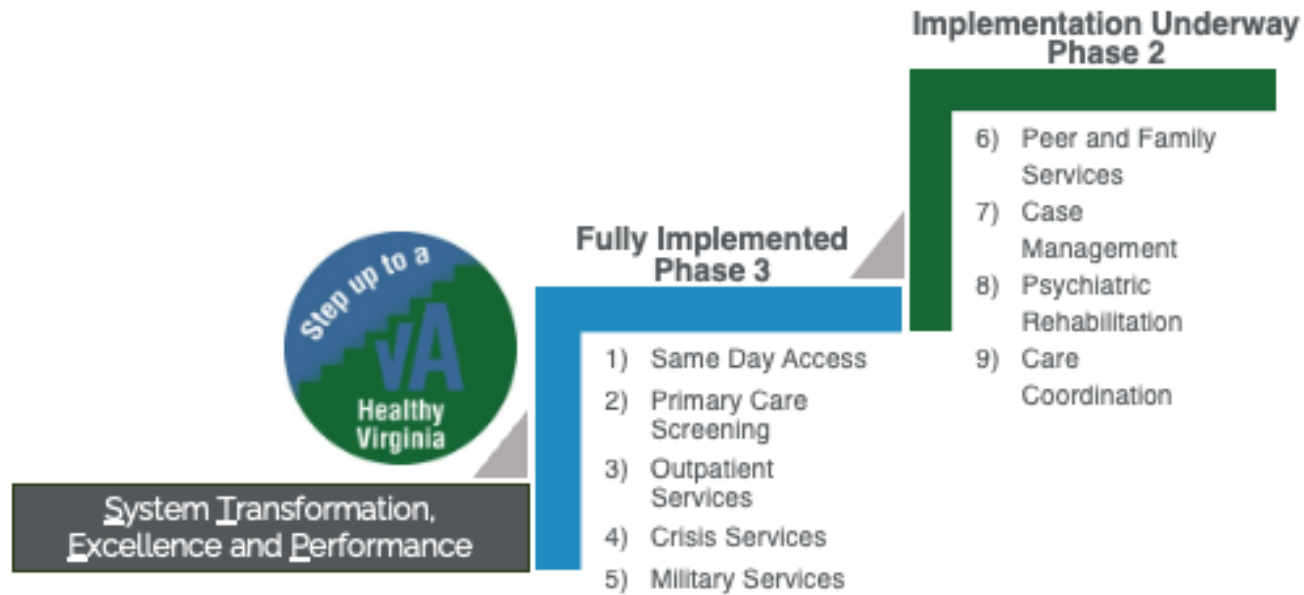
**60% increase**  
in new users visiting the  
VMAP website in 2022

VMAP 2022 Impact Report





Title	FY 2025	FY 2026
Fund peer wellness stay programs	\$3,443,525	\$3,302,053
Provides additional appropriation for Problem Gambling (NGF revenue)	\$306,521	\$306,521
Transfer funds for administrative support of the Opioid Abatement Authority	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,250,046</b>	<b>\$3,808,574</b>







Title	FY 2025	FY 2026
Fund initiatives to expand mental health workforce	\$595,876	\$645,876
Provide funds for Boost 200 expansion	\$575,000	\$575,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,170,876</b>	<b>\$1,220,876</b>



Eastern State Hospital

Title	FY 2025	FY 2026
Salary alignment - psychologists, counselors, therapists, pharmacy workers, and lab technicians	\$11,373,946	\$11,373,946
Salary alignment - food and environmental services	\$8,506,386	\$8,506,386
Fund clinical training sites at state facilities	\$741,989	\$711,989
Fund licensed workforce development program (one time)	\$806,628	-
Provides funds for temporary kitchen and reimbursement space at Eastern State Hospital (one time)	\$2,336,189	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,765,138</b>	<b>\$20,592,321</b>



Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute





# Additional Slides





Title	FY 2025	FY 2026
Improve safety and security at Eastern State Hospital	\$24,340,860	-
Renovate, repair, and upgrade state operated facilities	\$35,000,000	-
Total	\$59,340,860	







**RIGHT HELP.  
RIGHT NOW.**

Transforming Behavioral Health Care for Virginians

1. Ensure same-day care for individuals experiencing behavioral health crises
  2. Relieve law enforcement's burden and reduce the criminalization of mental health
  3. Develop more capacity throughout the system, going beyond hospitals, especially community-based services
  4. Provide targeted support for substance use disorder and efforts to prevent overdose
  5. Make the behavioral health workforce a priority, particularly in underserved communities
  6. Identify service innovations and best practices in pre-crisis prevention services, crisis care, post-crisis recovery and support and develop tangible and achievable means to close capacity gaps
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