

# Virginia Board for People with Disabilities

## Biennial Assessment

*of the*  
Disability Services System  
*in Virginia*



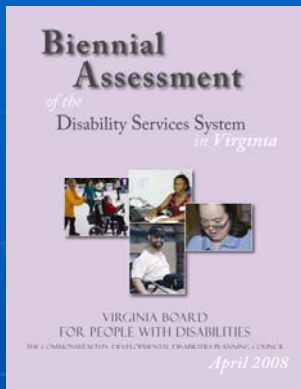
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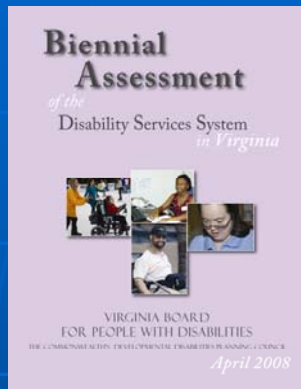
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## Produced in accordance with:

- The **Code of Virginia** that directs the Board “to submit biennially...an assessment of the needs of persons with disabilities in the Commonwealth”.
- The federal **Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act** that requires the Board to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the state’s disability service system as the basis of its Five Year State Plan.

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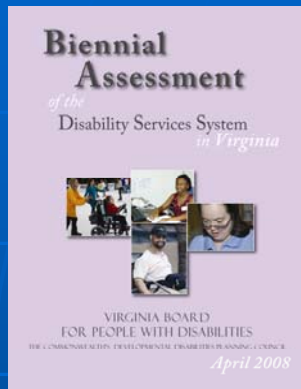


## Recipients include:

- **Governor,**
- Members of the **General Assembly,**
- **Secretary of Health and Human Resources,**
- Other Cabinet Secretaries,
- State and local boards and agencies,
- Professional and advocacy organizations,
- **Individuals with disabilities and their families,**
- News media, and
- Other disability services stakeholders.

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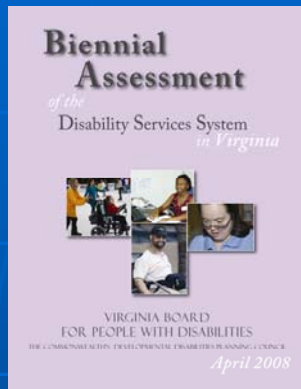


## Culmination of a **two year process**:

- **Public comment** from stakeholders.
- **Extensive research and revision** of content by Board staff.
- Service system information and data provided by multiple state and local agencies and service-providers.
- **Careful review** of descriptions and data by appropriate agencies.
- Identification of **areas of concern** and development of **recommendations** to address them by the Board.

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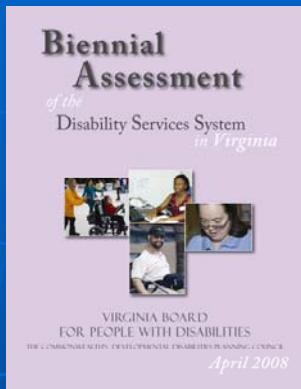


## Public Comment:

- Spring and Summer 2007.
- Regional **Stakeholder Feedback Roundtables** and **Public Comment Forums** in Petersburg, Fairfax, Winchester, Hampton, St. Paul, and Danville.
- Feedback by post, phone, fax, and e-mail.
- Constituent input provided to partner agencies and advocacy groups.
- System monitoring and evaluation reports by oversight boards and commissions.

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## Major New Statewide Initiatives:

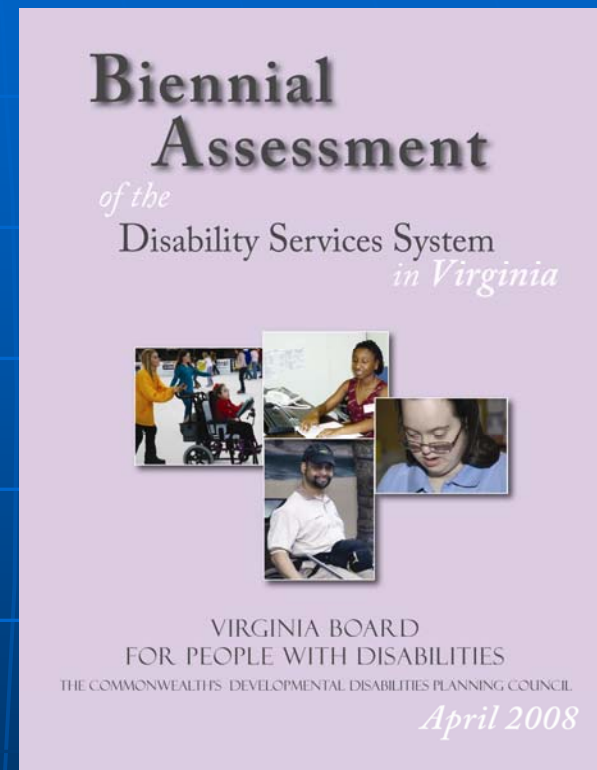
- Community Integration Advisory Commission,
- **Money Follows the Person** and **Systems Transformation**,
- New and improved Medicaid Waiver services,
- Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly,
- Acute and Long-Term Care Integration,
- Regional Model for Integrated Services,
- Plus other statutory and budgetary progress.

