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Virginia Department of  
Behavioral Health and  
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Office of Developmental Services  
Panel Presentation

*The State of Autism in Virginia Today*  
Commonwealth Autism Service  
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Director

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Home for ASD/DD

2007  
Joint Commission on Healthcare Study

- Well represented group of stakeholders discussed need for ASD/DD home
- DBHDS (then DMHMRSAS) offered to accept the role
- The Study group was unable to report back a unanimous recommendation
- The JCHC referred the decision to the Secretary of HHR

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Home for ASD/DD

- 2008
  - The HHR Secretary asked DMHMRSAS to Accept the Role and Convene a Stakeholder Group to Develop a Plan
    - Developed a timeline
    - Recommended subject matter experts in ASD and DD be added to the Department to help bridge the shift to the new focus
    - Recommended no immediate change to the current system

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## Home for ASD/DD

2009

- 2 new positions established in the FY 2010 budget (staff started in Sept., 2009)
- Partnership with CAS began in July, 2009
- JLARC Assessment of Services for Virginians with ASD reported in June, 2009
- DMHMRSAS becomes the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

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## JLARC Study on ASD Services

- 21 Recommendations for involving seven agencies/departments
- DBHDS recommended to coordinate development of plans and report on a single comprehensive action plan by November 30, 2010.

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## JLARC Study Focus Areas

- Centralized system of information for families
- State-level accountability and system of coordination
- Raising awareness and improving diagnosis and education of service providers
- Enhancement of early intervention
- Improving educational curricula
- Improving transitional supports
- Fostering greater independence for adults

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## Departments Joined in Agreement

- Department of Education
- Department of Rehabilitative Services
- Department of Health
- Department of Medical Assistance Services
- Department of Criminal Justice Services
- Supreme Court of Virginia
- Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

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## JLARC

- DBHDS will take the recommendations from all agencies and, in collaboration with them and other relevant stakeholders, create a detailed action plan to address the issues identified in the study.
- This plan is to be completed by November 30, 2010
- Presented to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Joint Commission on Health Care and the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees.

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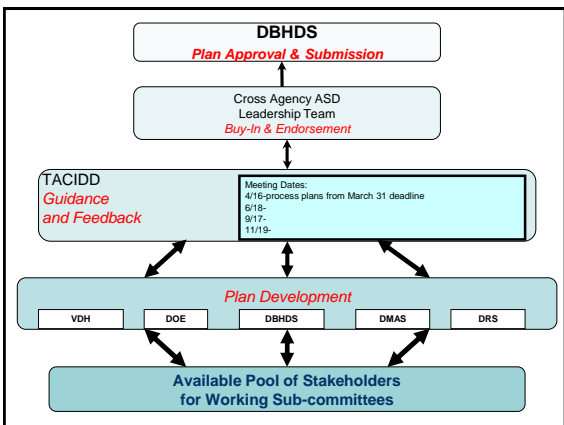
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To review the entire JLARC Report No. 388  
go to:

<http://jlarc.state.va.us/reports/Rpt388.pdf>

Or

[www.dbhds.virginia.gov](http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov)

click on Developmental Disabilities

click on Autism

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## State Employment Leadership Network



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## The SELN is:

- Cross-state cooperative venture of state MR/DD agencies
- Improves employment outcomes for adolescents and adults with developmental disabilities
- Enhances capacity to develop, implement, and support effective integrated employment initiatives designed to improve employment outcomes
- Promotes new connections within and across states to establish effective collaborative relationships among states, learn from the experiences of other service systems, share costs, use data and maximize resources

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## SELN in Virginia

- SELN Advisory Committee made up of different departments, agencies, and stakeholders to advise on the development and promotion of integrated employment for persons with DD in Virginia

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## Other ODS Activities

- Working with DMAS to create an effective behavioral treatment model through EPSDT specific to Autism and DD.
- Participating with Partnership for People with Disabilities  
“Family to Family Network Grant”

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