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Virginia Department of
Behavioral Health and
Developmental Services

Virginia's Implementation of
the Settlement Agreement
with the U.S. Department of Justice
Individual and Family Support Program

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Individual & Family Support Program

- New program will provide up to \$3000 in funds per individual per year for access to resources, services and other assistance that helps individuals remain in their community homes
- Will serve a minimum of 700 individuals in FY 2013 and 1,000 individuals per year thereafter
- Individuals on the ID and DD waiver wait lists eligible to apply

Progress To Date

- March 22: Launched
- April 12 Total: 1,000 applications
- Summary:
 - 135 applications funded as of 4/12/13
 - Working to maintain a 2-week turnaround time
 - Total requests through 3/30/13 = \$801,155

Requests

- Average Request – \$1866.00
- Most requested items are:
 - Respite/summer camps
 - Communication Devices/Speech Therapy
 - Home Modification assistance (ramps, fences)
 - Behavior Therapy (ABA)
 - Occupational Therapy

Next Steps

- Web based system: Under development
- Debit Cards – moving from check disbursement system
 - can be maintained electronically, and
 - assist with management of funds.

- Applications for next year:
 - Continue to receive applications on a rolling basis until the funds run out each fiscal year.
 - Once funds have been depleted, those who have submitted applications will receive a letter asking them to resubmit after the start of the next fiscal year.