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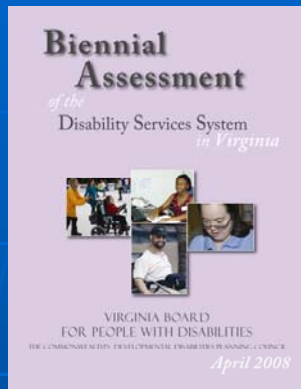
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## The Result:

- An expanded, updated, and “reader-friendly” assessment of Virginia’s disability services system.



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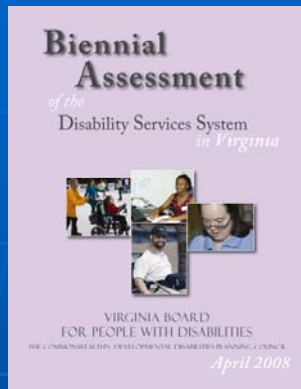


## Services covered:

- Early Intervention,
- Education,
- Community Living Supports,
- Institutional Care and Supports,
- Health Care,
- Community Housing,
- Transportation,
- Employment,
- Advocacy and Information Resources, and
- a new chapter on Emergency Preparedness.

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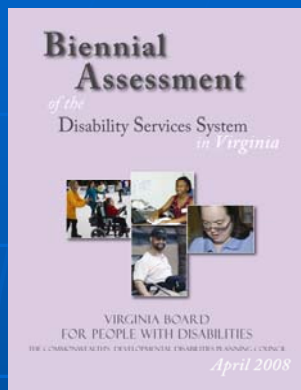
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## Each chapter contains:

- A Service Definition and Needs Assessment
- Eligibility for Services
- How Services Are Accessed and Delivered
- What Services Are Available
- Cost and Payment Information
- Monitoring and Evaluation Systems
- **Areas of Concern**
- **Board Recommendations**
- References

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## Additional Features:

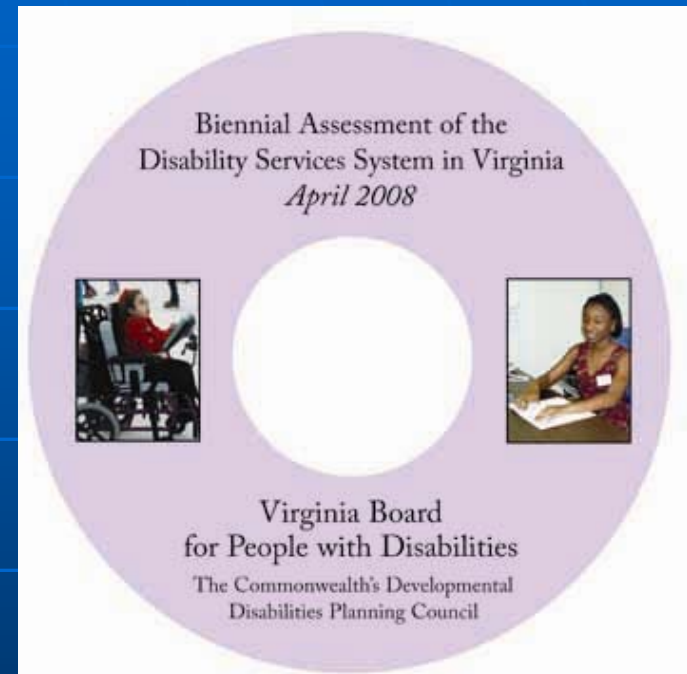
- A **Preface** explaining the background, scope, and methodology for the report.
- A **Table of Contents** for locating particular service chapters and sections.
- An **Executive Summary** summarizing more than 100 areas of concern and 67 Board recommendations.
- A detailed **Index** for quickly locating information on specific services or providers.
- A new appendix listing agency and program **Acronyms**.

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- Printed copies (limited supply),
- **CD-ROM**,
- audio,
- other accessible formats (upon request), and
- on the Board's website at **[www.vaboard.org/biennial.htm](http://www.vaboard.org/biennial.htm)**.



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