

Benchmarks for Evaluating Public Policy in Virginia

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In the course of its planning and advocacy activities, the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities determined that a concise, far-reaching "blueprint" was needed by which it and others could measure not just the progress of the state's disability services system toward full community integration, but also the overall progress toward achieving a Commonwealth with equal rights and opportunities for all Virginians.

To create this blueprint, a Board workgroup first developed a broad description of the elements for an ideal disability services system and deliberated the actions needed to achieve it. This initial description was then refined and broadened in scope to create a document, *Benchmarks for Evaluating Public Policy in Virginia*, applicable to public policy and actions impacting all individuals, with and without disabilities.

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